



St Paul's Church



Crossing Divides is an interesting topic that we have looked at during our Lent course. Many of us never realise that avoiding a situation, person or group of people creates walls, literally. I loved what Sami, a Palestinian Christian said.

"Jesus never said negotiate a peace treaty with your enemy. He never said resolve your conflict with your enemy. He never said reach a political settlement with your enemy. You wanna follow me? Then, you follow my commandments: you love your enemy."

Sami said that has become his journey.

Amen.

SERVICES

SUNDAY 15 March – Mothering Sunday

9.15 am for 9.30 am - Bubble Church

10.30 am – Morning Worship – Gwyn

SUNDAY 22 MARCH – Lent 5

10.30 am – Holy Communion – Rev Claude

SUNDAY 29 MARCH – Palm Sunday

10.30 am – Morning Worship –

SUNDAY 5 APRIL – Easter Sunday

10.30 am - Holy Communion – Rev Claude

SUNDAY 12 APRIL – Easter 2

9.15 am for 9.30 am - Bubble Church

10.30 am – All-Age Worship – Rev Claude

EVENTS

TUESDAY 17 MARCH @ 9.45 am

Lent Course

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH @ 6.45 pm

Lent Course @ St Nic's

THURSDAY 19 MARCH @ 2.30 pm

Fellowship: Games Afternoon

SUNDAY 22 MARCH

Lunch after the service

TUESDAY 24 MARCH @ 9.45 am

Lent Course

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH @ 6.45 pm

Lent Course @ St Nic's

FRIDAY 27 MARCH @ 7 pm

Church Crafts

TUESDAY 31 MARCH @ 9.45 am

Lent Course

THURSDAY 9 APRIL @ 2.30 pm

Mothers' Union: Bingo

FRIDAY 10 APRIL @ 9.30 am

Baby & Toddler Group

THURSDAY 16 APRIL @ 2.30 pm

Fellowship TBA

SATURDAY 25 APRIL @ 5.30 pm

Quiz & Ploughman's

FRIDAY 6 MAY @ 9.30 am

Baby & Toddler Group

FRIDAY 1 MAY @ 7 pm

Church Crafts

FOOD BANK

The next delivery will be on Friday 27 March.

PRAYER RESOURCE

week beginning Sunday, 15th March 2026

'This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name"' (Matthew 6: 9)

This week we give thanks for:

- All who show us a true mother's love, and reflect on what that support has meant to us over the years.
- Women around the world boldly standing up against injustice in God's name, often at great personal cost; pray they continue to be empowered by the Holy Spirit as they speak God's words of truth.

Please pray for:

- Leaders of all nations that they may be guided into the ways of peace and justice: pray for people in the Middle East caught up in conflicts with loved ones killed and the destruction of their homes and businesses.
- Good relationships between governments, charities and faith organisations enabling decisive action to be taken to tackle world poverty.
- God's wisdom for all exercising chaplaincy ministry in schools, care homes, businesses, prisons, police, etc; may they know the support of their local churches and see God at work wherever they go.

- The valuable work of the Mothers' Union throughout the world.
- Our Church family. especially all who are struggling; for Edith, Alice, Jill, Sandra, Brenda, Elizabeth, Carol, Di, Ray, Percy, Paul and Jan S; and for Meaghan, Frances and Jeni.
- Humility as we each face challenging situations this week at home, work, church or as we socialise.

You may like to use this prayer during the week:

Thank you, Lord, that whatever life brings, I face it with you, your arms wrapped tightly around me, as a mother embraces her child. Amen.

A blue-themed poster for a Pentecost event. The background features a stylized dove and flames. The text is white and blue. At the top, it says 'MAIDSTONE CHURCHES AT'. Below that, 'Pentecost' is written in a large, bold, white font. Underneath, the date and time are listed: 'Sunday 24 May 2026' and '5pm - 6.30pm'. The location is 'The Vine Boughton Lane'. At the bottom, it says 'Hosted by Maidstone Churches' and provides the website 'www.maidstonechurches.com'. There is a logo for 'Maidstone Churches' in the bottom right corner, consisting of the letters 'MC' inside a circle.

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