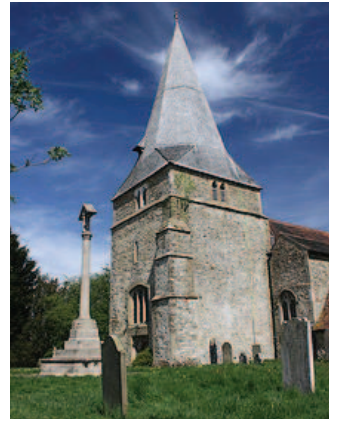


# The Sundridge Village News

## November 2022

In this issue we hear of the appointment of the new Bishop of Rochester, the forthcoming festivities from Fundridge Sundridge, an update from the Sundridge and Brasted School, the Sundridge with Ide Hill Parish Council and news from Forest Church plus, of course, dates for your diary.



### Parish Services for November 2022

#### Sunday 6th

09.15 Toys Hill Morning Worship  
10.30 Sundridge Holy Communion  
15.00 Forest Church Toys Hill Chapel

#### Sunday 13th Remembrance Sunday

10.30 Sundridge Service of Remembrance  
10.50 Ide Hill Service of Remembrance

#### Sunday 20th

10.30 Sundridge Holy Communion

#### Sunday 27th

10.30 Ide Hill All Age Worship

#### Sunday 4th December

09.15 Toys Hill Holy Communion  
10.30 Ide Hill Christmas Tree Service

#### Rector

Rev Pam Davies

#### Churchwarden

Althea Chapman

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### The new Bishop of Rochester



The new Bishop of Rochester, the Rt Rev Dr Jonathan Gibbs, was officially welcomed and his ministry inaugurated at a special service of welcome at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday 24 September. The service-streamed live on YouTube-was attended by civic dignitaries, as well as representatives from across the Diocese, and included several important and symbolic moments.

The service began with Bishop Jonathan knocking on the closed doors of the Cathedral and waiting to be welcomed in. On the other side, he was met by young people from Bennett Memorial School, who questioned

him about who he was and the purpose of his ministry. The Archbishop's Mandate - a formal commission - was presented and read aloud by the Chancellor - the legal judge for the Diocese - the Worshipful John Gallagher. Bishop Jonathan then made oaths of allegiance and faithfulness to the Church and the Diocese as he placed his hand on the Coverdale Bible, one of the treasures of the Cathedral's Library. Representatives of the Diocese then welcomed and prayed for the different aspects of Bishop Jonathan's ministry through the presentation of a series of gifts. These included a cup and saucer to

represent his ministry of hospitality and a fruit tree to represent the imperative to respond to the climate crisis.

Bishop Jonathan was then placed in the bishop's seat – the cathedra – by the Archdeacon of Canterbury who was representing the Archbishop of Canterbury. After being anointed with oil to represent the blessing of the Holy Spirit, Bishop Jonathan then took up the Diocesan Crozier – a ceremonial staff – as the symbol of his authority and care in the Diocese.

Giving the sermon, Bishop Jonathan reflected on the 'unprecedented times' we live in and how it is understandable to feel daunted by the challenges we face. He said, however, that we should be reassured that God will use whatever resources we have and make it enough. He continued "The Church of Jesus Christ does not exist for its own sake, but for the sake of the kingdom of God – that is, for the sake of seeing God's reign of righteousness and peace prevail in our world. Now that can seem a daunting task when we feel that we have few resources – maybe in a small rural church or in a deprived

urban parish, or wherever we find ourselves – and certainly the disciples may well have felt daunted when Jesus said to them as they looked at the huge crowd, "You give them something to eat!" But, as on that day, Jesus takes what we have, blesses it and then asks us to share it out, to give of ourselves and our resources, generously and liberally, trusting that he will use what we give to feed the hungry and refresh the thirsty. This is the Calling of the Church in this Diocese, in all our parishes and communities: to put what we have in the hands of Jesus and to ask him to bless and multiply what we have given, so that the hungry may be fed in both body and soul and discover more of the love of God for themselves. Precisely what that looks like and how we go about it will of course differ from place to place in this wonderfully diverse Diocese of ours, but whatever our situation, I believe we need to keep in mind the three priorities I outlined back in March and have re-stated in the order of service today: Grow – Change – Serve"

## Fundridge Forthcoming Festivities



### Kids Halloween Trick or Treat walk

*Sunday, 30th October 2022 from 15:00-16:30*

Leaving from The White Horse Pub at 3pm - returning at approximately 4pm where hot chocolate and cake will be served.

**Dress to thrill! Prizes awarded for scariest costume!**

*Please note the clocks will have changed the night before!*

*Parents/ carers are responsible for their own children, and will need to accompany them on the walk.*



### Christmas quiz at the White Horse

*Thursday, 8th December 2022 from 20:00*

Join Fundridge for a Christmas quiz with quiz master Colin Greenwood.

Maximum of 6 in a team. £2 per person.

**Please book a table with The White Horse to take part. Phone: 01959 546384**



### Winter Funderland

*Sunday, 27th November 2022 from 15:00-19.00*

#### Coronation Gardens, Sundridge

Fundridge Sundridge in partnership with Sundridge with Ide Hill Parish council are pleased to confirm we will be hosting a Winter Funderland for the village.

Come down and enjoy a fun family Christmas afternoon 3.00pm to 7.00pm. Activities include:

*Meet Father Christmas at our Santa's Grotto and get a free children's present.*

*Visit our lovely pop up Fundridge Christmas shop to purchase some of your Christmas presents - look out for future emails showcasing what's on offer.*

*Enjoy a free glass of mulled wine or hot chocolate and a mince pie. Keep an eye out for one of our Fundridge postcards coming through your door soon. The postcard is your voucher so bring it along to the bar (one voucher per household, one drink and mince per individual in the house).*

*Purchase food and drink from our Fundridge bar.*

*The annual Parish Council Christmas Carols will be at 5pm, so bring your best singing voices to sing along with the choir.*

Following the carols will be the switching on of the Village Christmas lights at 6pm.

**This is an outdoor event so please dress appropriately for the weather as it will be chilly. We will have marquees if it is raining. Wellies recommended.**

# Sundridge with Ide Hill Parish Council update – November 2022

## New Councillor

Members look forward to working with Cllr Zoe Collins who was co-opted onto the Parish Council to represent the Sundridge ward at the meeting on October 17th.

## Remembrance Sunday

Cllr Evans (Chairman) and Cllr Baker (Vice Chairman) will be laying poppy wreaths on behalf of the Parish Council on Remembrance Sunday on 13th November.

## Christmas in Sundridge

The Parish Council will be holding their annual Carol Singing and Light switch on in partnership with Fundridge Sundridge. The Fundridge team are holding a Winter Funderland on Coronation Gardens on Sunday 27th November from 3pm until 7pm.

Come down and enjoy a fun family Christmas afternoon 3pm to 7pm. Activities include:

- Meet Father Christmas at our Santa's Grotto and get a free children's present provided by Fundridge Sundridge (one per child)
- Visit our lovely pop up Fundridge Christmas shop to purchase some of your Christmas presents
- Enjoy a free glass of mulled wine or hot chocolate and a mince pie provided by the Parish Council
- Purchase food and other drinks from the Fundridge bar
- The annual Parish Council Christmas Carols will be at 5pm, so bring your best singing voices to sing along with the choir
- Following the carols will be the switching on of the Parish Council Village Christmas lights at 6pm

This is an outdoor event so please dress appropriately for the weather as it will be chilly. We will have marquees if it is raining. Wellies recommended.

## Christmas in Ide Hill

On Friday 9th December at 7.00pm at Ide Hill the Parish Council will be holding their Christmas Carols on the Green providing free Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, plus soft drinks, and sweets for the children. Further details to follow nearer the time.

## Goathurst Common Playground

Members of the Parish Council thank the residents of Goathurst Common who attended the meeting with a proposal for Goathurst Common. The Council agreed

that a working party led by Cllr Martyn Fribbens should be formed to look at the refurbishment of the playground at Goathurst Common. If you would like to be involved, please contact the Clerk.

## A25 accidents

Members of the Parish Council have discussed their concern about the number of traffic accidents in Sundridge and it was agreed that the Council would contact County Cllr Nick Chard to see what improvements could be made and to request permanent speed cameras on the A25.

## Sundridge Recreation Ground

A new recycling bin will be placed on the recreation ground by the car park to stop the rubbish being strewn over the access path. The Council will also be taking actions to tidy up the pavilion.

## Planning Permission process

Councillors thought it would be helpful to residents to explain how the planning process works.

The Planning Committee is a committee of the Parish Council and is comprised of Members from both Ide Hill and Sundridge to ensure an even balance of views and local knowledge. We consider the details of all relevant planning, conservation and tree preservation orders bearing in mind the effect that they might have on our village and/or environment.

All Planning Applications relating to properties in our Parish are referred to us for our comments by either Sevenoaks District Council (in most cases) or Kent County Council.

A large part of our Parish is in a conservation area and/or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and therefore great care has to be taken in consideration of each application and specific planning policies in these respects.

Whilst the Parish Council can make representations to the Planning Authority, our comments are not legally binding on it, but the authority must take them into consideration when making any decision.

In these ways your Councillors will continue to monitor and comment on all proposals in order to do what we can to protect the beautiful environment in which we live.

## Parish Council Meetings

Residents are always welcome to attend Parish Council meetings and the next Full Council meeting is on Monday 21 November at 7.30pm at Ide Hill Village Hall.

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## News from Sundridge and Brasted CE Primary School

*Greetings from Sundridge & Brasted CE Primary School!*

Forest School continues to be AMAZING! Our Forest School lead, Natalia, is so creative and inspiring. The children are having so much fun and learning through play and exploration. Each week is themed and so far the children have learnt about hedgehogs and made their own clay hedgehogs. They have learnt about conkers, made their own conker necklaces and painted pieces of cloth with the paints they made from turmeric, paprika, raspberries and beetroot! For the last session of the term the children learnt how to make a fire and cooked spiced apples and hot chocolate. Wonderful learning experiences!



We've been apple picking, too, and thank Mr and Mrs Jack who kindly invited the children to pick the apples from the many, plentiful trees in their garden. Great fun was had by all and lots of apples were taken home.



Arlo the Spanish shepherd dog came to visit us. He was born deaf and blind and came in to see Squirrel children because they are learning about their senses in science. They learnt how he uses his other senses to sniff out his food and make sense of where he is.



We are also delighted that Reverend Tim has found time in his busy schedule to lead our weekly Collective Worship services at St Mary's Church. He also led our Harvest Service earlier in the month when each of our classes presented a story, a song or a prayer. Parents joined us too and it was a lovely service. As a school we collected donations to pass on to the Loaves and Fishes foodbank which is run by St John's Church in Sevenoaks and supports more than 40 families within the community.

In sporting events we have taken part in a football tournament at St Michael's Prep School, an Aqua Splash event at Sevenoaks School, a Triathlon and Netball training. And it's only October!

We have appointed our head boy and head girl for the year together with sports captains, kindness monitors and worship monitors. They will all be wonderful leaders and we look forward to seeing them develop their skills as the year progresses.



Finally, we ask our community to spread the word to all friends and families who have young children and who are looking for primary schools for next September's intake. We invite all prospective parents to make an appointment for an individual tour, to meet the team and to ask any questions. Please also visit our website School Tour & Gallery | Sundridge and Brasted CE Primary School to see our virtual tour of the school and [www.sundridge.kent.sch.uk](http://www.sundridge.kent.sch.uk) for all other information.

As always, we send our very best wishes to the whole community.

Sundridge & Brasted CE Primary School

*We know that we can make a difference by showing kindness through our words and actions. We strive to have a positive impact every day.*

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# The Friends of Ide Hill Church

## The Friends of Ide Hill Church Christmas Tree Festival and Concert 2022

Back by popular demand, this wonderful community event will take place this year over the weekend of 3-4<sup>th</sup> December.

All of last year's participants plus a few new ones have been invited to showcase their creative talents again. The theme this year is Christmas Carols and other Christmas songs.

Thanks to another generous donation from The Montreal Estate, the Christmas trees will be sourced locally and all participants will be supplied with a 3 ft Christmas tree in a pot. A set of white lights for the tree will also be provided.

Members of the public will be able to view the trees in St Mary's Church, Ide Hill on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December, and there will also be a service on the Sunday morning. Entry to view the trees is free of charge.

On the Saturday evening we will once again be holding our Christmas Tree Festival music concert and our musicians and choirs are hard at work practising to bring you more joyous music. Refreshments will be served, and the trees will again be auctioned at the end of the concert.

Tickets for the Concert go on sale in the village shop from the beginning of October at £10 pp. You can also email [friendsidehillchurch@gmail.com](mailto:friendsidehillchurch@gmail.com) if you can't get to the shop.

**Lynne Rutherford**

## Forest Church News

Our theme was 'Harvest', celebrating all the good things the earth provides as a gift from God.

We sang our wacky Forest Church song lustily before beginning our time together by sitting round the fire pit studying the flames. We said sorry for the things that we'd done wrong - when we'd been unkind, or not looking after God's world, or when we'd put ourselves first. Some of us added our own sorries before we asked for and were granted God's forgiveness.

We listened as a part of psalm 65 was read which was about how a harvest is created by taking care of the land. "You pour rain on the ploughed fields; you soak the fields with water; you make the ground soft with rain and you make the young plants grow. You start the new year with a good harvest. You end the year with many crops."

Our activities began by planting cress seeds in egg shells filled with cotton wool before watering them. These

were carefully taken home and we were reminded to thank God when we harvested them. As the Caribbean Lord's Prayer played quietly in the background, we toasted giant marshmallows on long sticks, being careful not to burn our mouth or hands.

If you haven't tried Forest Church, please do come along. It happens on the first Sunday in the month in all weathers. It takes place on the triangle just outside the Toys Hill Village Hall. Just turn up.



### Dates for your diary

**Sunday 30th October, Kids Halloween Trick or Treat walk** 15:00-16:30 The White Horse

**Sunday 6th November, Forest Church** 15.00 - Toys Hill Chapel Ground

**Sunday 27th November Winter Funderland** 15:00 Coronation Garden, Sundridge

**Thursday 8th December Quiz Night** 20:00 The White Horse. Book tickets directly with the White Horse on 01959 546384

### The December/January edition

If you have any information for the "Dates for your Diary" section or an article that you'd like included in the next edition, please email by

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### And finally . . .

