

Halling View

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Hallingbury 2026

On a very sunny Saturday in August, the Halling Parish Council's Events Committee, after months of planning, staged the second Hallingbury. Stall holders, clubs and charity stalls were in attendance along with bars, food vendors and inflatables.

At 1pm the event opened with a Queen tribute act followed by tribute acts from Madness, Fleetwood Mac, Eminem and an ABBA finale. Great attendance from the village made this event a huge success and we hope you enjoyed it as much as the Events Committee did! See page 2 inside for more photos.



Hallingbury



Fleetwood Mac Tribute Act

Hallingbury 2026

Alongside Fleetwood Mac (pictured on page 1) Halling's Lower Rec played host to the following tribute acts for Hallingbury 2026.



Real Slim Shadow



Queen Champion



Abba Stars



Certified Madness

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**Lauren Edwards MP**
Rochester and Strood

Dear Halling View reader,

As your local MP, I'm here to listen, help and make sure your concerns are heard.

My team and I can support residents with issues including housing, benefits, pensions, healthcare and public services, and raise concerns with the relevant authorities where appropriate.

If you need help or want to get in touch, my contact details are below. We're always happy to hear from you.

Lauren Edwards
MP for Rochester and Strood

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Halling Gardening Society's Autumn Show

The Halling Gardening Society held its 45th Autumn Show on Sunday 6 September which brought together Halling's green-fingered community at the Jubilee Hall, Upper Halling, to compete for prizes in 77 different Classes and to share a love of plants, nature and how our gardens grow.

Classes were divided into four sections: Vegetables and Fruit, Flowers, Open (theme based on Scotland), and a section for Children under 14. Despite a slight drop in the total number of entries, the Society's Judge was delighted with everyone's efforts, especially as this summer's heat and drought conditions have made growing fruit, veg and flowers slightly more challenging.

The Society's current Judge is retiring this year, and to show its appreciation of his efforts over the years the committee sneaked a gift voucher into his letter of thanks. Upon its discovery the Judge sent a lovely email thanking the Gardening Society and noting that he is now looking forward to a trip to the garden centre with the voucher.

Hopefully the British weather will bring a better growing year in 2027 as the Society is now looking forward to its Spring Show. Anyone interested in joining the Society is very welcome to contact Pat Catchpole, the Society's Secretary by visiting hallinggarden.co.uk or via email at: hallinggardening@gmail.com. The Society can also be found on Facebook. Annual Membership is £5.



Prize Winners in Class 5: Five Onions Under 250g, and Class 6: Five Shallots



Prize Winners Class 12: One Pumpkin or Squash



Prize Winners Class 23: Three Apples or Three Pears



Prize Winners Class 26: Tray of home-grown vegetables / salads



Prize Winners Class 27: One Dahlia, Class 28 Three Cactus or Semi Cactus Dahlia, Class 29: Three Decorative Dahlia



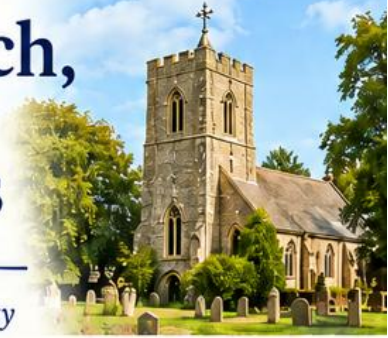
Prize Winners Class 37: One Pot Geranium



St. John's Church, Halling & Parish Events

— *All are welcome* —

Faith • Fellowship • Community



OCTOBER



Thursday 1st October — Weekly Confirmation classes begin

Friday 2nd October — PCC Meeting 7.30pm

Sunday 4th October, 11am — Harvest Festival - Foodbank Donations

Sunday 4th October, 12.00 Noon — BBQ in the Church Hall

Thursday 8th October — Social Committee Meeting in Hall

Wednesday 21st Oct- 10.45am - Mothers' Union Meeting- Cuxton Church Hall, Amateur Dramatics Talk

Sunday 25th October -11am — Blythwood Shoeboxes Collected



NOVEMBER



Sunday 1st November, 11am — (All Souls Day) & All Saints Day

Sunday 8th November, 11am — Remembrance Day Service

Sunday 15th November, 4.00pm — Confirmation Service - East Malling

Wednesday 18th November, 10.45am — Mothers' Union Meeting-Prison Project

Sunday 22nd November, 12.00pm — Bring & Share Lunch 'Church Army' Visitor

Sunday 29th November, 11am — Salvation Army, Gift Service



WEEKLY & MONTHLY ACTIVITIES



Beginners Bellringing — Mondays 7–8pm, except last Monday of each month



Bellringing Practice — 7–9pm on the last Wednesday of each month



Community Choir — Tuesdays 6–7.30pm



Chess Club — 6-16 year olds, Thursdays 6–7.15pm



Saturdays — 9am–12 Open Mornings



Sunday Services — 11am–12



All welcome. Refreshments available.



More details of events:



www.achurchnearyou.com



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St. John's Church, High Street, Halling ME2 1BT



Faith in our community



Heritage Day 2026

On Saturday 12 September, Halling's St. John's Church opened its doors to support two national events – Heritage Open Day and the Friends of Kent Churches 'Ride and Stride' day.

Churchwardens Chris and Jenny Beaney and Laura MacDonald, along with helpers Sarah and Keith (Secretary, Historical Society) were on hand to answer questions, provide refreshments and even give visitors an opportunity to chime the church bells.

The open day attracted around 80 visitors and several 'pilgrims' – walkers who follow the whole Pilgrims Way, calling in at churches en route. These included two pilgrims from Canada and a hiker from Amsterdam, making the occasion a truly international event!



Open Day at St John's Church

Remembrance Day Service

This year's Remembrance Service will be held at Halling St John's Church on Sunday 8 November, 10.45am – 11.45am. There will be a procession to the War Memorial at Forge Green after the Church service. All are welcome to attend, and further details can be found at www.achurchnearyou.com (search for Halling).

Feeling Lonely?

Pastor Kevin Félix Hollington, Halling Baptist Church

I recently read a report that adults in the UK spend an average of 7.5 hours a day on their screens! We may be more connected than ever, but people today experience loneliness even more than before. Screens may keep us connected and even entertained, but they cannot replace face-to-face meaningful conversations.

As the local pastor at the Baptist Church, I'd love to connect with you. I'd be happy to pray for your needs, to have a chat over a coffee, or simply go for a walk. You can text me on 07868 182423. You can also visit the church on Sundays, 11:00am – All are welcome. I look forward to hearing from you.

Volunteer at the Community Centre

Halling Community Centre is looking for volunteers to help with a range of jobs and responsibilities. Since opening in the late 1990s the Centre has become home for a number of local clubs including the Halling Pre-School, Halling Youth Club, Stay & Play, Halling Boxing Club, Cygnets Art Class, and Duets Dance School.

New activities in the Centre are Mindful Moves Line Dancing, House of Talent, and the Cornerstone City Church. There are also Yoga, Zumba, Badminton, and Pilates classes.

Maintaining this valuable community space requires the dedication of volunteers, who are looking for new people to help with utility contract reviews, maintenance, licences, certificates and gardening. If you would like to volunteer and help, please email:

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Halling Community Centre



For more information about clubs and hiring the Centre please visit:

www.hallingcommunitycentre.org

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