

St Mary's News: Sunday 6 January 2019

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Parish website : www.stmaryshadlow.org.uk

Today Epiphany

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Compline

Readings:

Isaiah 60. 1-6

Matthew 2. 1-12



The Collect for The Epiphany

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Next week

The Baptism of Christ

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

11.45am Baptism: Edith Haggart

Readings:

Isaiah 43. 1-7

Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22



Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in Common Road and Matthews Lane.

We pray for those who have recently died:
Ernie Bissenden
Daphne Soper

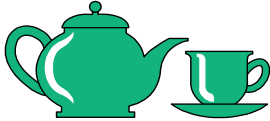
And from our Book of Remembrance we pray for

Brenda Joyce Ruddle (6th)
Stephen Nicholas Kemp (7th)
Patricia Parkin (7th)
Robin Bousfield (8th)
Dorothy Granville Cotman (8th)
Margaret "Hattie" Atkinson (8th)
Barbara Stirrup (10th)
Clifford Gibbs (11th)
Arthur Pepper (12th)

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

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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

Friday

7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday

10am Who Let the Dads Out?

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

Open to everyone. Held monthly in church on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Activities start at 5.30pm, tea at 6.15 and worship from 6.30pm.

Carols in the Square

We are delighted that Carols in the Square raised an impressive £837.86 this year, which will be shared between the Paddock Wood Food Bank to help pay for the hire of their premises, and St Mary's. Thank you to all who attended for their generosity.

Wednesday Study Group

Wednesday 9 January at 7.45 for 8 pm at 2 Spa Close. Please see the study sheet (available from Christopher) and do some preparation for the meeting, otherwise you won't get much out of it!

Volunteers needed for Church Watch

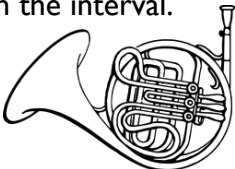
Would you be able to help out as a Church Watch volunteer for two hours just once a month? We do like to keep the church open on week day afternoons but sadly we feel that we cannot leave it unattended. For more information please speak to Janice or email office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

Concert

East Peckham Silver Band

Sunday 27 January 2018
at 2.30pm in St Mary's.

Beat the January blues and come and enjoy a concert programme of classical and well-loved tunes. Free admission but donations welcome in aid of the Church and the Band funds. Tea and cakes in the interval.

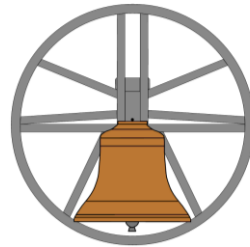


Learn to Ring

Learn a new skill, make new friends and help keep a centuries old tradition going. Hadlow Bell tower will be open for demonstration and taster sessions between 7pm and 8pm on the following Wednesdays:

- 9 January
- 15 January
- 23 January
- 30 January

All are welcome to have a go.



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

Hospital Car Service

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



Are you a UK taxpayer? For every pound you Gift Aid to St Mary's, the government will add 25p. It can also be claimed retrospectively. Gift Aid envelopes are available for one-off cash donations. You can also gift aid donations to charity appeals.

Reflection for Epiphany

The wise men did what people in the East or in Africa or in India would do when visiting royalty. They brought gifts.

Gold was the kind of gift that you brought to a king. Frankincense was the kind of gift that you would bring to a priest. Myrrh was given to someone who was about to die.

On This Twelfth Day of Christmas, otherwise known as Epiphany, think of the gift that you will offer to God in the coming year. The gift of time? The gift of your talents? Your service in the community? Your witness and testimony? The gift of undying love and devotion?

Their greatest gift comes to us in the form of a realization. The Wise Men were the first gentiles to recognize that Jesus belongs to everyone. Good news is for everyone, not just a select few.



Who's who at St Mary's?

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The Reverend Nicky Harvey
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David Gater (01732 850477)

Music Director

Antony le Fleming 01622 817842
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of all ages – always most welcome!)

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

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