

St Mary's News

Sunday 13 June 2021

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Today

2nd Sunday after Trinity
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Holy Communion in
church and via Zoom

Readings:

2 Corinthians 5: 6-17
Mark 4: 26-34



The Collect for the

2nd Sunday after Trinity

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Next week

3rd Sunday after Trinity
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion in
church and via Zoom

Readings:

Job 38:1-11
Mark 4:35-41



Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in Kelchers Lane and Medway View

And from our Book of Remembrance we pray for

Peter John Corbett (13th)
Nina Lilian Tickner (15th)
Ronald Debenham (16th)
Julian Livingston Booth (19th)
Dennis Arthur Graves (19th)

This Week at a glance

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

9.30am 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 live

Help St Mary's receive £1000!

TODAY (13 June) is the closing date for nominations for a chance to receive a donation of £1000 from Ecclesiastical Insurance. The more nominations we get the better our chance. If you are happy to do this then please visit: <https://www.ecclesiastical.com> and follow the link on the home page. Our charity number is 1170577 and our official charity name is The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St. Mary, Hadlow.

Sisters and Brothers

Remember the end of last week's reading?

"Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Mark 3:35

That is why I always call you 'sisters and brothers' – because in seeking to do the will of God we are each transformed from being who we are and to whom we may be related physically and we become a new creation, a new family, siblings because of Christ, and with Christ. That is quite a thing, when you dwell on it, and so we should! *Rev. Paul*

Children's Society Box Collection

Offering of Children's Society boxes will take place at the 10am Service on Sunday 20 June. If you are unable to attend the service, please hand your box to a Church Warden or Kirsty beforehand or ring Kirsty on 850404.

Michael Chilton

A Memorial Service to remember Michael will be held in St Mary's on 24 June at 11am. Michael was a long-standing member of the choir. He died in March 2020 but received a very low-key funeral due to Covid restrictions.

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

The question I have been asked most relates to what I wear.

The clerical collar, also known as the 'dog collar' Before our current plastic collars they were made from cotton (attached to collarless shirts), before that, clerics would have worn a simple white cloth tied around the neck and before that one would probably have recognised a priest more by their cassock than their collar. I tend to wear a black clerical shirt and I quite like the symbolism of the white collar representing the light of Christ shining through the darkness of our fallen nature The main purpose of wearing a clerical collar is to make one recognisable as a priest and it sends the signal that one can be approached in that way. Some priests worry that the collar makes them look unapproachable but, in my experience those 'big' conversations of life, death and the meaning of everything only tend to get started when people see the collar and know they can talk to you. Of course, it does put some people off, but at least people know who you are. Because when one puts the collar on there is a feeling of not only representing the Church of England but of removing the bushel from the lamp and being a public Christian.

The shirt: I go for a simple black, whereas bishops tend to wear

purple, probably because that colour was associated with the nobility in the past, and bishops used to be both wealthy and powerful. That is not usually the case any longer! Some bishops eschew purple and stick with black, notably Rowan Williams, even when archbishop. Other clergy, of a less catholic persuasion, may wear a variety of coloured shirts, from blue to grey via African prints (Justin Welby wears a lot of these). The worst I have seen was a shiny jade green worn by a hospital chaplain.

The cassock. This is the long black garment, which reaches to the floor, with lots of buttons down the front. No, I don't undo them all each time! Strictly speaking a cassock is not a eucharistic vestment but was worn by clergy as the 'top layer' when going about normal life, In that sense it is simply a coat or a long jacket. I really ought to wear mine more often in daily life because if the collar makes me feel priestly then the cassock amplifies this ten-fold! Interestingly I have friends who minister in inner-city areas who wear their cassocks much more than I because it helps them be recognised as religious leaders, eg by the Muslims around them. Perhaps when the weather cools down again you may see me 'cassocked-up' more frequently.

So the collar, shirt and cassock are the everyday base layer for clergy. On top of those go the vestments for worship – which we can look at next week. *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, Saturday & Sunday 12 & 13 June, 1pm-5pm. 24 St Margaret's Street, Rochester, ME1 1TS. Tickets £5, children free. Tea and cake and plant stall. Disabled parking only.

St Mary's Food Bank

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.