



Patronal Festival

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I want to begin by saying a huge 'thank you' to Kelly and Francesca for leading the services in St Mary's for the last two weeks - we are blessed to have them as part of our congregation and the Church of England is blessed to have them training for ordination. Thank you both!

Sunday

Our service tomorrow is Holy Communion at 10 am and it is also our Patronal Festival, remembering and honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary. The service is followed at 11 am by 'coffee and chat' and everyone is welcome to come and take part in that – the more the merrier. The Zoom link for both is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85120588446?pwd=SE9YNUIRVE9pajVpU2JOMEFadDNvdz09>

The week ahead

Our services and events for the coming week are as follows:

- Monday - 9.00 am Morning Prayer, 6.00 pm Compline
- Tuesday - 9.00 am Morning Prayer, 5.00 pm Evening Prayer
- Wednesday - 9.30 am Holy Communion in Lady Chapel (see below), 10.00 am to 11.30 am Church open for Private prayer, 6.00 pm Compline.
- Thursday - 9.00 am Morning Prayer, 5.00 pm Evening Prayer.

All the services above will be 'broadcast' on St Mary's Facebook page, which can be found by going to Facebook and searching for @stmaryshadow.

The **Wednesday morning** communion will be on Facebook but, for the first time, will also be open for a very limited number of attendees. We can have one person per block of seats in the Lady Chapel (so 3 people) or a maximum of two per block if they are from the same household 'bubble' (so a maximum of 6 if there are three 'couples'). In order to limit numbers (and ensure that no one is turned away) could you please let me know in advance if you would like to come to that service? Please either call me on 01732 850238 or email me at pauljohnwhite@gmail.com. It will have to be 'first come first served' but if you don't get a place in the first week I shall give you first preference in subsequent weeks. Sadly (although understandably) it is now compulsory to wear masks during church services, please bring your own. I shall not wear a mask during the service (as the leader of the service is not required to do so provided they are away from the congregation) but I shall put on a mask to distribute the wafers. There will be no sharing of the communion wine. Although this will be a small beginning I hope it will mark a further step on the road to returning to the church building.

That's quite enough for now - I hope to see you and worship with you tomorrow or as soon as possible.

Collect for our Patronal Festival

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
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 forever.
Amen.

Today's Readings

Revelation 11: 19 – 12:6,10
Luke 1: 46-55

Next Week's Readings (Trinity 11)

Exodus 1:8-2:10
Matthew 16:13-20

Prayers for the Week

We pray for: All who live in Great Elms, Smithers Close and the Cherry Orchard

At the first anniversary of their marriage we pray for Adam and Katrina

We pray for those who have recently died:
Jane Wilson
Joan Mitchell
David Hawkins

From our Book of Remembrance we pray for:

Raymond Boaz Mitchell (18th)
Michael John Rhodes (18th)
Brian Kelly (20th)
Margery Smith (21st)
Hugh James Ferguson (21st)
Irene Harwood (22nd)

Parish News

August Services Grateful thanks to Kelly and Francesca for conducting our services on 2nd and 9th August while Paul was on holiday.

Sunday 10am Holy Communion – Patronal Festival 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.

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.

Nicky's Licensing as Vicar of Marden will take place on 13th October and will comply with government guidelines for social distancing restrictions at that time. Meantime she is still on secondment at the benefice of Mereworth, Wateringbury and West Peckham.

Jane Wilson As many of you may know by now, Jane died peacefully on Saturday 25 July. Jane was a very active member of St Mary's and worshipped in Hadlow for many years before she moved to Tonbridge Care Home. Her daughters are collecting donations in her memory for The Hospice in the Weald in lieu of flowers. If anyone wishes to donate, they may do so through Abbey Funeral Services, either online at www.abbeyfs.co.uk or by post to Abbey Funeral Services Ltd, 173 High Street, Tonbridge TN9 1BX (Tel: 01732-360328).

New Parish Administrator's Telephone As Janice is now carrying out her Parish Administrator's duties from home, her new contact telephone number for parish business is 07570 941809.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting The APCM will take place on 25th October after the 10am service. The date has been confirmed following a letter to clergy by Bishop James stating that APCMs must take place by 31st October and may either take the form of physical attendance or take place by electronic means, eg Zoom. The form that the APCM will take will be decided at the September meeting of the PCC. If you would like to attend and vote, but are not yet on the electoral roll, please contact Martin Massy. All those who have already handed in forms do not need to reapply.

Hospital Car Service If you need transport to a hospital or other medical appointment, please contact Mike Harvey on 01732 851881.

Food Bank A reminder that we are there for those in need. If you know of any person or family who might be in need of food support, please do not hesitate to refer them to Paul or either of our Church Wardens.

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.

