

St Mary's News: Sunday 5 January 2020

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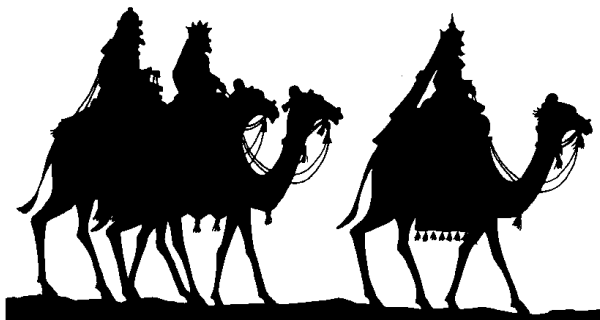
: St. Marys Hadlow

Today Epiphany

8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Eucharist

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

Readings:

Isaiah 42. 1-9
Matthew 3. 13-17



Prayers for the Week

We pray for all who live in
Hadlow Park and Valley Drive.

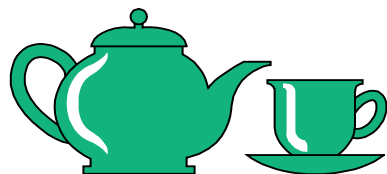
**At the anniversary of his
death this week, we pray for
David Aldersley**

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)

Welcome to St Mary's!

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



This week at a glance

Monday

9am Morning Prayer

Tuesday

9am Morning Prayer
5.30pm Yoga

Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots
1pm Café Plus
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Thursday

9am Morning Prayer

Friday

7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday

10am Who Let the Dads Out?

St Mary's Upper Rooms are available to hire at very reasonable cost. Please contact the Vicarage Office at office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

For Children and 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

During the 10am service in term-time

JAM (Jesus and Me) – up to 11 yrs
Christ in Action – 11 years +
All visitors' children are welcome

Saturday Coffee 2020

Volunteers are needed to man the monthly Saturday Coffee morning in 2020. Please sign up on the list in the porch. We also welcome groups both from within and outside St Mary's to run Saturday Coffee, with proceeds from sales of produce shared equally between the church and the group running the stall. For more information please contact Janice Massy.



Christmas Stamps.

The box for your used stamps will be at the back of the Church for December and January. All kinds of stamps are good but PLEASE TRIM THEM WITH SCISSORS to about ¼ inch. They will probably go to the Leprosy Mission but I am also open to other ideas.

Julia Miles

Café Plus

This coming Wednesday, 8 January, and every second Wednesday. Come along for coffee/tea, cake and chat, plus optional knitting, repair of kneelers or other craft activity. Downstairs in St Mary's from 1-3pm.



More Servers Needed

We need additional members to join our team of servers – to act as crucifer and as server. Please speak to Paul or Nicky.

St Mary's Library

If anyone is interested in taking over the running of the library (the rack of books near the exit to the north lobby) please contact Sue Wheeler.



Just one day a week. Please think about it.

Did you know that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men will experience some form of domestic abuse?

We are looking for MALE AND FEMALE VOLUNTEERS who are able to commit just one day a week to help us provide desperately needed emotional support, practical safety advice and advocacy services to victims in West Kent. Full accredited training will be provided. Just think... by committing just one day a week you'd be helping local men, women and children rebuild their lives.

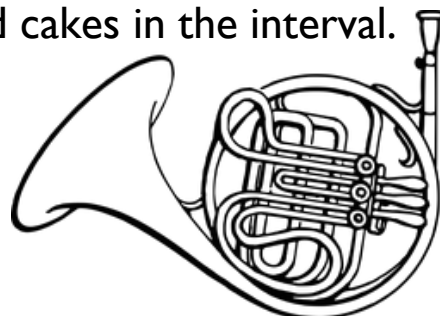
Interested? Want to find out more? Then simply email us at: office@davss.org.uk Thank you.

Concert

East Peckham Silver Band

Sunday 2 February 2020
at 2.30pm in St Mary's.

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.



Reflection: The Journey of the Magi Revisited

So we got there – eventually, Delayed by searches at the border crossings, sniffer dogs, suspicious officials flanked by hard-eyed young men toting guns. They questioned us: Were we smugglers? Might the costly spices we'd brought as gifts be banned substances? And what of the gold? Was it to finance arms smuggling or insurrection? Did we stick by this cock and bull story about following a star? Why didn't we use satnavs? Why this obsession with astrology? "A star portending the birth of a Jewish Ruler!" But they let us go, their racial prejudices trumped by their conviction that we were harmless crazies bent on a wild goose chase.

Finally, we reached journey's end, despite that last unnerving interview with Herod, honey tongued, but with ill-disguised murder in his eyes. Was it all worth it to discover by starlight a poor couple's boy child in a tiny shack?

Well, let me say this: on entering in we glimpsed majesty in his gaze, an awesome moment compelling worship. He needed no trumpets, no court flunkies, hype, or cameras.

A human child, he manifested a wisdom welling from the depths of the eternal silence. Here, we had touched divinity; Now for us life would never be the same.

Home we went another way and found another life.

Who's who at St Mary's?

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The Reverend Paul White
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Antony le Fleming (01622 817842)
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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; Barbara Smith & Michael Payne; Martin Massy; Francis Griffiths, Val Newell & Kelly Parsons (Deanery Synod reps.); Kirsty Finch; Jack Good; Jenny Hopkins; Julia Miles; Katerina Nixon; Rachel Packham; Lisa Porritt; Mark Totty & 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.