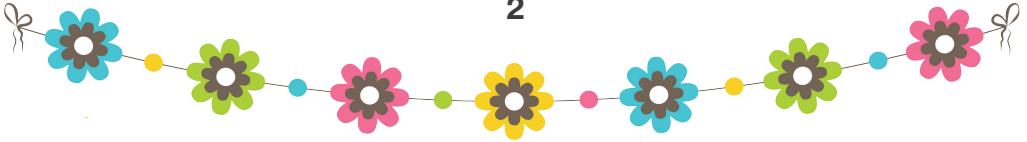


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# WELCOME

## Welcome to the Spring edition!

Hooray, spring is officially here! The clocks have sprung forward and spring flowers are popping up everywhere.

As usual the church has been so busy. January hosted our post Christmas party. It did just make the winter newsletter but only one photo, so here is the much fuller article.

February's highlight was **Betty's 85th birthday!** The whole congregation was welcomed by Betty's amazing family to celebrate. **A truly wonderful afternoon.**

Mark also hosted his **Cafe service** where, as a group, we studied the Lord's Prayer. It is something we often say by heart but don't really take in the words. **Thank you Mark** for hosting that service.

March saw the annual TCCC quiz! **Fabulous Tony** was the quiz master and he was amazing! Have a look at the photos of the packed house!

**Lin** is our highlighted Elder this edition. Read about her interesting life in her own words. A real treat.

**April easter bonnets** are on page 14. They get better every year!

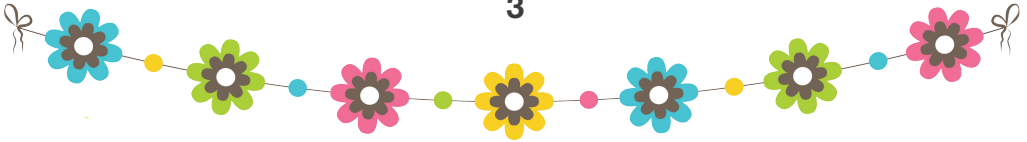
We also warmly welcome **Jan** to the TCCC family. So lovely that you came and returned!

I hope this newsletter, with its warming content and pretty colours, fill your heart with the joy of TCCC.

Jackie



**One in heart and mind**



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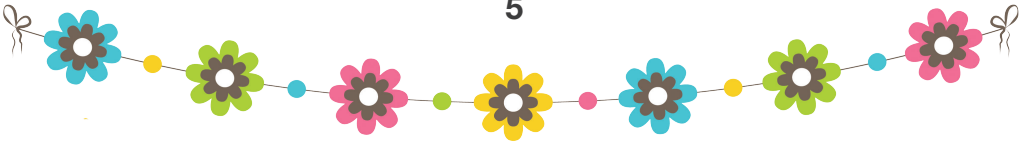
# FAITH IN FOCUS

*Each one should give, then, as he has duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly.*

*2 Corinthians 9 verse 7*



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# FAITH IN FOCUS

Easter is starting to fade, as is the last of the chocolate eggs and the waist line!

As a church we have celebrated and rejoiced in life over death and the raising of Jesus! We have been rejuvenated and enlightened once more. So what now?

During the 40 days of lent we gracefully brought in food stuff for the community supermarket. We didn't do it out of duress. We did it to show that we could give back to people in our community that need our help. You can see here what help we gave them!

Giving back should be what we need to carry forward, in what ever small way we can. This might be providing and giving to others, or just by, giving advise and a listening ear.

One of many slogans I have is a very fitting one,

***'God wants his children all week long and not just for weekend visits'.***

So are we just Sunday morning Christians, or, 24/7 Christians?

Each of us can give back and that's what we should do, as we have been given the most precious gift of having a risen Saviour in our lives. Why would we keep that to ourselves?

Blessings,

Neil



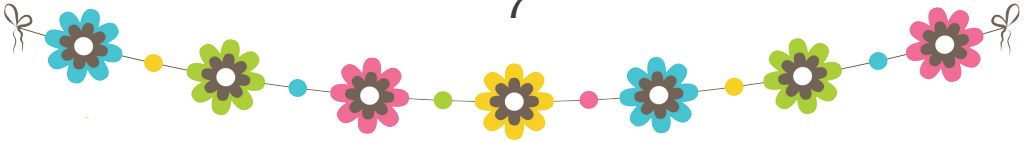
# JANUARY JOLLIES

## Our wonderful post Christmas lunch

These photos didn't make our winter edition as the print deadline was too close. Here they are for you to remember and enjoy!



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# JANUARY JOLLIES





# FEBRUARY FUN

## Betty's 85 birthday party

The whole church was treated to a very special occasion, wonderful Betty's 85th birthday party. Her gorgeous family organised it in her honour and it was a real treat. We had a wonderful buffet, wine and even a game of bingo!

**Thank you  
Betty and  
family for a  
wonderful time**

**Happy Birthday  
Betty**



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# MARCH MERRIMENT

## The famous TCCC Quiz!

This was such a successful event. Thank you to **Tony** who wrote and presented the quiz for the first time. The event was in the afternoon which suits more people (although you can see that the wine was still flowing!) Around 50 people attended and there was a jovial albeit competitive atmosphere.

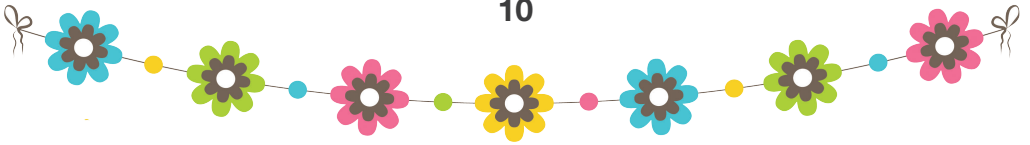


Two teams fiercely tried to get last place to win the wooden spoon. **The Golden Oldies**, with team captain Tom, succeeded beautifully!

The catering was excellent with cheese and biscuits or scones, cream and jam for those with a sweeter tooth.

Well done TCCC!



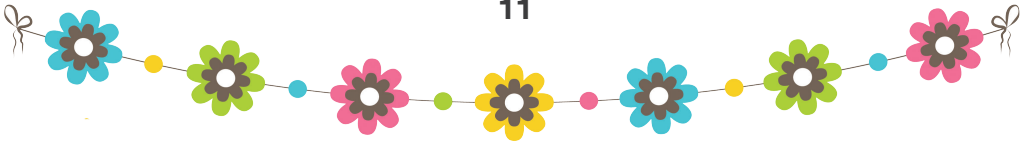


# MARCH MERRIMENT

*Telscombe Cliffs Community Church, Art*



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# NEW WELCOME CLUB

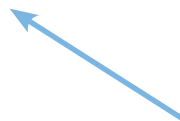
## *Art & Crafts Social...*



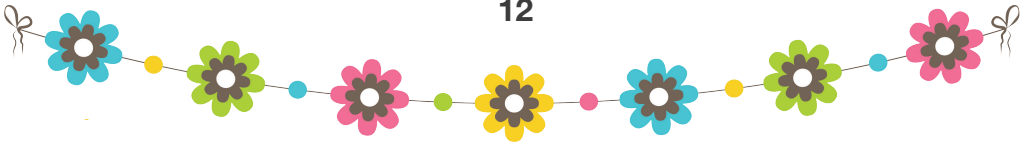
The Welcome Club was very well attended by men as well as women! The members participated in lots of crafts from jigsaws, watercolour and mosaic work..

There was lots of heads down, refreshments and natter.

As you can see the craft standard is very high!



**Page artwork by Chris.  
Thank you so much!**



# MARCH MERRIMENT

See the church website for the next meeting. Everyone is so welcome to this happy club.

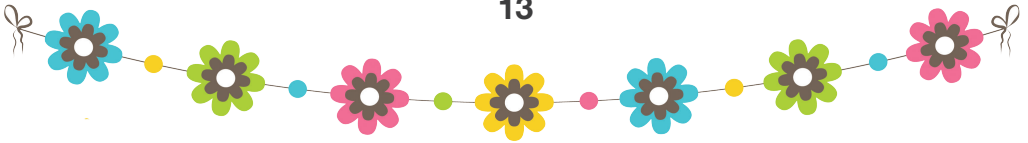
A huge thank you to **Chris**, a friend of Danny and Paul, for providing these beautiful photo visuals and layout for this event!

*Telscombe Cliffs Co*



**Fabulous page artwork  
by Chris**

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# NEW WELCOME CLUB

*Community Church, Art & Crafts Social...*



*March 2026*

# EXUBERANT EASTER

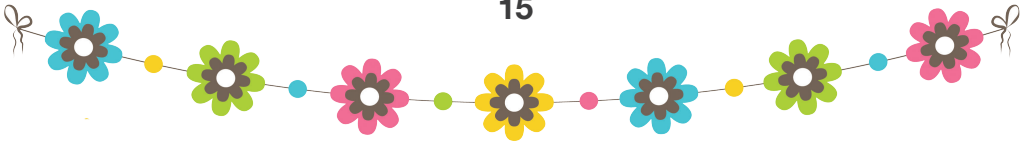


Our Maundy Thursday at TCCC was a very special morning. Our table contained strangely 13 people! Neil took the service with communion, the hymns were chosen by Betty and coffee and hot cross buns, supplied by Lin, Liz and Linda were enjoyed afterwards by all

Maundy Thursday is the day that Jesus washed the disciples feet. Incidentally Maundy is from the Latin word meaning commandment - Jesus gave the disciples another commandment:

**“to love one another as I have loved you”**

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# EASTER BONNETS



We were also all blessed that Neil led our Easter service. Easter bonnets were proudly displayed as we celebrated Jesus's resurrection.

We also learned the following week, from Lynda, that the resurrection should be celebrated every Sunday, not just at Easter. A fine thought.

All the church community gave a wonderful assortment of food for people less fortunate. It is a sobering thought that food banks are needed. We all wish for day when no person has to ask for food.

Well done everyone x

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## MEET AN ELDER



### Church Elder Lin

Following our last edition where we got to know our Sam, here is amazing Lin's story written by Lin herself.

🍑🍑 To begin with I am a Brightonian through and through. I spent most of my formative years in Coldean. Going to school there and, as the eldest child of three, helping look after and bring up my siblings, skills that would serve me well in my adult life.

As a school leaver I gained employment as a printer and bookbinder in a local firm in Brighton. I often put the men to shame in this male dominated environment, as I was more efficient and prepared to work harder than most. I even repaired the printers against the wishes of the Union's "closed shop" approach. **"You're a woman, you can't do that"** they said, **"Just watch me!"** said I. (Having a bit of a stubborn streak helped!)

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## OUR LOVELY LIN

*What is the most joyful part of your role?*

**Being able to offer help and guidance.**

*Later, as an adult I lived for many years in Woodingdean, bringing up my two children, whilst also being a local child minder.*

*I became involved in the local mother and toddler group, organizing their second-hand clothes stall and went on the play school rota for parents' day help. I helped with their float preparations for the Woodingdean Summer Fair and then joining the children on the float - great fun! I volunteered at the Brighton AIDS clinic, and at the Woodingdean primary school, running a craft afternoon one day a week. I also knitted for the local wool shop.*

*I joined the Woodingdean Residents Association and became a keen participant in the Patient Participation Group at my doctor's surgery, also running the book exchange there.*

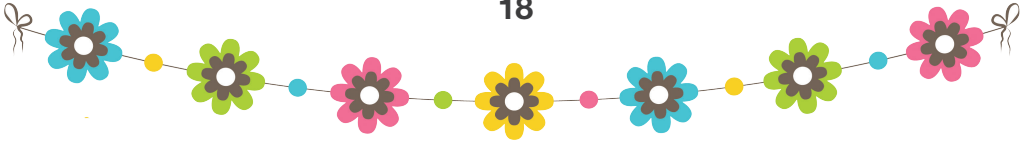
*Your favourite lesson in school?*

**Geography and Science**

*During this frenzy of volunteering, I also co-owned and ran a D.I.Y. shop with my husband in the parade of shops along Warren Road in Woodingdean. I think it is now a general store of sorts.*

*The D.I.Y. shop did not pay all the bills, so I also worked part-time as a cleaner carer for many people locally.*

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## MEET AN ELDER

*This was hard work but I did enjoy it, and I made many more friends. I also modelled, (yes, I was model!) Makeup and clothes for a local cosmetics company.*

*On one occasion the consultant broke her arm so I was promoted to consultant for a short while. Pat, who ran the company with her husband Ray, would do the talking whilst I did the drapes, which I also made, spending many hours at the sewing machine. I should explain that the “drapes” used were not curtains, but pieces of material used around the upper body of a model to have an aesthetic effect on the makeup that was applied.*

*For a while I was a paid dog walker and sitter, both at my home and elsewhere, also working in a local dog kennels with Bloodhounds!*

*Do you prefer to eat in or eat out? And what meal?*

***Eat in. Courgettes stuffed with sausage meat topped with cheese peas***

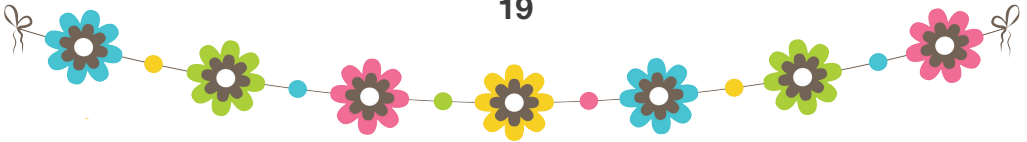
*What is your hope for TCCC's future?*

***That we grow in numbers***

***In my spare time!***

*Well, I was younger then. I would go horse riding, walking our own dogs, two Wolfhounds and a Heinz 57, do some Cross stitch-work and gardening.*

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## OUR LOVELY LIN

*I have always attended church, and in Woodingdean I attended the local church, The Holy Cross. I was involved in the setting up and lighting of candles when passing on the candle of life during baptisms with Father Richard. I was also part of their “catering corps,” and helped with*

*What do you like doing away from church activities?*

**Gardening & pilates**

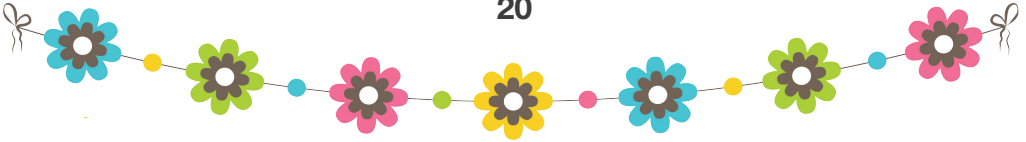
*the production of their church magazine along with those for churches in Ovingdean and Telscombe Village. Funny enough in my first job I use to print Henfield’s Church magazine. Bit of a theme there!*

*At the age of 60yrs I retired, **phew!** and a few years later I moved to Telscombe Cliffs. After a few months “settling in” I decided it was time to look for a local church.*

***Part of this “settling in” process was ripping out the existing wardrobes in the downstairs bedroom on my first morning in the bungalow!** My daughter Charlotte came around the morning after I moved in to find me buried in dust and confusion with the debris of the wardrobes around me, she was mortified! I just said “**They had to go!**”*

*What is your favourite hymn?*

**Morning has broken**



## MEET AN ELDER

*I discovered the church just around the corner from me so wandered around to have a 'recce' but it looked like it had closed down. I wandered round again on other occasions but there was no worship or opening times displayed, and no telephone contact numbers.*

*Slightly disheartened I tried another church in Peacehaven but it was not for me.*

*If you received a large mystery church donation, what would you spend it on?*

*A car park in the church back garden*

*What was the last book you read in 2025?*

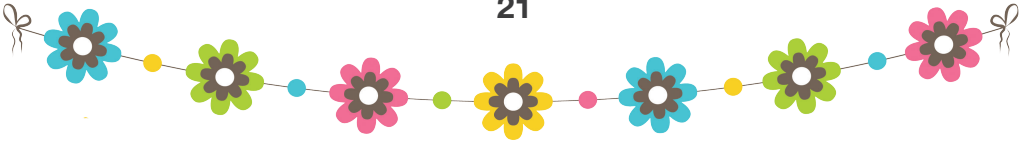
*Peter James  
"One of us is dead"*

*In the meantime, I joined the PPG at my new doctor's surgery and joined the Telscombe Residents Association.*

*At the very end of the first TRA meeting I attended a man, who up until this point had been sitting quietly, saying nothing, at the table. **He began to tell us of upcoming events at his local church.** He was dressed in black but was not wearing a dog collar, but then I suppose vicars do not always wear their collar when not in church. After the meeting I went up to this man and said*

*"excuse me, are you our local Vicar?"*

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## OUR LOVELY LIN

*Well, it was as if I had told a marvelous joke, the house fell about laughing. Once they had settled, he said*

***“no my name is Tom, but I do go to the local church. It would be nice to see you on Sunday. I will not be there this week but Val will and I will let her know that you are coming along.”***

*So along I went on Sunday and was welcomed at the door by Val and Peter. Everyone welcomed me in church and I felt quite at home.*

*I continued to go to church and got more interested with what was going on. I also became a member.*

*It must have been a year later I was asked if I would like to be an Elder. Well, I jumped at this. Val laughed and said*

***“no you are not supposed to say that, you say let me think about it.”***

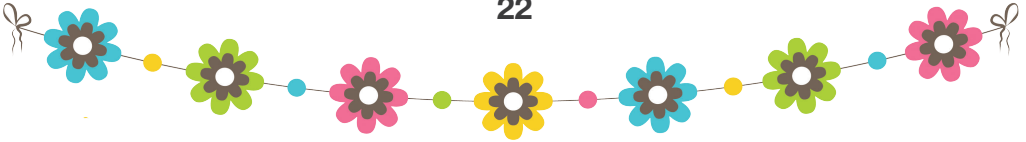
*But it just goes to show how happy I was at our little church.*

*We have a happy supportive membership and I thank you all for that.*

*People speak of the “Circle of Life” and ironically Val used to be on the teaching staff at my school in Coldean, and Val was my daughter’s teacher.*

*I hope we will be here for many years.*

*Lin xx*



## LIN'S FAVOURITE

*"John. 3-16"*

*Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."*

*"How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"*

*Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."*

*"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.*

*"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."*

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

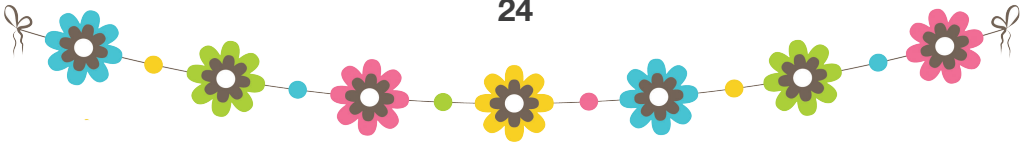
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# TELSCOMBE TIDINGS

We come together to worship our Lord on Sunday.  
But what happens when we wake up on Monday?  
Do we remember to say our prayers,  
remember to speak with our Lord?  
He's still there you know, waiting for us to have a word.  
Have a word or two with him every day  
Say your prayers, no need to kneel.  
Whatever you say, make it what you feel.  
Speak to him, he's in the room.  
Speak to him. He is there. He rose from the tomb.  
Remember, he knows our very thoughts.  
Remember what you were taught.  
You were taught how to pray. So pray to him every day.  
Listen to what he has to say.  
Listen every day.  
Listen and hear.  
Our Lords answer will become clear.

Love Liz



# OUR CHURCH MASCOT



***Favourite food Pavlov?***

Anything!

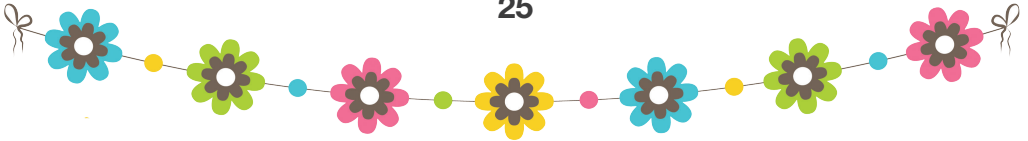
***Favourite day?***

Sunday, especially communion

***Favourite person?***

My mum Val

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## MY PILGRIMAGE



Recently I joined the British Pilgrimage Trust on a walk around Wilmington. Dawn, our pilgrim, was a gem of knowledge and also sang to us in each of the churches we visited. Here are a few fun facts I learned on the walk!

The photo to the right is the **1600-year-old yew tree** outside St Mary's Church. Yew trees are planted outside churches to represent eternal life due to the fact they are capable of sprouting again from their own roots. This one is about 1600 years old! The tree is also **symbolic of the blood of Christ**, as when wet, the wood below the bark shines a bright red.

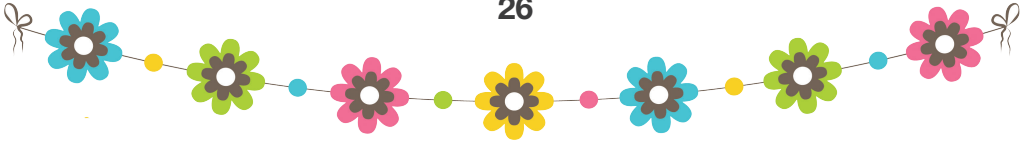
Incidentally, the tree is also a source of healing. Its needles produce the **anti-cancer drug, Taxol**. A truly amazing tree.

I also learned that the Long Man of Wilmington (left) might not be holding two sticks. It might be a gateway and he is walking right through it.

Maybe it is where heaven and earth touch. A lovely thought.

Jackie

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# ROTAS & ELDERS

## Preaching timetable for Spring/Summer 2026

### April

26 April  
Martin

### May

3 May  
Neil

10 May  
Roger

17 May  
Rebecca

24 May  
Jez

31 May  
Graeme

### June

7 June  
Neil

14 June  
Ian

21 June  
Sue

28 June  
Robert

### July

5 July  
Neil

12 July  
Wyn

19 July  
Laurie

26 July  
Neil

### Neil

Serving Elder & Church Secretary

### Sam

Serving Elder & Treasurer

### Lin

Serving Elder & Asst Treasurer

### Kathy

Serving Elder & Asst Church Secretary

### Val

Serving Elder & Preaching Plan

### Tom

Serving Elder & Fabric Committee

### Liz

Serving Elder & Reading Rota

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### Jean

Church Concierge

### Tom, Phil, Danny

Fabric Committee

### Mark

Church Music

### Linda

Flower Arrangements

### Jackie

Newsletter & Website Comms

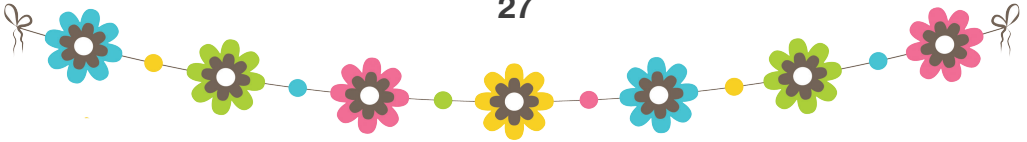
### Keith, Alan, Danny & Dee

Church Readers

### Betty

Lunch socials

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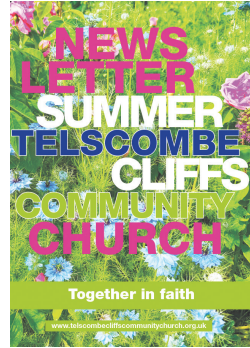
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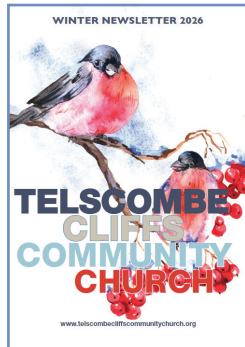
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Sunday**

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