

St Mary's News

Sunday 30 May 2021

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Today

Trinity Sunday

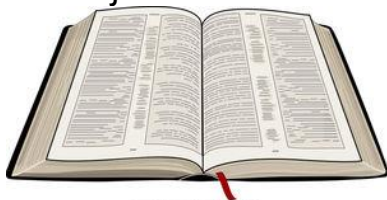
8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion in church and via Zoom

Readings:

Isaiah 6: 1-8

John 3: 1-17



The Collect for Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 for ever.

Amen

Next week

1st Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion in church and via Zoom

Readings:

Genesis 3:8-15

Mark 3:20- end



Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in Bourne Park and Hartlake Road.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Christopher Taylor

Rob Wratten

And from our Book of Remembrance we pray for

Margaret Lorna Thom (30th)

Archibald Swainson (Priest) (1st)

Joan Plowright (1st)

Kenvyn Ritchie Trefor Davies (1st)

George Ellard (2nd)

John Macnamara (2nd)

Ross Morgan (2nd)

Joan Turner (4th)

Raymond Charles Norbury (4th)

This Week at a glance

Monday

Bank Holiday: no services

Tuesday

9am Morning Prayer (F)

5.30pm Evening Prayer (F)

Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am-12.30pm Church open

6pm Compline (F)

Thursday

9am Morning Prayer (F)

5.30pm Evening Prayer (F)

Friday

7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday

F = services via Facebook live

Help St Mary's receive £1000!

Ecclesiastical Insurance are offering to donate £1000 to a church – however we have to be nominated and the more nominations we get the better our chance. If you are happy to do this then please follow [this link](#) (available also on our website) and nominate us before the closing date of 13 June. Our charity number is 1170577 and our official charity name is The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Mary, Hadlow.

Church Opening

Volunteers?

As Covid restrictions gradually ease, the PCC would like to open the church for another morning or afternoon each week, preferably on a Friday, as this spaces out our opening times quite nicely (i.e. Wednesday, Friday and Sunday). However this will need people to volunteer to open and close the church and oversee the food bank. This latter is not onerous and I shall talk you through it. Obviously, the more who volunteer the less time consuming it is for each person, but if you can only spare one morning or afternoon a month do please 'sign up' for this. Please contact either me or Janice and let us know when would work for you and we shall organise a rota. It would be good to see the church even more open.

Rev. Paul

Rob Wratten

Rob's funeral is on 14 June at 2 pm at Great Glen Crematorium in Leicester. Sadly, they cannot welcome any more guests to that service. However the family are planning a memorial service in St Mary's for both Rob and Joan later this year, followed by a burial of ashes in the cemetery, so please watch out for further details.

Everything you always wanted to know about Church (but were afraid to ask)

Why do we have 'liturgy' at all?

Before delving into the various parts of the service I want to step back and look at the question 'Why do we have liturgy at all?'

Every service at St Mary's has an 'order of service', which contains the words of the service. In broad terms, this is the liturgy and it tells us what to say, when to sit and stand, when we sing (hopefully soon) and when we can leave!

Some churches don't have printed orders of service and appear less 'liturgical' but, in my experience, all churches follow their own pattern of worship whether it is on paper, on a screen or only in the habits of those who attend. And having a pattern of worship is good as it ensures that we have some kind of order in our worship (1 Cor 14:26) and it maintains a balance between hearing the lessons from the bible, singing God's praises, praying, sharing communion and the other things we do.

But this is the important thing. The word 'liturgy' means 'work of the people' and this emphasises the point that what happens in church is never intended to be a performance by the Vicar (or the Choir) which is simply watched or heard by a congregation.

Celebrating the liturgy is, first and foremost, a work of all the people present. That is why the congregation has certain words to say (which we will look at later), why we sit and stand at various points and why members of the congregation do things like lead the prayers, read a lesson and serve at the altar. The priest does not perform the liturgy at the people, rather we the people of God work together to celebrate, with the person ordained by the church doing the bits of the liturgy we are ordained to do.

During lockdown I was always keen that our online services should be done on Zoom because this was the best way of ensuring the proper 'to and fro' of our liturgy - without that interaction, that call and response, there is always the danger of making our worship performative rather than collaborative. Which is a good word, as that also means 'working together', which is what liturgy is all about!

Next week I shall start looking at the individual elements of the service but, if you have any particular questions, do keep them coming and I shall endeavour to answer them as we get to them.

Rev. Paul



Hadlow Scarecrow Trail: 25th – 26th September



It's that time of year again! Covid restrictions allowing, we are hoping to run our scarecrow trail again this year.

Theme: Historical Figures. If you might like to take part or want more details, contact Kirsty at:

hadlow.scarecrowtrail@gmail.com.

The event this year is being kindly sponsored by Hadlow Pharmacy.

Bishopscourt Garden Open

as part of the National Garden Scheme, Sat & Sun June 12 & 13, 1pm-5pm. 24 St Margaret's Street, Rochester, ME1 ITS. Tickets £5, children free. Tea and cake and plant stall. Disabled parking only.

St Mary's Food Bank Update

At the moment we are mostly keeping pace with the steady demand, but there are a few items which would be particularly welcome and some with which we are already well stocked!

Items required:

Toilet rolls, baked beans, UHT skimmed milk, tinned fish, coffee, biscuits, fruit juice .

Items NOT currently needed:

Rice, muesli, tinned tomatoes!

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 & Barry Wheeler (Deanery Synod reps.); Cathy Brill, Melissa Crawshay-Williams; Kirsty Finch; Mike Harvey; Jenny Hopkins; Richard Hopkinson; Janice Massy; Steve Newell; Katerina Nixon; Lisa Porritt.

PCC Secretary:

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