



Trinity 13

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am excited that we shall be re-gathering in church on Sunday!

Thank you for those who have booked tickets at Eventbrite. All the tickets for this Sunday have now gone but please do feel free to book for following Sundays. One or two people have experienced issues with booking, and I know that no-one really likes having to do this, but we all hope that this is only a short-term necessity. The link for Sunday week (and then beyond) can be found [here](#).

Sunday 6th September

If you are attending in person this Sunday then please do bring your own mask and arrive in time to cleanse hands, sign in and take your seat before 10 am. During the service there will be instructions about how we shall be taking communion and so forth. It will be a bit weird and new but it is a start.

If you are joining us via Zoom then the link is below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86911631869?pwd=ZnJTM0k1UU03Vk96RlhPZFpCbVZSQ09>

If you can neither be there nor join us on Zoom then please do continue to pray for us as we take baby steps back...

The Week Ahead

The week ahead is going to look a bit different from usual, partly because my children are starting back at school and will need running to and from, and partly because we have a funeral booked for Friday 11th, which would be my usual rest day. So my provisional plan for next week is as follows:

Monday	9.30 am Morning Prayer 6.00 pm Compline
Tuesday	9.30 am Morning Prayer 5.30 pm Evening Prayer
Wednesday	9.30 am Holy Communion in Lady Chapel 10.30 am - 12.30 pm Church Open for Private Prayer 6.00 pm Compline
Thursday	No services 2.00 pm Funeral in Church: Robert Jackson
Friday	9.30 am Morning Prayer 2.00 pm Funeral in Church: Frederick Phillips 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

I used the word 'provisional' above. If the traffic is truly awful then some times may change at short notice. It will be a 'learning' week and, when we have a better idea how things will look future weeks will be a bit more certain. Please bear with me and, perhaps, pray for us as we start a new routine.

Sunday 13th September

Christopher will be preaching for us next week, thank you, Christopher.

The Eventbrite tickets for this week are [here](#) and, finally, the Zoom code for Sunday 13th is below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82092402967?pwd=TU5JODNCaWVDbGJMbkpEOTdyTFNz09>

Can I just conclude by saying that I understand that many people find this all very difficult - everything from Zoom, to wearing masks and having to order tickets for services. It is all very un-churchlike and off-putting. I agree. I am utterly with you. But, for the time being, the whole world has changed and I hope and I pray that by doing what we need to do now we can get back to a world without masks and tickets for services all the sooner. I don't want to labour the analogy, but think of the persecuted church around the world and throughout time - many Christians have risked their lives to profess and practice their faith in many different contexts. If they can do that for Christ then we can do this!

God bless,

Rev'd Paul

Collect for Trinity 13

Almighty God,
who called your church to bear witness
that you were in Christ
reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Today's Readings

Romans 13: 8-end

Matthew 18:15-20

Next Week's Readings (Trinity 14)

Genesis 50:15-21

Matthew 18:21-35

Prayers for the Week

We pray for all who live in:

Hadlow Park and Valley Drive.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Frederick Phillips

Robert Jackson

Lesley Tubbs

From our Book of Remembrance we pray for

Isabel Hartopp (6th)

Ruby Read (7th)

Paul-Iles Buck (8th)

Evelyn Gater (11th)

If you would like a loved one added to the Book of Remembrance, please contact Janice at office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk 07570 941809.

Parish News

Wanted: more volunteers for Intercessions We would still like more people to join our rota for leading the prayers during our Sunday services in church. If you would be willing to give it a try please contact Paul or Janice. Advice and guidance will be given.

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 Nicky is still on secondment at the benefice of Mereworth, Wateringbury and West Peckham, but will be returning to Hadlow for a final service at St Mary's on Sunday 27 September at 10am.

Parish Administrator's New 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.

Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride

This will take place on Saturday, 12th September. If anyone would like to take part on their bicycles or walking, I have the sponsorship forms. Please let me know in good time as we will try and get some sponsorship for you via the Church news sheet. Also, anyone willing to sit in the church (wearing a mask) for an hour in the morning please let me know. So few cyclists come in the afternoon that I may just leave the church locked with a form for them to sign.

Julia Miles (Tel. 852323) or jmiles46@btinternet.com

Great British Garden Party –Sunday 20 September. Stephanie Ingham is hosting a garden party in support of the National Open Garden Scheme to raise money for vital nursing charities. All at St Mary's Church are invited to come along between 11am and 4pm to her garden at Walnut Tree Cottage, High Street, Hadlow, TN11 0DG. Please RSVP to stephanie_wilcox@hotmail.com

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.