



4th Sunday of Trinity

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I hope you have had a good week, although the weather has been very dreary for June / July...

This weekend we shall see the pubs, barbers and remaining shops of Hadlow opening again but, sadly, we are not yet able to open St. Mary's. I hope I explained some of the reasons for that last week but, in short, we want to get it right in terms of both safety from covid, but also making sure that the worship is as appropriate as possible, in straightened circumstances. I said to Archdeacon Julie on Twitter, only half-jokingly, that a 'Sung Eucharist' without either singing or the eucharist is not quite the same. We are still working towards a re-opening date of 6th September and I pray that over the next couple of months there will be no 'second wave' and that we can then open with some confidence that we can stay open.

In the meantime I hope that you are able to join with us either for the weekday services on Facebook live (look for @stmaryshadow on Facebook) or for our Zoom worship. I know that it is not technically perfect but Annabelle and I are doing our best! We have ordered an upgraded broadband connection for the church (which will enable us to stream more services from there) but, at the date of writing, they have not yet sent me the new router. Maybe next week on that front.

Sadly, as you may have heard, there is something in Hadlow which won't be opening again, and that is St. Peter's Catholic Chapel. Without realising it at the time I may have been to the last service which will take place there, just before lockdown. I understand that there are wet rot problems with the floor and that the diocese has taken the decision not to reopen the chapel at all. I believe this has left Catholic sisters and brothers in Hadlow feeling rather shocked and bereft, understandably so. It also means, sadly, that our Good Friday 'Walk of Witness' next year won't be the same again either but I am sure we can plan something else, and I hope that we can still walk together with our Christian friends of all denominations, even if we can't start in the chapel. But do please bear that community in mind because, although 6th September still feels some way off, at least we are not facing permanent closure.

As always let me reiterate that although our services are currently virtual our Christian community is still very real and I am still very much here to talk to. If you would ever like to speak to me by telephone, email, Zoom or even a socially distanced chat somewhere then don't hesitate to contact me.

God bless,

Paul

Parish News

July and August Services A list of all live-streamed services is available on the website or [here](#).

Sunday 10am Eucharist for the 4th Sunday of Trinity In order to get the service started on time, do feel free to start joining from about 9.50am onwards. The order of service will appear on the screen as we go, and is also available on the church website or [here](#). If you are not on the email mailing list for the Zoom invitation, please let Paul have your email address.

Wanted: more volunteers for Zoom Intercessions and Readings If you would like to lead the intercessions or read a lesson during our Zoom Sunday services, please contact Janice who is drawing up a rota for August.

Zoom Coffee. We are planning to have coffee 'virtually' between 11.00am and 12.00pm again this Sunday after the service, via Zoom. If you would like to join us, the link will be the same as for the 10am service.

East & West Peckham Pilgrimage Trail As lockdown eases, and the need to get out and about increases, why not pack a picnic and walk East & West Peckham's own pilgrimage trail. This signposted circular 7 mile walk ambles gently between Holy Trinity Church in Bush Road, East Peckham to St Dunstan's in West Peckham to St Michael's, East Peckham's old church on the hill. The walk makes use of quiet country roads and public footpaths and passes close-by the (hopefully open) Bush, Blackbird & Thrush and the Swan on the Green pubs. For further details of the walk with map and guide visit: <https://britishpilgrimage.org/portfolio/east-west-peckham-pilgrimage-trail/>. Sadly, the trail does not come through Hadlow!

Financial giving. Thank you to all who are continuing to give to St. Mary's at this time. Your contributions are vital to maintaining ministry and meeting ongoing costs. If you would like to give on a regular basis, a standing order with your bank would be much appreciated. Please contact me on mhmassy@btinternet.com or 07725 603952 for further details, or if you would like to give by cheque or have your envelopes collected.
Martin Massy – Treasurer

Libraries Update From Monday 13 July, KCC will be opening 12 libraries, Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm. This includes Tonbridge Library, but not Hadlow. Limited services will be available, including pre-bookable computers and WiFi but not bookshelf browsing. Meantime, from 7 July books can be borrowed via a Select and Collect service where orders can be made online and over the phone, allowing customers to pick up their items from one of the 12 libraries at an agreed date and time.
Subject to government guidelines, additional libraries will be opened over the coming months providing further services, including bookshelf browsing.

Collect for the 4th Sunday of Trinity

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Today's Readings

Romans 7. 15-25a
Matthew 11. 16-19, 25-end

Next Week's Readings (Trinity 4)

Isaiah 55: 10-13
Mathew 13: 1-9,18-23

Prayers for the Week

We pray for all those living in:

Hope Avenue and The Paddock

At the first anniversary of their wedding we pray for:

Jarrold and Claire

We pray for those who have recently died:

Grace Burrows

From our Book of Remembrance we pray for:

Damacio Patnett (7th)
Dora Huckans (9th)
Eileen Donoghue (11th)

If you would like a loved one added to the Book of Remembrance, please contact Janice at office@stmaryshadow.org.uk