

Duty Rota and Diary dates May 2026					
Date 2026	Vestry Elder	Welcomer/steward	Preacher	Media desk	Preparation media
<b>May 2026</b>					
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mr Maurice Boughey	Mrs Jean Challinor	Rev Garry Wareham Service includes Communion	Stephanie	Garry
10 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Barrie Colwell & Mrs Joan Colwell	Mr Ian Tabernacle	Mrs Jane Wareham	Simone	Jane/Garry
17 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Ros Ellison	Mrs Fiona Worthington	Rev Murray George	Sally	Sally
24 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Lesley Clarke	Mr I Mason	TBC	Stephanie	Stephanie
31 <sup>st</sup>	Mr Philip Burrows	Mr Len Moss & Mrs Barbara Moss	Mrs Joan Colwell	Simone	Joan/Simone
<b>June 2026</b>					
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Gwen Bushill	Mrs Pam Bird	Rev Garry Wareham Service includes Communion	Sally	Garry

### Tea & Chat

We have scheduled 3 Tea & Chat meet ups for 2026.

It has become more difficult for our local care homes to arrange transport and staffing re bringing some of their resident along to Tea & Chat.

We hope to arrange a visit to Overdene to do some craft activity.

The first meeting in the lecture room will be on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026** – watch this space!

### Remembering Philip & Betty Kennerley

Philip and I were unable to attend the celebration of Betty's life – we were still on holiday in NZ.

I'm sure that people shared their own stories about Betty, and I thought that I'd share some of our remembrances of both Philip & Betty.

They were very special people and we loved them.

Our youngest daughter Deborah was about 12 when they joined the church.

Philip always found time to chat with her, and he seemed to carry an endless supply of Kitkats in his pocket – which he gave out to probably all the young people.

As we were getting towards Christmas – Deborah told us that both Philip & Betty were partial to marzipan! She wanted us to find some jobs for her to do so that she could have some extra pocket money to buy them some marzipan fruits! The purchase of marzipan fruits became a regular gift for the next few years. One of the last services Philip led in the church was a Christmas morning service – 6 years ago – when our grandson, Josiah was coming up to his 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

Michael & Esther had given his parents a singing, wriggling Christmas tree (Rocking around the Christmas tree) and Josiah was totally besotted by this gift.

I think he came up to the front at least 3 times in the service to press the start button and get the tree to go through its motions!

When they were no longer able to attend church – there was always a warm welcome at their home.

They loved having visitors.

At Betty's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration – she insisted that Michael purchase orange ice lollies.

They were just what everybody wanted & enjoyed on the day!

We're not sure if they really liked marzipan!

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