

St Mary's News: Sunday 16 December 2018

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Today

3rd Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

4pm Golden Green Carol Service

Communion anthems:

Gabriel's message – trad. carol

Be thou my vision – Chilcote

Voluntary:

Prelude in C minor – J S Bach

Readings:

Zephaniah 3. 14-end

Luke 3. 7-18

The Collect for the 3rd Sunday of Advent

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Next week

4th Sunday of Advent

No 8am Service

10am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons
and Carols

Readings:

Hebrews 10. 5-10

Luke 1. 39-55



Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in Tonbridge Road and Ashes Lane, and for Stephen and Terri Murphy on the first anniversary today of their wedding.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Mark Pepper

And from our Book of Remembrance we pray for

Robert Knell (16th)

Leonora Gladys Dann (17th)

Raymond Kenneth Walter (17th)

Maurice Thomas Henry Ballefant (18th)

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

Tuesday

9am Morning Prayer
8pm Historical Society

Wednesday

9.30 Holy Communion (BCP)
10.15 Hadlow Primary School
Carol Service
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Thursday

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Vicar's Surgery

Friday

7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday

We endeavour to open the Church Monday to Friday from 2pm to 4pm but this is dependent of the availability of volunteers.

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

Congratulations to Hadlow's new florist Daisies in Bloom who won the people's vote for their favourite tree. We thank all the organisations who have taken part in this year's Christmas Tree Festival and made this community event such a success; the church has been beautiful. Thank you too to all stewards, refreshments servers, helpers and all who came and supported it.



Christmas Services

Sunday 16 December

4pm Carol Service at Golden Green

Sunday 23 December

6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and 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



Volunteers needed for Church Watch

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@stmaryshadow.org.uk

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 SCISSIORS to about ¼ inch all round. Thank you.
Julia Miles

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*



Together

Look out for the new quarterly magazine by Rochester Diocese. It comes after feedback from parishes revealed that people valued a magazine in print, rather than one that is only available online. It comes in a convenient 'handbag' size format and contains the latest news, the Focus On section takes a look at activities across parishes and the Head Space section provides challenging insight and resources. The new magazine is also available online. Also, our own **Quarterly News** is now available.

Hospital Car Service

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



Reflection based on the Collect for the 3rd Sunday of Advent

Today's collect helps us to understand the role of John the Baptist. We know, from the account in Luke's gospel, of John's connection with his cousin Jesus. This role was to prepare people for Jesus and his ministry.

The crowds accepted John, although they might have wondered (when he appeared from the wilderness) about his strange clothing and unusual diet of locusts and honey.

His sincerity rose above everything else about him. He baptized people with water from the Jordan, including Jesus himself – and all with great humility.
A.W.



Who's who at St Mary's?

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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: Martin Massy

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