

St Mary's News: Sunday 29 November 2020

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Today

Advent Sunday

10am Holy Communion via

Zoom

11.3am Zoom Coffee

Readings:

Isaiah 64: 1-9

Mark 13: 24-end



The Collect for Advent Sunday

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Next week

2nd Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion in church and via Zoom

Readings:

2 Peter 3: 8-15

Mark 1: 1-8



Prayers for the Week

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

And from our Book of Remembrance we pray for

Patricia Robinson (29th)

Edgar Richard Dann (30th)

Norman James Collins (30th)

Connie Bell (30th)

Vera Rose Neve (30th)

Leslie Wright (2nd Dec)

Florence Mary Culshaw (2nd)

Patricia Marston 3rd)

Alan Boatwright (5th)

Zoom Coffee

All are welcome to stay for Coffee and Chat via Zoom immediately after the Sunday service.



This Week at a glance

Monday

9am Morning Prayer (F)
6pm Compline (F)

Tuesday

9am 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. am Morning Prayer (F)
5.30pm Evening Prayer (F)

Friday

Saturday

F = services via Facebook

Zoom Coffee

After today's service, why not stay connected for a virtual coffee and chat via Zoom. It will take place immediately after the 10am Zoom service, so no need to leave and return later as in previous weeks.

New Tier 3 Restrictions

Despite Kent being placed in the highest tier of Covid restrictions, following the current lockdown, the good news is that churches are still allowed to meet.

Although we shall be open on 6 December, Tier 3 restrictions do mean that you can only sit in your existing 'bubbles' and there must be NO socialising between bubbles either before or after the service. The usual rules about hand sanitising and signing-in also apply. Most of this is what we were doing prior to the most recent lockdown. However, to ensure maximum distancing within church the number of tickets available for the 10am service has been reduced back to 30. For the time being, we are going to have to enforce that quite strictly. The booking regime via Eventbrite still stands. There will also be an 8am service (limited now to 3 people, one in each block of seats unless you are a 'bubble'). The Eventbrite links for both services are on St Mary's website home-page. If you have difficulties accessing Eventbrite, please contact Paul or Janice.

Hadlow Advent Windows Starts This Week!

The first window will be unveiled on Tuesday 1st December, followed by a new window display being revealed every day until the 24th – just like an Advent calendar. The windows will be lit from 4pm to 9pm.

Follow the Advent Windows Trail! Trail maps are available in Church, Hadlow Parish Office, Hadlow Pharmacy and Hadlow Bakery. Alternatively they can be



downloaded from: St Mary's website, St Mary's Facebook page, Hadlow Parish Council website and Facebook page, and from other Hadlow community Facebook pages.



Wanted: more volunteers for Intercessions

Thank you to those who have recently volunteered to take part in this important part of our worship. We are soon to draw up a rota for the new year and would welcome a few more to join it – or just give it a try. Guidance will be given. For more information please contact Paul or Janice.

CD of Organ Music by Antony le Fleming is now available!



The CD costs £10 and is available direct from Antony, email: antle Fleming@gmail.com. or telephone 01622 817842.

Alternatively, we have some available in church and you could buy one when services in St Mary's resume or, in the meantime, you could contact Janice who would deliver to your door if you live in Hadlow.

We look forward to Antony joining us and playing the organ once more at our 10 o'clock service in church on Sunday 6 December.

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.

In the lead-up to Christmas, we would welcome donations of any seasonal or luxury items to spread a little Christmas cheer among all the family for those needing our support.



Hospital Car Service

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



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 Payne & John Speed; Martin Massy; Val Newell (Deanery Synod rep.); Melissa Crawsham-Williams; Kirsty Finch; Jenny Hopkins; Richard Hopkinson; Janice Massy; Julia Miles; Steve 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.