

# Dover Town Team Ministry

## News from across our churches

### DECEMBER 2025

#### Still journeying together

Last year I wrote following no applications for the Team Rectors post. This year I am pleased to say that the post has been filled, and I thank you for your prayers over this last year. It has only been through your support and encouragement that I felt ready to take on this role officially, but we still need to now fill the post of Team Vicar so please continue to hold this post and St Mary's in your prayers.

We have once more entered into the season of Advent and I encourage you as I did last year to look with hopeful anticipation at what Christ will bring to the world. And just as the wise men did, look for the signs of God at work in the world because he is Emmanuel 'God with us'. I believe God has great things planned for Dover and I am encouraged that we have already taken bold new steps. There are new things happening in God's church here and we should be joyful that we are a part of it.

So, echoing my words from last year: God is our true and constant anchor and guide. Whatever happens next year, with the Holy Spirit alongside us our churches will be worshipping God, sharing our faith and God's truth, caring for those in need. So, I pray that we can look forward in hope to the time when we can be a full team but also celebrate and nurture what we are doing now in the name of Christ. Amen.



*Melissa* Rev Melissa Carter, Team Rector



#### Congratulations to Revd Melissa on becoming our Team Rector

Archdeacon Darren with our team clergy: Revd Melissa Carter (Team Rector), Revd Claire Coleman (Team Vicar), Revd Graham Snellin (Team Curate).

Taken after Melissa's institution as our Team Rector on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at St Andrews – Thank you to everyone who attended this wonderful occasion.

#### Through the week across our Churches

**MONDAYS:** Home Group 7-8.30pm at **Melissa's Vicarage** (St Andrew's vicarage, 3 Crabble Meadows, Dover CT17 0FL) a discussion group looking at various life and faith topics.

#### **TUESDAYS:**

**Meditation & Taizé Chanting** 9am-10am at **St Andrew's Buckland**

**Little Adventurers** 9am-12noon at **St Martin's Dover** come & go whenever suits with the little ones (term time)

**CAMEO** 2.30-3.30pm at **St Martin's Dover** Come And Meet Each Other! weekly except the 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of the month.

### WEDNESDAYS:

**Holy Communion** – 10-10.45am at **St Mary's** with chat & refreshments afterwards

**Paws for Thought** 4-5pm at **St Andrew's Buckland**, church is open for anyone to pop in for a chat or to have a quiet moment to rest and reflect.

**THURSDAYS: Said Eucharist** – 9.30am at **Charlton** (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month)

### FRIDAYS:

**Service of the Litany** - 9.30am at **Charlton Church**, prayers and discussion on bible passage

**Little Lambs** – 9.30-11.45am (term time) at **St Mary's**– age range is from birth up to starting primary school age

**SATURDAYS: Compline** – 9pm on Zoom, a night prayer service (please contact Rev Melissa to get a joining link)

God of life,  
As we see the power of your love in creation to reconcile and restore, help us listen to your plans for us and to desire growth in numbers and faithfulness.  
By the power of your Holy Spirit remove our apathy and increase our trust in you to build your church.  
As a Benefice may we: come together in unity, deepen our faith, and grow in understanding of one another.  
As your church may we be emboldened to reach out together, through words and actions. Help us continue to serve those around us, share the joy of knowing you and the hope of eternal life. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen

*Benefice Prayer for Growth*

## Sunday Services across our Churches

	<b>St Mary the Virgin, Dover 10.45am</b>	<b>St Peter &amp; St Paul Charlton 8am (HC) &amp; 9.30am</b>	<b>St Martin, Dover 10.30am</b>	<b>St Andrew Buckland-in-Dover 10.30am</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion (Revs Claire & Trish)	8am (Rev Melissa) Parish Mass (Rev Melissa)	Morning Worship (Local team) 6pm Connect (Local team)	Parish Eucharist (Rev Angie)
14 <sup>th</sup>	Matins (Rev Graham w Louis Myers preaching)	8am (Rev Angie) Parish Mass (Rev Angie)	Holy Communion (Rev Claire) 4pm Bubble Church (Benefice Team)	Andy's Invite (Nigel Collins)
21 <sup>st</sup>	Holy Communion (Rev Richard le Rossignol)	8am (Rev Claire w Richard Harman preaching) Parish Mass (Rev Claire w Alistair preaching)	Holy Communion (Rev Claire w team)	Parish Eucharist (Rev Melissa w Rev Graham preaching)
28 <sup>th</sup>	Family Communion (Revs Claire & Trish)	8am & 9.30am Parish Mass (Rev Melissa) 4pm Bubble Church (Rev Melissa & Team)	Morning Worship (Local team)	Morning Worship (Anne & Nigel Collins)

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