

# St Mary's News: Sunday 23 February 2020

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## Today

### The Sunday before Lent

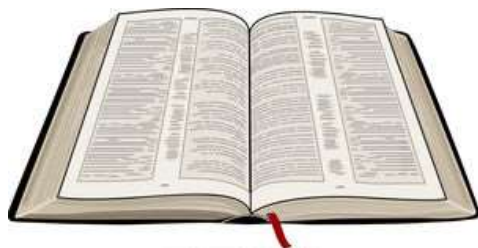
8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

### Readings:

Exodus 24. 12-end

Matthew 17. 1-9



### The Collect for the Sunday before Lent

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in  
majesty  
before he suffered death upon the  
cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to  
suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness,  
from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

## Next week

### The Sunday before Lent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

### Readings:

Romans 5. 12-19

Matthew 4. 1-11



### Prayers for the Week

We pray for all who live and work  
in Pierce Mill Lane and Sherenden  
Park.

### We pray for those who have recently died:

Marie Tuxford

Pauline Muriel Males

### And from our Book of Remembrance we pray for: John Walter Skelton (23<sup>rd</sup>)

*If you would like a loved one remembered on the anniversary of their death, please complete a blue form and the name will be added to the Book of Remembrance.*

## 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  
7pm Film: The King's Speech

### Tuesday

9am Morning Prayer  
5.30pm Yoga  
7.8pm Historical Society

### Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion for Ash  
Wednesday with imposition of  
ashes  
10.30 Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots  
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

### Thursday

9am Morning Prayer

### Friday

7.15pm Choir Practice

### Saturday

7pm Quiz Evening

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

Held in the Upper Room 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**

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## Lent Course

This year's Lent Course will be based around the film "The King's Speech". The course starts on 27 February and will run for six weeks. You have a choice of days: Thursdays at 1pm (with light lunch at 12.30), and Saturday mornings at 8am with a bacon roll. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church. The course book costs £5; to order a copy, please indicate on the sign-up sheet. There will be a showing of the film on Monday 24 February at 7pm in the Upper Room.



## **Quiz Night** with hot supper **NEXT SATURDAY** 29 February at 7pm.

A fun and friendly quiz evening – this year with a special round for children! Teams of up to six, entry £10 adults, £3 children, bring your own drinks. To book your place, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or contact Janice 851519 [office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk) Good quality raffle prizes would be very welcome.

### **Rev Paul's Sabbatical**

Just a reminder that Paul will be away from St Mary's from 1 March to 31 May. A sabbatical is given to all CofE clergy after 10 years' service and is intended to give them fresh experiences in order to refresh and renew their ministry. Paul will be spending time in Africa working with Mission Aviation Fellowship and, doubtless, will tell us all about it on his return. During Paul's absence the parish office will be open as usual on Tuesdays and Thursdays, all ministerial enquiries should be directed to Rev Nicky and our church-wardens also remain on hand. Please remember Paul and MAF during his time away.

### **'Focus on Faith' Ladies' Bible Day**

Wednesday 18 March, 9.15am-2.15pm at Ryarsh Village Hall  
About 6 of us usually go to these days along with about 100 others. Jean Kerr will be speaking on the subject 'I Can See Clearly'. Jean is well known in Rochester Diocese but has also done a lot speaking both here and abroad – in mud huts in India at one stage!  
Good teaching, good singing. good soup and sandwich lunch. Cost £10. Booking essential: contact Julia Miles.

### **World Day of Prayer 2020**

Friday 6 March at Tonbridge Methodist Church, Higham Lane. This year we join with Christians throughout the world to pray at a service prepared by women in Zimbabwe who have chosen the theme: Rise! Take your Mat and Walk. The service runs from 10-11.15am and is followed by refreshments. All welcome.

### **Lent in a Bag**

A limited number of bags are available at the back of church. Lent in a Bag contains a leaflet that will guide you through Lent using six objects as a focus to lead you through some bible verses and into prayer.

## Lost Property

If you are missing gloves, scarf or other items, please check among the lost property on the cupboard at the back of church.



## Reflection

based on Matthew 17. 1-8

*And he was transfigured before them....*

In such blinding brightness,  
his everyday clothes—  
dazzling white  
as no eyes  
on earth  
had ever seen.

Friends  
caught a bewildered glimpse  
of who he really  
was.

O Christ,  
take us to the mountain.

Transform  
our humdrum lives,  
all our doings—  
and our very  
being

into your  
love.

## Who's who at St Mary's?

### Vicar

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Barbara Smith (01732 852174)  
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### Treasurer

Martin Massy (01732 851519)

### Music Director

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.