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NEWS SHEET

August 2026
(Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh after Trinity)

WELCOME – to the Parish of All Saints, Danehill with Chelwood Gate.

TODAY (2nd) – Cavan Wood will be preaching and leading at the nine thirty Morning Prayer service at All Saints. Josh Watson will be preaching at the eleven o'clock All Age service, with Ash Kauffman leading. The readings at nine thirty: Romans 9:1-5, and Matthew 14:13-21.

NEXT SUNDAY (9th August) – Cedric Parrish will be leading the nine thirty Morning Prayer service at All Saints. Kevin Cherry will be preaching at this service and at the eleven o'clock Informal Service, which will be led by Ash Kauffman. The readings at both services: Romans 10: 5-15 and Matthew 14: 22-33.

SUNDAY 16th AUGUST – Rev. Julie Sear will be preaching and leading at the nine thirty Holy Communion service at All Saints. Julie will also be preaching at the eleven o'clock Informal Service, with Kevin Cherry leading. The readings at both services: Romans 11: 1-2a and 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28.

VICAR AWAY – Paddy is away from 1st August and back in the office on 21st August. For urgent church matters please contact Shelagh Gilliam, Pastoral Care Co-ordinator on (01825) 790803 or Ash Kauffman, Churchwarden on (01825) 740499 or email warden2@allsaintsdanehill.org.uk

ARK SUMMER FUN – On ***Mondays 3rd and 17th August*** there will be Summer Fun mornings at Chelwood Gate Church from 9.30am to 11.30am. Children ages 0 to 7 with their parents or carers are welcome. £3 per family. *More details from Josh – contact details at the top of this newsletter.*

BOARD GAMES – On ***Tuesdays 4th, 11th and 18th August*** there will be board games for children in school year 3 and above at Chelwood Gate Church from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. *More details from Josh.*

PRAYER BOARD – You may have spotted the new prayer board in the porch where people can write prayer requests. You are welcome to add a request which will be left up for about a fortnight. If the prayer is for someone else, please ensure they are happy for it to be shared. Please take a moment to pray for the names on the board as you go past.

WEEDERS WELCOME – Do you have a spare half an hour or so on Wednesday afternoons? The volunteer gardeners of Chelwood Gate Memorial Garden (behind the church) would love you to join them to chat and to pull up a few weeds. Bring your own tools. We meet every Wednesday in the gardens at 2.30pm.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER - The Contemplative Prayer group meets in August on **Wednesday 19th** at 10am in Chelwood Gate church. We will take for our time of quiet prayer words from Hebrews 15.5: "I will never fail you nor forsake you". These are an encouragement for all who are suffering in so many ways at this time. All are welcome to join this hour of reflection and intercession for the needs of others. Our next meeting will be on September 16th.

SUMMER BREAK – There will be no Ashdown Café, Noah's Ark, Prayer and a Plate or Food For Thought during August.

CAMEO - This month's meeting for a chat and a drink will be on **Wednesday 26th August**, 10-11:30am at 38 Oak Tree Cottages. *We will be taking a break in September; our next date will then be Wednesday 21st October.*

PRAYERS FOR THE BISHOP – We are invited to join a monthly diocesan prayer gathering on Zoom on the first Monday of each month (next on 3rd August and 7th September) at noon. This is to pray for the selection and ministry of the next Bishop of Chichester. The zoom details are Meeting ID: 850 8403 1631, Passcode: 571007 or click here.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85084031631?pwd=0QKxOlYaaQMXVCmXO4kl7e8TDHIYbz.1>

HOME GROUPS – Our Home groups meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays. You will be welcome!

1. Wednesdays at 3pm on Zoom with Sue Hicks and Barbara Beedle.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84493971647?pwdmFiaUJSN0RtejU2Njdscm9ibndPdZ09>
2. Wednesdays at 7.30pm at Westwatch with Gabriela MacBain and Heather Kauffman (on summer break).
3. Wednesdays at 7.30pm at 53 Oak Tree Cottages with Ash Kauffman and Josh Watson (on summer break).
4. Thursdays at 11am with Heather Heath at 3 Searles Cottages.

Please speak to Ash or Paddy for further details.

THURSDAY PRAYERS - We meet weekly for Thursday Prayers – on Zoom at 9.15am. Click on <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79541125884?pwd=MjJVU1kvVE9YVjNXMUxSYWx5eXVRdz09> or enter the Meeting ID: 795 4112 5884 and the passcode: letuspray.

UPCOMING DATES

3 rd August	Ark summer fun event
4 th August	First youth board games
11 th August	Youth board games
17 th August	Ark summer fun event
18 th August	Youth board games
19 th August	Contemplative Prayer
26 th August	CAMEO
28 th August	Funeral
5 th September	Wedding
7 th September	Noah's Ark returns
10 th September	TNT
11 th September	Ashdown Café

EASY FUNDRAISING – It's great to see that at no cost to anyone, the church is now around £1300 better off due to online shopping via Easyfundraising. Special thanks to all those who nominate All Saints Danehill as their charity on Easyfundraising. To join in, please visit this link: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause

GIVING - Did you know that the Bible often uses a tithe, or a tenth of income as a starting point for giving? Please visit the link below to begin or update your regular giving to the church. Thank you for your support.
<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/danehill-all-saints-haywards-heath>

VERSE OF THE WEEK – 'The kingdom of God is like treasure hidden in a field.' (Matthew 13:44)

PRAYER FOCUS

- Amid the global concerns about health and conflict, please pray for peace and healing.

- Pray for those affected by the hot weather, both locally as we look out for each other and further afield for all those impacted by wildfires.

- Pray for those expecting exam results this month and for wisdom in making decisions for their future.

- Ann Dale, Ruth Rowan, Evelyn Quarles, Amy Parrish, Will Loveridge, Gabriel Iacaban, Jenny Virtue and Keith Usher.

VOICE OF PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS – (previously known as Release International) - Democratic Republic of Congo: The long-running conflict in eastern DRC is often forgotten but continues to create orphans and widows and cause untold suffering. Although complex and multi-faceted it has a religious component to it and Christians who speak up for justice and against armed groups have been targeted, sometimes brutally. Pray for peace in this nation.

With no functioning state apparatus in many communities, the Church is all that local citizens have. Pray for Congolese pastors who are ministering amid great suffering and need, often at significant personal risk from Islamist militia.

Please pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in the Congo:

A prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for the freedom I have to worship you without fear of oppression. Help me to pray faithfully for those Christians who face severe consequences for following you. May they know your wisdom for every challenging situation they face (James 1v5) Empower them to be able to stand firm in their faith and to be courageous and strong (1 Corinthians 16 v13). In Jesus' precious name I pray, Amen.

Algeria: Pray for the reopening of the more than 45 Protestant churches that have been closed by the Algerian Government, some since 2019. Even though a number have had court orders instructing their reopening, local authorities have not complied. Pray for wisdom, guidance and protection for our partners in Algeria, pray that God will help them to stand firm in their faith and inspire and encourage believers.

Making a commitment to Christ in Algeria is not simple or easy. Pray for courage and wisdom for those contemplating this step of faith and for the believers who can support and encourage them. Thank you for praying for our persecuted brothers and sisters.

Thank you for praying for our persecuted brothers and sisters, from Barbara.