



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

**January-  
February  
2025**

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

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**The Angel Gabriel appears to the Shepherds  
at Postling's Christmas Eve Crib Service at Pent Farm Barn**

Thanks to the generosity of the village and friends, our Christmas collections from the Carol Service, carol-singing round the village and the Crib Service, raised a total sum of £444. The money went to Musalaha, an organisation based in Jerusalem that works for reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians from diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds.

*Huge thanks to Tom and Debbie Reynolds for doing so much work to prepare the barn at Pent Farm for the Crib Service*

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**Happy Hour** will take a break in January and begin again on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February, from 6-7pm in the Church. If you would like to host a Happy Hour to mark a special occasion, please do let us know. During the year, we sent £1,175.50 to the Folkestone Rainbow Centre. Thank you.

## Services in January and February 2025

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January

8.30am Breakfast with prayers  
for Epiphany and the New Year

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January

8.30am Morning Prayer

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January

8.30am Holy Communion

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January

No Service in Postling

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

No Service in Postling

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February

8.30am Morning Prayer

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February

8.30am Holy Communion

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

No Service in Postling

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

The Coffee mornings will begin again on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March

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

January 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

Jane Reynolds and Nikki Clark

January 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

Anne Spratling and Genny Ferguson

February 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

Sachiyo Stevens and Maria Sudworth

February 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>

Jenny Haydock and Denise Burgess

The Craft Days continue through the winter on the first Saturday of the month in the village hall from 10am to 4pm. The next ones are the 4<sup>th</sup> January and the 1<sup>st</sup> February.

The 2024 Postling Christmas Quiz was hotly contested, and three winners emerged, each of whom scored 15/15. Congratulations to Sarah and Jim Nicholls, Keith and Jeanne Abbott, and John Ayris and Anne Spratling. The correct answers are below:

## The Famous Postling Christmas Quiz 2024

Name.....

1. How many gravestones in Postling Churchyard are listed buildings?  
a. None      b. One      c. **Two**      d. Three      e. Four
2. The Imperial War Museum have a list of the men named on the Postling war memorial, but one of them has a mis-spelling in his surname. Which is the INCORRECT letter in the name?  
a. Y      b. T      c. M      d. S      e. **R**
3. Two disc brooches dating from the 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> century were found in Postling. Where are they now?  
a. **Liverpool**      b. Manchester      c. London      d. Bristol      e. Glasgow
4. In 1799, the historian Hasted reported that inhabitants of Postling were entitled to graze cows on Postling Lees. How much land was allowed to be grazed by one cow?  
a. Half an acre      b. An acre      c. **An acre and a half**      d. Two acres      e. Two and a half acres
5. In 1552, an inventory of Postling church reveals that it had 2 candlesticks made out of Lattyn. What is Lattyn?  
a. Bronze      b. **Brass**      c. Pewter      d. Wood      e. Silver
6. When did the last bus stop in Postling?  
a. 1965      b. 1969      c. 1971      d. **1972**      e. 1975
7. Postling Church is built mainly out of 3 types of stone. Which three?  
a. Caen stone, Quarr stone and granite      b. **Ragstone, Quarr stone and flintstones**  
c. Caen stone, flintstone and marble      d. **Ragstone, flintstone and ironstone**  
e. Caen stone, Quarr stone and ragstone
8. Richard Gomeldon, an owner of Postling Court died 's p' What does that mean?  
a. Without a will      b. While abroad      c. **Without offspring**  
d. In a state of insanity      e. Bankrupt
9. Which of the following orchids are NOT found on the Postling Downs  
a. **Orchis Ustulata**      b. Gymnadenia Conopsea      c. Anacamptis Pyramidalis  
d. Dactylorhiza Fuchsii      e. Spiranthes Spiralis
10. The Rev. John Agge Stock was a former vicar of Postling. What was the name of his son?  
a. James      b. Arthur      c. Richard      d. **Robert**      e. Eric
11. In Victorian times, people in Postling would have said 'Tip us your daddles'. What did they mean?  
a. Give me the leftovers      b. **Give me your hand**      c. Lend me some money      d. Take me to the market

b. Keep this a secret

12. In the recent past a hedge has been planted on the right side of Pilgrims Way just beyond 'Wayfarers'. Which of the following is NOT in the hedge?

- a. **Cherry**   b. Spindle   c. Hawthorn   d. Dogwood   e. Wayfarer

13. Where in Postling is *allows.bibs.amphibian* ?

- a. The Village Hall   b. Old Page Farm   c. The bridge over the M20   d. **Postling Wents**   e.  
The top of Staple Lane

14. Which of these woods is NOT in the Parish of Postling?

- a. Bartholomew Wood   b. Postling Wood   c. Tolsford plantation  
d. Perry Wood   e. **Butcher Wood**

15.



Why did Postling Church stop using this chalice in about 1850?

- a. Because it was stolen   b. **Because it was thought not to be good enough**   c.  
Because it developed a leak   d. Because a handle fell off   . e.  
Because it was not big enough