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Welcome & Contents

Dear Readers,

Happy New Year!

No, I'm not going completely round the twist (or I don't think I am!), but over the last couple of months the village seems to have descended into a deep sleep, which brings with it a chance to recharge its batteries. Looking at the amount of news in this edition it seems as though village life has been reborn and I look forward to seeing what the new term has in store for us.

I hope that those of you who have been away on holiday have had a good time and that those of us who have stayed at home have had some memorable experiences. At this time of new beginnings we would also like to bring some new life into our magazine. Next month will see the return of an old favourite - recipe of the month - and invite you to send us your favourites, sweet or savoury, simple or ready for a banquet. And we are always looking for new contributors. Could YOU write about one of your passions - either on a regular basis or as a one-off. We look forward to hearing from you.

Happy New Year

Andrea

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News from St Mary's



We come sharing some very good news

Many of us at St Mary's have spent over two years praying for the right person to be appointed as our new Rector. For these two years Rob has been completing his curacy and now he's coming to this parish and we thank God for this blessing.

The Bishop of Rochester is delighted to announce that The Revd Rob Hindmarch is to be appointed the new Priest in Charge of The Benefice of Speldhurst with Groombridge and Ashurst and the Benefice of Langton Green.

Rob served his curacy at St John's, Felbridge and trained for ordination at Oak Hill Theological College. He holds a BA Honours in Theology and prior to ordination worked in the local government youth justice sector.

Rob's first love was music and he is a graduate of the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester where he studied the violin before a change of career into youth work. Rob writes,

"I'm really looking forward to joining you as we begin this new chapter together across both benefices and seeking God's will for the communities of Speldhurst, Groombridge, Ashurst and Langton Green. I am committed to making everyone feel welcomed and accepted in each church as we reach out to those in the local village communities. I am passionate about engaging and discipling children, youth and families as we help parents and carers become the primary disciplers of their children; confident and equipped to help grow their children's faith in Jesus. I'm excited about the opportunities to engage with the local schools, community groups, and village events to share and show the love of Jesus."

Please pray for Rob and Mary, and their children Hannah (17) and Abi (15) as they get ready to move house, for a good ending at St John's and for Rob preparing to begin this new ministry. The Hindmarch family hope to move into The Rectory, in Speldhurst, during the October Half Term and his induction will be in November.

What's on in Speldhurst for the Under 5's in September

Bumps and Babes is a group for Mums with babies up to 18 months old which meets fortnightly on Monday mornings in each other's homes. After our break in August, we start up again on Monday 8th September.

If you are looking for a social group in the village for under 5's, **Praise and Play**, the St Mary's Church Toddler Group, is the place for you. We meet weekly, in term time, in the church on Wednesday and Friday mornings. The Wednesday group will run from 9.30-11am starting on 10th September and the Friday group from 9-10.30am starting on 12th September. We'll have a craft, some time to play and a short story and song time as well as giving the little ones a chance to ring the church bell, which they absolutely love. So do come along. All are welcome. All we ask for is a donation towards refreshments.

For more information about either of these groups, especially if you are new to the village, contact Jenny Fitzsimmons on 07891 318123 or at jenny50fitz@gmail.com

The Speldhurst Flower, Vegetable & Craft Show Saturday 6th September from 2.30pm Speldhurst Village Hall

Whether you are a gardening enthusiast, keen crafter, dab hand in the kitchen or budding photographer there is something for everyone of all ages at the Flower, Vegetable and Craft Show.

Schedules and entry forms are available in the Village Shop or via the Flower Show link on the Village Website www.speldhurst.org



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SPELDHURST'S
SHOP EST. 2019

The summer days are upon us. The village is quiet with families away and no school run traffic. The one consistent noise we hear at this time is the drill, the saw and the hammer from the guys who are renovating our new Shop. As Speldhurst is fairly sleepy this month we will combine our Shop and Build entry for you to read.

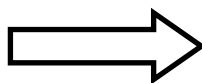
Our project manager is taking a well earned rest, as has Gavin, who enjoyed a few days away whilst keeping a beady eye on what's going on at home.

The shop is still stocking strawberries and yet we are picking blackberries in the hedgerows at the same time. What a summer it has been so far with not quite "wall to wall" sunshine but certainly warm days and steamy nights with hardly a drop in temperature.

Our lovely volunteers are still showing up to keep the business going and the drop in by children on holiday has definitely increased.

Don't forget we stock Kentish Mayde pies, great sausages for the barbecue and Pimms is still in stock despite the passing of Wimbledon.

As I am sure many of you are considering the purchase of school uniform for September's return to school, we realise that the weeks are speeding ahead and we will very soon be moving over to the new shop in the Chapel. Work is progressing well. The weather has for the most part assisted in the smooth pathway, and we can report that the BT phone line is in, the rooms are all delineated, windows are being restored in some cases and are on order in others.



First fix electrics done, fixtures and fittings are all chosen and in some case renovated. The painters are in and have done mostly external work and some internal works when it has rained. All in all, it is moving on. He would not want me to name him, but I would like to thank a certain gentleman in the village who has worked so hard for us voluntarily. He has sanded and rebuilt and sanded and rebuilt tirelessly, wooden units we are going to use in the shop. If I told you who it was he would be employed by you all as a Handy Man Extraordinaire, a job I am not sure he would relish, but to him, particularly, I would like to say a huge thank you.

We are always looking for volunteers. I know there are a number of you who have your names down for help with the restoration of the garden and rockery area which will be open to us soon.

If you wish to volunteer please remember that there will be no stairs to negotiate in the new space. Life will be much easier for you all and we will have a great environment to work in and to be part of the team.

All good wishes for the last few weeks of the summer holidays .

The Shop and Chapel Committee

SPELDHURST LIBRARY

Just a reminder that the library is back on its summertime schedule and is open from 2pm to 5pm every Monday afternoon.

If you have not been before or are new to the village – The library is housed in the committee room of the Village Hall every Monday afternoon. We are attached to the main library in Tunbridge Wells and we hold a good selection of books for adults and children of all ages. The TW library come and bring us a change of books every few weeks and if you require a specific title we can order it for you.



CARE OF THE FLOWER TROUGHS - AT THE CHURCH & VILLAGE HALL

With regrets I feel it's the time for me to step down from planting, caring & watering these flower troughs in the Village. It has given me great pleasure, and from all the Speldhurst villagers who've stopped and thanked me whilst I've been tending them, it gives you pleasure too!!

So I am hoping there might be somebody, or maybe somebodies, who might volunteer to take up this community job. Perhaps an adult and child as a way of teaching the pleasure of gardening in this small space, or perhaps one of the many other groups in the Village who may have the time to spare?

It is not an onerous job as the trough is at a high level, and I chose to change the planting for Spring and Summer, but you may prefer something very different, the choice would be yours. I would highly recommend the job as it is not time consuming, but also because it is a good excuse for people to stop and have a friendly chat.

Do let me know if you might be interested,

Carol Moulton
(carolamoulton19@gail.com)



Churchyard Strimming 2025

Hi to all churchyard strimming enthusiasts, past, present and future. Here is my annual call for assistance.

As most of you already know, part of the churchyard grass is left uncut during the year as a nature conservation area and the grass is only cut once in the autumn.



Last year spreading the strimming work over a longer two week period with smaller groups worked well, so the plan is to do the same again this year with two Friday/Saturday sessions - the first on 12 & 13th September and the second on 19th & 20th September.

I will arrange for Anthony Hare's trailer to be there for the second session for loading up. Previous week's strimmings will be piled near the Barden Road gate to load the following week.

The grass is very thick this year but lately it been dry and easier to cut so I've had a go already and may add another earlier strimming date in nearer the time to get ahead of the game, if that suits some of you.

We have 3 church strimming machines and PPE but if you have any useful additional tools of your own which you can bring (strimmer, rakes, shears, barrows, gloves, loppers, secateurs) that would be useful. Refreshments will be provided.

If you are able to help for a few hours, please confirm your availability by phone or e mail which will then help me to put a rota together (see contact details below)

Your efforts in past years have been very much appreciated and make a big difference to our churchyard tidiness, also helping to reduce maintenance costs, so I look forward to seeing you there for as much time as you can offer.

Many thanks

John Fitzsimmons for St Mary's Church
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Speldhurst Brownies and Rainbows need your help!



The community is extremely fortunate to have four very successful Girl Guiding Groups meeting in the village every week.

Rainbows (girls aged 5-7. Meeting Tuesday 4.45pm - 5.45pm)

Brownies (girls aged 7-10. Meeting Tuesday 6pm - 7.30pm)

Guides and Rangers (girls aged 10 -14. Meeting Thursday 6.30pm – 8pm)

The groups meet weekly during term time working on badges, growing our skills, the girls' self-confidence, playing games and having lots of fun. The current team of volunteers has been in place for over 25+ years. We are looking to future proof these groups with some additional help. If you value this work, we are looking for people with a passion and energy to help for a few hours on Tuesday evenings with either Rainbows and Brownies or Thursday evenings for Guides and Rangers. The girls are a lovely and lively bunch and working with them is extremely rewarding and fun.

If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact Louise Scott on firstspeldhurstbrownies@gmail.com



Speldhurst Cubs and Scouts

Speldhurst Scouts went to Sixpenny Handley in Dorset for 7 nights in August, and the Cubs joined them after 3 nights. Here are some comments about Camp from some of the Scouts and Cubs.

Scout camp was fab. Coasteering was exciting but also a bit scary.

The mud run was a bit muddy!

Coasteering was exciting and exhilarating but also a bit scary.

Going to the beach was great fun, both in the water and digging with our hands in the sand.

The steam train was great and we got a brilliant view of the ruins of Corfe Castle.

Whittling was good and so were our home-made pizzas.



NEWS FROM SPELDHURST PARISH COUNCIL



AWARD SEASON

Our Vice-Chair, Alan Rowe, had a lovely time at Speldhurst Primary School's end-of-year service in July. As well as listening to the outgoing year 6 pupils read out fantastic anecdotes about their time at primary school, he also presented the parish council's Jubilee Award for Olympic Spirit to year 3 student Molly Graham. This award is presented to a pupil or pupils who have achieved something remarkable by contributing to their community, raising money for charity, or overcoming a challenge in their lives.

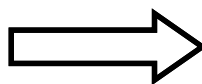


This year, Molly has fundraised for Cancer Research with a cake sale and a 5K Race for Life, raising an incredible £226.56. Well done, Molly - an achievement to be proud of!

A TEMPORARY ADJUSTMENT TO COUNCIL OFFICE SERVICES

Our 2 assistant clerks will be stepping down from their roles at the end of August and the beginning of September. Recruitment for 2 new staff members to take up the baton of good work is already underway. However, there will be an interim period during which time we will focus on essential services only, and there may be a delay in responding to non-urgent enquiries and correspondence. We look forward to resuming normal operations once our new team members are fully onboarded.

Thank you for bearing with us during this time of transition. Your patience and support are much appreciated. As always, if you have any questions, please make our Clerk, Katie Neve, your first point of contact (details below).



FAREWELL TO KATE HARMAN

At the end of August, we said a heartfelt farewell to Kate Harman, an invaluable team member for the past 9 years.

Kate (pictured, wearing red, with colleagues) joined us as Assistant Clerk to support former Clerk Chris May and quickly became a real asset. Her primary focus on the Amenities and Planning Committees has had a lasting impact, and her dedication has helped shape many of the council's achievements.

In 2021, Kate earned her Certificate in Local Council Administration, a milestone that gave her the confidence to flourish. She put her skills to excellent use for the benefit of our community, playing a key role in securing the 5 defibrillators now in place around the parish, and ensuring the Langton Green Recreation Ground playground stays in prime condition. Colleagues describe Kate as conscientious, efficient, and resourceful – a problem solver with a warm, supportive manner who never loses her composure.

We're sure we'll still see Speldhurst resident Kate around, whether out walking her beloved spaniel, Lola, or enjoying a well-earned G&T at the George & Dragon. We will greatly miss her can-do attitude and wonderful sense of humour. We wish her every success in whatever comes next – she'll be fantastic!

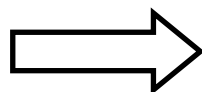
FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS – EVERYONE WELCOME

Monday 1st September – Palmer Room, Langton Green Village Hall

TO CONTACT THE PARISH COUNCIL: Call the Clerk, Katie Neve: 01892 862927/07760 769513 or

email clerk@speldhurstparishcouncil.gov.uk

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A Statement from Speldhurst Parish Council about Langton Green Pavilion



This statement was originally published on our website. We are sharing it here so that more parish residents can read it.

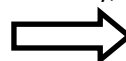
We know there are strong and differing opinions in Langton Green about its Pavilion. These need to be heard and taken into account. We would urge everyone concerned to express their views, but to do so in constructive and neighbourly ways, no matter how strongly they feel about the issues. We believe all parties can agree there must be no place for personal abuse or intimidation.

The Pavilion at Langton Green is a valuable asset for our community. Its construction ten years ago was a major achievement by the Langton Green Community Sports Association (LGCSA) which secured a grant of some £384,000 from the Football Foundation and contributed a further £120,000 or so. Speldhurst Parish Council (SPC) contributed £25,000, provided the land and, most significantly, undertook to meet the Pavilion's running costs.

Since then, LGCSA has had free use of the Pavilion, with SPC meeting all running and maintenance costs, including energy bills. To help cover these costs, SPC has sought to hire out the Pavilion when not in use by the LGCSA.

Managing the competing needs of users has not been easy. And in recent years, SPC has been unable to cover all the Pavilion running and maintenance costs from hiring fees. The surge in electricity prices after the invasion of Ukraine and increasing maintenance costs as the building ages have made that a much more difficult challenge, despite SPC's work to improve the Pavilion's energy efficiency.

The bulk of hiring fees come from the Langton Green Community Hub, a Community Interest Company which oversees the operation of the Café and a number of community events. We know this provision is valued by many in the local community, as it has been by the Council. Discussions between the Council and the



Community Hub to extend for a further 12 months are ongoing.

Regardless of the outcome of these discussions, the Parish Council must satisfy itself that current arrangements offer best value for our Council Taxpayers. So we want to use the coming months to commission an independent and transparent review to see if there are any options that might produce more income to cover the Pavilion's costs and/or enhance services for local residents. These options must continue to be community-focused to comply with the original grant conditions. The LGCSA and Community Hub will be invited to participate in the review process as key stakeholders, along with other interested parties. The timescale for the review will need to be agreed with the independent third party.

The Parish Council is discussing with the LGCSA opportunities to change existing restrictions and obligations to make hiring the Pavilion more attractive. Current arrangements could inhibit the hiring potential.

We recognise all this has been difficult for the LGCSA, Community Hub and local people. It has also been difficult for the Parish Council. Our Councillors give their time without payment to serve their local community and our external auditors have commended the Governance standards they achieve.

We have very limited resources. Our 4 staff are part-time and account for just over 2 Full Time Equivalents. Their commitment and professionalism is of a very high order.

Several Councillors have left recently and 2 of our 3 office staff have now resigned. People leave roles for a variety of reasons, but it is fair to say that Langton Green's continuing conflict over the Pavilion has been a factor in those decisions. We are working to fill these vacancies but until we do, the capacity of the Parish Council to undertake anything other than essential work will be considerably restricted.

This is unfortunate because SPC does valuable work across all four villages, including the Speldhurst Chapel Project, environmental initiatives, representations on planning cases and road safety improvements (where we have invested significant effort and are seeing some progress, including around Langton Green Primary School). It would be a pity if this activity were to be crowded out by arguments about the Pavilion.

We are encouraged by recent discussions with the Sports Association, Community Hub and others that an agreed way forward is possible. It is in everyone's interest that this succeeds.

If, after reading this statement, you'd like to speak to us, please contact our Clerk, Katie Neve by email: clerk@speldhurstparishcouncil.gov.uk or phone: 01892 862927 / 07760 769513.



Speldhurst CEP Primary School News



Welcome back all Speldhurst pupils and staff after the summer break – and a particularly warm welcome to our new children in reception. New beginnings and a new academic year and we are already missing the previous Year 6 pupils who left at the end of last term to move on to secondary school. Their leaving was marked with a special service in our lovely historic village church with its Burne-Jones windows, where parents were invited to share key moments throughout their child's time at the school and there was a special award presented to two of the Year 6 pupils for their 'Outstanding Contribution to the School'. This year's winners were Georgia and Barnaby.



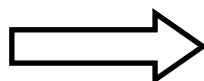
St Mary's Church also kindly presented each of the leavers with a bible to guide them onwards in life. It is always a very emotional occasion which I remember only too well when my own daughters left the school many years ago to move on to TWGGS. But it isn't only the leavers who are celebrated at this service. Two pupils from each year group are recognised for their academic progress and consistent effort whilst the annual 'Jubilee Award for Olympic spirit' presented by Speldhurst Parish Council went to Molly, a Year 3 pupil who raised over £200 for cancer research with a sponsored 5 km run and a cake sale. Well

done, Molly.

And another well done to all those pupils who read a million words – yes you heard right – one million words last term – a massive achievement rewarded by headteacher Mrs Hayward with an invite to her annual Millionaire Tea Party. A delicious spread of goodies (featured here) including 'millionaires' shortbread, of course, were all washed down with creamy hot chocolate topped with marshmallows – unseasonal maybe but a real treat along with some in-depth discussion about the books which the pupils have been reading.



As I have written before, learning at Speldhurst School comes in many guises – and the school trip has a big part to play. It

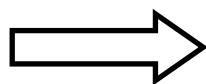


begins with the very youngest in the school, Pippin class, who went on their very first outing to Bore Place. There they learnt about organic farming, meeting the farm's beautiful cows, and had fun with a mini-beast hunt. As the children get older, they go on residential trips and last term Year 5 had a 2-night residential to Bowles in Eridge. It was the week when temperatures rose to over 30 degrees but despite this, the pupils enthusiastically took on a multitude of challenges from climbing and kayaking to archery, bushcraft and more. Not surprisingly they were so tired after all the days packed with activity, that by the 2nd night, they went to bed without a murmur of complaint, tired and happy.

Following on the heels of Crispin Class last term, Year 6 pupils in Russet ventured to the Isle of Wight for their 3-night residential. Most pupils will tell you that the best part of the school trip is the excitement of the coach but this time they had the added thrill of a ferry as well! The Year 6 residential has become a rite of passage for many of our pupils. It rounds off a long yet exciting final year of primary school as they ready themselves for the next adventure in their academic journey. As always, the students threw themselves wholeheartedly into all the activities, although they still had time to reflect on the friendships and memories which they have made during their time together at Speldhurst.

Another rite of passage for the Year 6 leavers is their end of year production which they perform for the school community and parents. This year it was the 'Pirates of the Currybean'. And although there was no Johnny Depp starring in the pirate lead, there was a treasure chest of swashbuckling confidence and enthusiasm. This production is certainly a highlight of the school year – and the applause and pride at the end was mingled with a tear or two from staff and parents at the realisation that it is Russet Class's final performance.

But dry your eyes. There is always, as they say, another day and another opportunity. This time our resident caretaker Martin Steibelt took centre stage for a day when he showed two eager pupils just what a lot of hard work it takes to maintain a school. There is nearly always something which needs fixing, such as a small repair to the trim trail (see photo). The pond needs regular cleaning, safety checks are



important, and there's always a lot of general cleaning and polishing to be done. The pupils certainly appreciated all that Martin does and definitely enjoyed their day helping him – particularly the cuppa in the staff room at the end of all the hard work. Thank you again, Martin, for all that you do – and for so often going above and beyond - I hope you enjoyed having a bit of extra help for the day.

Sara Andrew, Communications Governor.



HELP NEEDED

Could you help manage Speldhurst shoebox collections in future?



Julie has been co-ordinating the shoebox collections in Speldhurst for the last few years, but will be leaving the village at the end of 2025. Could you join her this year to learn what's involved, with the aim of taking over in 2026, either

alone or with a friend or two? It would be so sad if we had to stop collections here. The role can take as much or as little time as you choose. Packing a box helps teach our children about generosity for others, and compassion, to make them aware of the fact that there are children elsewhere in the world who have nothing, and give them the opportunity to do something practical, yet so simple, that can make such a difference.

For more information please contact Julie:

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or call 07917 606542





Garden & Allotment News

Fitting It All In: Allotment and Gardening Life on a Busy Schedule

Holidays ...days out ...work. Balancing an allotment or the garden with the rest of life – and the occasional attempt at socialising or relaxing – is no small feat.

There's no gentle pottering. Time is limited and needs to be focussed on what must be done – though the longer evenings are a bonus.

So when there is any time, it's straight into action: sowing, planting, watering, weeding, harvesting, pest control, grass cutting, fixing whatever needs fixing ... all crammed into the time that can be allocated.

Our plots and gardens don't wait while we are busy elsewhere. So keeping them going means grabbing any window of opportunity.

This can mean having no set plan tackling whatever shouts loudest for attention. It's not textbook gardening but can still work. Some crops wait, flowers go to seed, some weeds get ignored, and the grass occasionally grows a bit wild in places.

Efficiency is everything. Tools to hand. A mental list of priorities on rotation. Popping out for an hour at the weekend or squeezing in an evening visit after work.

It's rarely enough to do everything, but something is always better than nothing. And in just one hour, it is possible to make a noticeable difference by focussing on tasks like tidying up, planting a container, or weeding.

Even a small amount of focused gardening time can improve the overall look and health of your outdoor space. There are even books that focus on how to achieve good results with limited time – such as "The 60 Minute Garden," a book by Jeff Ball, outlines a vegetable gardening system that aims to be efficient and manageable, requiring just one hour of work per week.

Of course, holidays have their price: returning to a jungle of weeds or evidence of slug banquets. But it's best not to chase perfection. It's about progress – and the small, steady wins that add up over time.



At the allotment, one of the unexpected pleasures are the people. A quick chat, looking at crops (sometimes guessing what they are), swapping surplus seedlings (or produce), or laughing together about a runaway pumpkin – these moments turn a patch of soil into a small community. There's a camaraderie in comparing triumphs and disasters, and an easy warmth in knowing others share the same battles against weeds, weather, and wildlife.

Yes, allotments and gardens time and energy, but they give back in spades. Even a rushed visit can produce a feeling of being grounded, connected, and quietly accomplished.

And when carrying home something grown, it's a reminder that all those stolen moments – between the rest of life's demands – are worth every minute.

Rob Kyte

A Letter from St Mary's

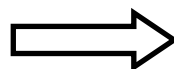


Note from Editor: This letter was written before the announcement of our new Rector.

Dear Speldhurst friends,

It is now more than 2 years since Douglas Wren, our vicar, left Speldhurst leaving us in an interregnum. To many the interregnum has appeared quite long - two plus years. I have been frequently asked in this period by friends /village residents (church members or not) when did I, as a church Reader, expect the vacancy to be filled ? To which I could only reply with uncertainty but hopeful.

This general interest in filling our parish "spiritual vacancy" has left me with the firm impression that there is a definite latent desire by many people locally to have visible Christian presence in their lives as manifested by a local vicar.



The physical presence of a resident vicar in our rectory has obviously been a very important aspect of local residents' daily life giving some form of reassurance in these challenging times.

Although life has been demanding for many members of the village (church members or not) for the last two years I believe that spiritual life has continued and been cemented by the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, whether in church or in our daily lives even without a Vicar. Hopefully we can find the Holy Spirit in our own lives through prayer and never forgetting God's true love for us in the life and example of Jesus in his ministry and the presence of the Holy Spirit thereafter. I hope that, whilst we continue with our busy lives and await a new Vicar for the parish, we continue to prayerfully love the Lord our God, never forgetting our neighbour, no matter how demanding our lives may be, even if we do not currently have a new Vicar in situ!

David Lamey



St. Mary's Church, Speldhurst | St. John's Church, Groombridge | St. Martin's Church, Ashurst

Registers for August 2025

Weddings

3rd August Matthew Funnell & Emily Tarbuck at St Mary's, Speldhurst



Funerals & Burials

7th August Paul Harvey at St Mary's Church, Speldhurst

Internment of Ashes

14th August Martin West at St Mary's Church, Speldhurst



St. Mary's Church, Speldhurst | St. John's Church, Groombridge | St. Martin's Church, Ashurst

September 2025

7th September

10am Holy Communion at St Mary's Church, Speldhurst

11am Matins at St John's, Groombridge

14th September

10am Morning Worship with Baptism at St Mary's Church, Speldhurst

11am Holy Communion (BCP) at St John's, Groombridge

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8am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Mary's, Speldhurst

10am Holy Communion at St Mary's Church, Speldhurst

6pm Evensong at St Martin's, Ashurst

28th September

10am All Age Worship Harvest Thanksgiving at St Mary's, Speldhurst

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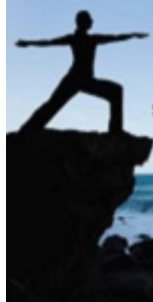
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