

St Mary's News: Sunday 9 December 2018

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Parish website : www.stmaryshadlow.org.uk

Today

2nd Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

12-4pm Christmas Tree Festival

Choir anthem: How lovely are thy messengers – Mendelssohn

Voluntary: Toccata – Trevor Widdicombe

Readings:

Philippians 1. 3-11

Luke 3. 1-6



The Collect for the 2nd Sunday of Advent

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

Next week

3rd Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

4pm Golden Green Carol Service

Readings:

Zephaniah 3. 14-end

Luke 3. 7-18



Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in Monypenny Close and Warren Gardens.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Mark Pepper

And from our Book of Remembrance we pray for

Ken Garner (10th)

Christina Smith (10th)

James McAndrew (11th)

Dora Wright (14th)

Henry Culshaw (15th)

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

9am Morning Prayer
12 noon Hadlow College Carol Service
12.45pm Friends Together

Tuesday

9am Morning Prayer
7.30pm Drumming

Wednesday

9.30 Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Thursday

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Vicar's Surgery
Hadlow School Christingle Service

Friday

7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday

10am Who Let the Dads Out?

For Children & Young People

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



Sunday Groups in Term Time

JAM (Jesus and Me) - up to 11 years of age

Christ in Action – secondary school age

No groups on 5th Sundays to allow us all to worship together.

All Visitors' Children are Welcome

Beacon Service

No Beacon Service this month.

Christmas Tree Festival TODAY

Today is your last chance to bring family and friends along to vote for your favourite Christmas tree. The trees will, however, be in place until next Sunday, the 16th, for us all to enjoy a little while longer.



Christmas Services

Sunday 16 December

4pm Carol Service at Golden Green

Sunday 23 December

6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols in St Mary's

Christmas Eve – 24 Dec

4.30pm Crib and Christingle Service

6.30pm Carols in the Square

11.30pm Midnight Communion (carols from 11pm).

Christmas Day

10am Family Eucharist



Used Stamps for the Leprosy Mission.

There will be a box at the back of the church from now until the end of January for your used British and/or foreign stamps. Please TRIM WITH SCISSORS to about ¼ inch all round. Thank you.
Julia Miles

Market Stall

Please note there will be no Market Stall meeting this month.

Thank You

With grateful thanks to Hadlow College for their donation to St Mary's again this year of a beautiful Christmas tree.



CHURCH CLEANING

Some of our volunteer church cleaners are becoming physically less able and this year we have lost two teams from the rota. If any younger or more able-bodied members of our congregation could spare an hour to an hour and a half every 8 weeks or so it would help enormously. We normally work in pairs although we have two people who work on their own. Could you help? If so, please see me after church to find out what is involved or ring me on 369817.

Ann Jenner

Volunteers for Church Watch needed

Would you be able to help out as a Church Watch volunteer for two hours just once a month? We do like to keep the church open on week day afternoons but sadly we feel that we cannot leave it unattended. For more information please speak to Janice or email office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

Hospital Car Service

If you need transport to a hospital or medical appointment, please contact Mike Harvey on 01732 852564.



Church Christmas Flowers

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, please give the money and the person's name to Rev'd Paul before Tuesday 18 December.



Thank you

Reflection based on the Collect for the 2nd Sunday of Advent

Today's collect has a distinct feeling of optimism about it – in contrast to the previous one.

There is penitence and an acceptance that we are all hindered by our "sins and wickedness". However, when God comes to earth we will be delivered from it by His grace and mercy.

That is why we pray so earnestly for the power and help to come. It is going to happen very soon, so rejoice!
A.W.

Who's who at St Mary's?

Vicar

The Reverend Paul White
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The Reverend Nicky Harvey
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Church Wardens

Martin Massy (01732 851519)
Barbara Smith (01732 852174)

Honorary Treasurer

David Gater (01732 850477)

Music Director

Antony le Fleming 01622 817842
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Parish Administrator

Janice (01732 850238/851519)
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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: Martin Massy (temp)
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Minutes of PCC meetings are on the notice board and on St Mary's website.