

St Mary's News: Sunday 3 February 2019

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Today

Candlemas

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

3.30pm Messy Church

6.30pm Compline

St Mary's Mass setting

Anthem: When to the temple Mary went

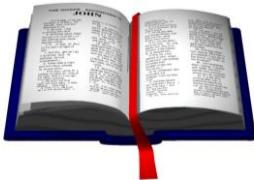
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Voluntary: Sonata in F – Mendelssohn

Readings:

Malachi 3 1-5

Luke 2. 22-40



The Collect for Candlemas

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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

4th Sunday before Lent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

6pm Evensong

Readings:

Isaiah 6, 1-85

Luke 5. 1-11



Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in Hailstone Close and Dray Court.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Maisie McNally

David Aldersley

For the family and friends of

Lilian Bevis and William Jackson
on the first anniversary this week
of their deaths

And from our Book of Remembrance we pray for

Marjorie Phyllis Stanley (4th)

Warwick James Dunford (4th)

Muriel Presnell Rendell (6th)

John Albert Leonard Wenham (7th)

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
8pm Outreach & Fundraising meeting

Tuesday

9am Morning Prayer

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 on 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 at 5.30pm. Activities, tea Activities start at 5.30pm, tea at 6.15pm, worship from 6.30pm. All welcome.

Volunteers needed for Church Watch

We could still do with a few more volunteers to help keep the church open on weekday afternoons. It only involves a couple of hours – from 2pm to 4pm – once a month. More information from Janice or email office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk



TODAY!!

**Sunday 3 February
3.30pm – 5.30pm**



All-age craft activities and games to help us explore the story of the wise and foolish builders. Followed by informal worship and tea. FREE

Items Needed

We need cardboard tubes, small boxes and other items suitable for junk modelling for today's Messy Church. These will be for the children to make their own houses.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place on Sunday 14 April at 11.45am. A new Electoral Roll is to be prepared during March – to remain on the Roll you will need to register (a new Roll has to be prepared every six years).

Choral Evensong

Next Sunday, 10 February, at 6pm. A traditional Evensong service with beautiful music.

HADLOW/KIBAKWE LINK TRIP 2019

A group from Hadlow will be travelling in August 2019 to Kibakwe, Tanzania as part of the Hadlow/Kibakwe Link. They will spend about eight days visiting organisations in Kibakwe with which Hadlow has specific links, in particular, the primary and the secondary schools; the Scouts; the hospital and the Anglican Church, who will be our hosts in Kibakwe. We also intend to spend time at St Philip's Theological College, Kongwa and finish with a visit to one of Tanzania's Game Parks. The trip will last just over two weeks and the very approximate cost per person is expected to be £2,300.

If you would like to be a part of this group and witness the Link in action please contact either Sharon Vanns on 07855 032727 or Jim May on 01732 503725.

Café Plus

Every second Wednesday. This month we meet on 13 and 22 Feb. Come along for coffee/tea, cake and chat, plus optional knitting or other craft. Downstairs in St Mary's from 1- 3pm.

Hospital Car Service

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



Reflection for Candlemas

I was not there.

I did not dream my way
up prayer-worn temple steps
As you did, Christ-mother, that day.

I was not there.

I did not scan the gloom
or clutch a hand for courage
in the Temple waiting-room.

I was not there.

I did not hear the praise
which ancient ones sang of your child
at the midnight of their days

I was not there.

I did not feel the sting
which bitter-sweet horizons
of your motherhood will bring.

But I am here.

And I would know a birth
to bring Divine Light's love
into an aching, longing earth.

Yes, I am here

And I would do my part.
O let a rising blade of spring
strike fire into my heart



Fr Simon Marshall

Who's who at St Mary's?

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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.