

St Mary's News: Sunday 8 November 2020

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Today

Remembrance Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion via
Zoom

10.50am Act of Remembrance at
the War Memorial in Hadlow
Cemetery (fully booked)

Readings:

I Thessalonians 4: 13-end
Matthew 25: 1-13



The Collect for Remembrance Sunday

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all; govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Next week

2nd Sunday before Advent

10am Holy Communion via
Zoom

Readings:

I Thessalonians 5: 1-11
Matthew 25: 14-30



Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all Members of the Congregation.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Peter Smith (from Brookfields)

And from our Book of Remembrance we pray for

Brian Henry Evans (12th)

Kenneth Holland-Roe (13th)

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.

This Week at a glance

Monday

9.30am Morning Prayer (F)
6pm Compline (F)

Tuesday

9.30am Morning Prayer (F)
5.30pm Evening Prayer (F)

Wednesday

9.30 Holy Communion (BCP) (F)
10.30 Church open for private
prayer and food bank
6pm Compline (F)

Thursday

9.30am Morning Prayer (F)
5.30pm Evening Prayer (F)

Friday

Saturday

F = services via Facebook

Wanted: more volunteers for Intercessions

We still need more people to lead the prayers during our Sunday services in church. If you would be interested in taking part in this important part of our worship and would be willing to join the rota – or would like more information please contact Paul or Janice. Guidance will be given. know if you wish to join in.



Remembrance Sunday & Services in Lockdown

'Despite lockdown, we shall today be conducting the 'traditional' wreath-laying ceremony at the War Memorial, including the Last Post and the reading of names of the fallen. The service is limited to a maximum of 30 in accordance with Hadlow Parish Council and current Covid guidelines. Sadly, it is no longer possible to book a space for this service. If you have been unable to secure a space, then please do mark the moment with the Cenotaph service from London and keep the silence at home at 11am. We can still seek to remember what we are about even when physically we can't be together

On future Sundays there will be no 8am service but I shall be Zooming the 10am service from St Mary's as previously. I shall share a link each week for the following Sunday. As we are now fully 'Covid-ready' in church we shall be back in as soon as we are allowed – hopefully on Sunday 6 December. However, we are all '*watching this space*' and I shall keep you posted. Finally, although we are going 'virtual' again for a while I am still here in reality too so please don't hesitate to call or email if I can help in any way.

God bless, ' *Rev'd Paul*

Hadlow Advent Windows

Do you have a window that could help light up Hadlow this December? We are looking for homes to take part in an Advent calendar with a difference. We need



up to 24 windows in the village that can each be seen from the street, decorated with a scene on



a Christmas theme. On each day a new window will be revealed – just like an Advent calendar. For lots

of ideas just Google 'Advent Windows'. Get

the family involved! We want to make this a real community effort. If you are interested in taking part,



please contact Janice or email hadlowadventwindows@gmail.com

Virtual Café Plus

Knitting Update - So far, we've got wool, knitting needles and some patterns in the church (to the right of the doors to the north porch lobby). Do help yourselves. Please ring Pippa on 01732 503725 for more wool etc.

St Mary's Hadlow Foodbank.

Life is tough at the moment and, for some people, it could well get tougher in the coming weeks and months. If you know of anyone in need of some extra food support for any reason, please remember that St Mary's runs an emergency food bank. Anyone who needs help may come to the church on Wednesdays between 10.30am and 12.30pm (no appointment needed) or call Rev'd Paul on 01732 850238. For those who have children in Hadlow Primary School, food help can also be obtained by contacting Sharon Vanns at the school.

If you are able to support our food bank, all donations of food or money would be greatly appreciated.

Zoom Coffee

Starting next week and during lockdown, we will have Zoom Coffee at 11am after the Sunday service.

Hospital Car Service

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



A SONNET FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

November pierces with its black
remembrance
Of all the bitterness and waste of
war.
Our silence tries but fails to
make a semblance
Of that lost peace they thought
worth fighting for.
Our silence seethes instead with
wraiths and whispers,
And all the restless rumours of
new wars,
The shells are singing as we sing
our vespers,
No moment is unscarred, there
is no pause,
In every instant bloodied
innocence
Falls to the weary earth, and
whilst we stand
Quiescence ends again in
acquiescence,
And Abel's blood still cries in
every land.
One silence only might redeem
that blood,
Only the silence of a dying God.

By Malcolm Guite



Who's who at St Mary's?

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PCC Members, any of whom can be approached for help or information:

Reverend Paul White; Michael
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Synod rep.); Melissa Crawsham-
Williams; Kirsty Finch; Jenny
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Newell; Katerina Nixon; Lisa
Porritt; and other members.

PCC Secretary:

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*Minutes of PCC meetings are on the
notice board and on St Mary's
website.*