

St Mary's News: Sunday 26 August 2018

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Parish website : www.stmaryshadlow.org.uk

Today

13th Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Joshua 24. 1-2a, 14-18

John 6. 56-69



Next week

14th Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

11.45am Baptism: Harry Wenham

Readings:

James 1. 17-end

Mark 7. 1-8, 14, 15, 21-23



Collect for the 13th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who work or serve in the Parish Council, Hadlow School and the Health Centre, and for Danielle and Andrew at the first anniversary of their wedding.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Roy Males

And from our Book of Remembrance we pray for

Andrea Diana Pound (27th)

Joyce Marion Dunford (29th)

Welcome to St Mary's!

If you are new, please pick up a welcome **booklet**

Visitors are warmly welcomed; please join us for refreshments in the Upper Room after the 10am service



This week at a glance

Monday

Bank Holiday

Tuesday

9am Morning Prayer

Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion
10.30 Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Thursday

9am Morning Prayer

Friday

7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday

We endeavour to open the Church Monday to Friday from 2pm to 4pm.

Holiday at Home

Thank you to all who helped out at this event and made it a big success, and a huge **THANK YOU** to Jenny for organising such an enjoyable two days.

For Children & Young People

Crèche facilities are available all year during the 10am service in the Upper Room, but during special services parents are asked to supervise their own children.



Activity Bags for younger children are in baskets at the back of church. Books, crayons etc are in the children's corner.

Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride

Saturday 8 September

I am looking for a few more people who would be prepared to sit at the Church for an hour on Saturday 8 September, mainly in the afternoon, to check in cyclists and walkers. More cyclists for Hadlow Church very welcome too, I have all the necessary forms and information. *Julia Miles*

Children's Society

We raised a wonderful £1125.09 for the Children's Society this year. This is from box collections, market stall and a donation. Thank you all! If anyone still needs to hand theirs in, then give me a call on 850404 or leave it at church.

Wednesday Study Group

Our first meeting this autumn will be on 5 September at 7.45pm for 8pm at 2 Spa Close. We will be following a new programme based on Nehemiah titled 'Renovator's Dream' and start with 'The Promise Keeper'.

Poppy Knits & Coffee

Thank you to all who came along to our two Poppy Knit mornings – it was a great response. Our next sessions to knit poppies for the November Remembrance display are:

- Wednesday 3 October 1-3pm
- Wednesday 17 October 1-3pm
- Wednesday 31 October 1-3pm

Come along and knit your own poppy to add to the display. Don't know how? Then come along and learn!



Church Watch

We need more people to join our church watch rota. Our band of Church Watchers do a valuable job in keeping the church open for two hours on weekday afternoons to welcome any visitors, Please speak to Janice or any of our church watch team to find out more.

Why Not Have a Go?

Would you be interested in leading our prayers on Sundays? Would you like to have a go before committing to joining the rota? Material and guidance are provided but we do welcome our intercessors' unique and individual input into their prayers. Please speak to Paul or any member of our intercessions team for more information.

Forthcoming Events

Concert

in Memory of Colin Large by East Peckham Silver Band

Sunday 9 September at 3pm,
featuring some of Colin's
favourite music.

An evening of Poetry and Jazz

Friday 21 September at 7.30pm
Roundel Poets from Tonbridge
will recite some of their poems,
and music will be provided by jazz
duo Danny Rivers and John
Pargeter, with special guest
classical guitarist Hector Castro.

Harvest Supper & Silent Auction

Saturday 6 October at 6pm
All welcome. More information to
come.

Rochester & Mpwapwa Link Service of Celebration

Each year Rochester Diocese celebrates one of its overseas links at a special service. This year is the turn of the Dioceses of Mpwapwa & Kondoia in Tanzania at a service at Meopham Church on Sunday 16 September at 6pm.

We are very pleased that Nelson and Elias from our link parish of Kibakwe will be attending the service with us. All members of St Mary's are warmly welcome to join us. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Reflection

Will you also leave me?

When many of his disciples were leaving him, Jesus turned to the apostles and said, 'Will you also leave me?' These words are addressed to us too. It's not the Lord who leaves us, but we who may leave him.

But why would we want to leave the Lord, who alone has the words of eternal life?

We need to make our own Peter's profession of faith. Every Sunday we get a chance to do so. We need the Lord to strengthen our faith. We also need to confirm one another. Lord, confirm our decision to stay with you. Draw us closer to you in bonds of trust, so that we may follow you in love and freedom.

Who's who at St Mary's?

Vicar

The Reverend Paul White
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The Reverend Nicky Harvey
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David Gater (01732 850477)

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of all ages – always most welcome!)

Parish Administrator

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Office Hours

Tuesday 9.30am – 3pm
Thursday 8.30am – 2pm

PCC Members, any of whom can be approached for help or information
Rev Paul White; Rev Nicky Harvey; Martin Massy & Barbara Smith; David Gater; Francis Griffiths, Val Newell & Kelly Parsons (Deanery Synod reps.); Kirsty Finch; Judy Gater; Jenny Hopkins; Julia Miles; Katerina Nixon; Rachel Packham; Michael Payne; Mark Totty; Annie Young and other members.

PCC Secretary: Judy Gater (temp.)

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Minutes of PCC meetings are on the notice board and on St Mary's website.