



**“NEWS from the PEWS”**  
**The Parish of POSTLING**  
Part of the Elham Valley Group of Churches

**March-  
April  
2026**

*The Bi-monthly Newsletter of St. Mary & St. Radegund's Church, Postling*

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***Our beautiful church has been open every day through the winter. Our visitors' book shows how much this has been appreciated by visitors passing through the village. Many thanks indeed to the people from 21 households who quietly opened and closed the church daily.***

#### **POSTLING LADIES COFFEE AND CAKE MORNING**

The Coffee mornings continue to raise funds for the Pilgrims' Hospices. They will resume in March on the second Saturday of the month from 10am to 12 noon. The next two dates are the 14<sup>th</sup> March and the 11<sup>th</sup> April

The **Craft Days** continue on the first Saturday of the month in the village hall from 10am to 4pm. The next ones are 7<sup>th</sup> March and the 4<sup>th</sup> April . If you would like more details or to know what activities there will be, please message Anne on 07795 555486.

**Happy Hours** continue every month. The next ones will be Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April, from 6-7pm in the Church.

If you would like to host the Happy Hour in March, please do let us know.

**Date for your diary! The 2026 Postling Open Gardens will be on the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June**

Lots of willing volunteers will be needed to help on both days to make this weekend as special and successful as ever for the village and our many visitors.

## Services in March-April 2026

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
8.30am Breakfast Service

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
9.30am Holy Communion  
*Note change of time*

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March *Mothering Sunday*  
8.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
No Service in Postling

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March *Palm Sunday*  
10am Benefice Service of Holy Communion

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April *Good Friday*  
12 noon One Hour in Front of the Cross

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April *Easter Day*  
**8.00am** Holy Communion

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
9.30am Holy Communion  
*Note change of time*

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April  
8.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April  
No Service in Postling

### **Postling Church Flower and Cleaning Rota**

*LENT until 4<sup>th</sup> April- Cleaning Only*

February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup>      Annette and Carole

March 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>                  Pam and Anne

March 28<sup>th</sup>                                Jane and Jenny M

April 4<sup>th</sup> 10am. As many people as possible for Easter Flowers. Hot cross buns, tea and coffee!

April 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>                      Kerry and Natalia

April 25<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>                Malliet and Sarah

*The Church accounts for 2025 have been completed and subjected to an independent examination.*

*In 2025, the church's income was £9,140 and its expenditure was £12,456*

*This means that there was a loss of £3,316 at the end of the year*

### **Maintenance Works and Repairs required for the Church.**

Every five years the Church undergoes an inspection by an architect approved by the Diocese. As a result of the last inspection, there are several works that need to be undertaken this year to keep the church in good condition. They include working on the *ferramenta* (the ironwork that holds the windows in place), repairs to some of the stonework and placing mesh under the eaves of the tower to deter the jackdaws from nesting in the bell tower, where they make a significant mess.

We are receiving estimates for these maintenance works, and the total cost is likely to be about £20,000

