

St Mary's News: Sunday 15 March 2020

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: St. Marys Hadlow

Today

3rd Sunday of Lent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Romans 5. 1-11

John 4. 5-42

The Collect for the 3rd Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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**

Coronavirus UPDATE

At St Mary's we are continuing to follow the guidance issued to us by the Diocese about the Coronavirus. This is as follows:

1. All parishioners will receive Communion in one kind, that is just the wafer. Only the priest will consume the wine.
2. Parishioners are to refrain from handshaking and any other physical contact during the sharing of The Peace.
3. We will not be passing the collection bags around during the Offertory Hymn, but ask you to place your offerings directly into the plate at the back of church before the service.

Thank you for your understanding

Prayers for the Week

We pray for all who live in Shipbourne Road and Dene Park.

We pray for those who have recently died:
Michael Chilton

And from Years Mind:

Elizabeth Gwendoline Taylor (15th)

Hazel Orton (19th)

Stanley William Payne (19th)

Grace Bunn (19th)

Carolyn Broussely (20th)

Welcome to St Mary's!

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

Next week

Mothersing Sunday

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Psalm 34: 11-20

John 19: 25-27

This week at a glance

Monday

9am Morning Prayer

8pm PCC Meeting

Tuesday

9am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Drumming

Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30 Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots

1pm Café Plus

7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Thursday

9am Morning Prayer

1pm Lent Course (12.30 lunch)

Friday

7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday

8am Lent Course

10am Saturday Coffee

6.45pm Hadlow Orchestra

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

St Mary's Lent Challenge

New Maternity Unit and School
Dormitories in Kibakwe.

If you have not already done so, please pick up a leaflet about this year's Lent Appeal. We will be raising funds for at least one more solar panel to provide lighting for three new girls' dormitories at the Secondary School. This will allow the girls to study in the evenings.

We are also hoping to provide more water filters for the hospital – this time for the new Maternity Unit to give a supply of clean water and help keep infant mortality to an absolute minimum.

Saturday



This coming Saturday, 21st March at 10am–12pm. This month, we are raising funds for our link parish of Kibakwe. We will also be entertained by younger members of St Mary's choir and there will be a chance to make Mothers' Day cards. Why not come along for coffee, biscuits and a chat, and buy home-made cakes and produce.

APCM and the Electoral Roll

The Church Electoral Roll (ER) is having its annual revision until 23 March. If you are already on the ER you do not need to do anything. If you are not on the ER and St Mary's has been your regular place of worship for at least six months, you are invited to join the Roll. Youngsters who will be aged 16 or over by the 25 April are eligible too. Being on the ER does not commit you to anything, but demonstrates your membership of St Mary's and entitles you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and to stand for office if you wish. The simple form you would need to sign is on the table at the back. The APCM will be held on Sunday 26 April. Please talk to a church warden or Martin Massy to find out more.

Messy Church

Sunday 29 March, 3.30pm-5.30pm



All Age craft activities to help us explore Holy Week and Easter. Followed by informal worship and tea. FREE. Everyone welcome, but no unaccompanied children please.

Messy Church Request

We are in need of some long cardboard tubes for our Messy Church session on the 29th March. We have some but could do with a few more. Ideally they would be the size found in the middle of wrapping paper. If anybody has any, could they be brought to church and placed in the Occasional Vestry.

Many thanks.

Nicky

Inter-church prayer meeting

Our next meeting to pray for the persecuted church is on Monday 16 March at 2.15 for 2.30pm at Jean Millman's house, 48 Yardley Park Road, Tonbridge, TN9 1NF. Telephone 01732 352757. All welcome.

UNLOCK WALK **Saturday, 25 April**

'In the Shadow of the Tower'.
Please see the latest Quarterly News for information on UNLOCK and this year's walk. Maps available from Julia Miles.

Prayer

Inspired by John 4.5-42

God:
meet us at the wells
where we are lonely
where we are forgotten
where we are hurt by others
and give us to drink
of the grace that brings life again

God:
speak to us in the trysting places
where the sinners gather
where the prejudices are made
known
where our histories are
broadcast
and give us to drink
of the forgiveness that brings
peace again

God:
Renew all that we are and have
been
fill us with a new future
inspire us with recreation
pull us into resurrection
and give us to drink
from the promise of heaven

Who's who at St Mary's?

Vicar

The Reverend Paul White
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Martin Massy (01732 851519)

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of all ages – always most welcome!)

Parish Administrator

Janice Massy (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; 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.