

# St Mary's News

Sunday 20 June 2021

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## Today

### 3rd Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion in church and via Zoom with Children's Society Offerings

### Readings:

Job 38: 1-11

Mark 4: 35-41



### The Collect for the 3rd Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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

### 4th Sunday after Trinity

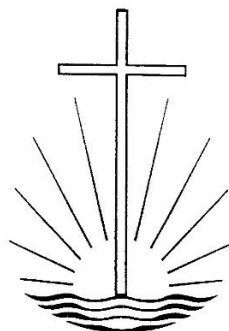
8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion in church and via Zoom

### Readings:

Lamentations 3: 23-33

Mark 5: 21-end



### Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in Pierce Mill Lane and Sherenden Park.

### **And from our Book of Remembrance we pray for**

Laura Trayford (22<sup>nd</sup>)

Douglas Oswald Reeves (23<sup>rd</sup>)

John William Frost (24<sup>th</sup>)

Sue Livett (24<sup>th</sup>)

Freda Mabel Day (26<sup>th</sup>)

## **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

## **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.

## **An Environmentally Sustainable St Mary's?**

The Church of England has recently adopted a motion to make our church buildings carbon neutral by 2030. That is only 8½ years away and does represent a significant challenge. Nonetheless it is vital that we all play our part in handing on a habitable planet to our children. Over the coming months and years we are going to see an increasing emphasis on making St Mary's an environmentally sustainable community, and that is something in which we can all play our part. This is not an optional part of being a Christian, but is an integral part of how we love God's creation and how we 'steward' the gifts we are given.

So 'watch this space' but, also, please think about and pray about what we can all do to reduce our adverse impact on our environment. *Rev. Paul*

## **Children's Society Box Collection**

If you were unable to return your box today (20 June), please bring it along next week, hand it to a church warden or ring Kirsty 850404.

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

Last week I covered the collar, shirt and cassock which are all part of the normal daily wear of the priest. This week and next are about the items which go on top of those when we are celebrating both eucharistic and other services. It may be worth saying that because of the huge diversity within the Church of England, not every priest or church will do things the same way or even agree with my interpretations.

### **Non-Eucharistic Services**

For services which don't involve celebration of Holy Communion, e.g. choral evensong, weddings, funerals and baptisms the priest will wear 'choir dress'. This means wearing a 'surplice' over the cassock. The surplice is the knee-length white garment with big sleeves. For a choral evensong the priest would put their academic hood over the surplice. The hood shows which university was attended and which degree the priest has – simply a signifier that one is sufficiently 'learned' for the role! On top of the academic hood is worn a black preaching scarf (if one is preaching), again, a signifier that one is authorised to preach in the church. I always try

to ensure that the preaching goes on top of the learning, rather than the other way around.

For weddings, funerals and baptisms the academic hood and scarf are replaced by a 'stole' in the appropriate colour, which is white for weddings and baptisms and purple for funerals. This is because these services are 'sacramental' and the stole signifies that one is a priest who is ordained to take such services. There are a number of theories about the origins of the stole, which simply means 'garment' in Greek. Some say that it came from the Jewish prayer shawl, from Jesus wearing a towel around himself to wash the disciples' feet or from the scarf of office used by imperial officials in the Roman empire. I have also seen it connected theologically with the 'yoke of Christ' (Matthew 11.30). Whatever the historical and theological truth, the reality is that the stole is now deeply associated with the role of a priest celebrating a sacrament. When I put on and take off the stole I normally kiss the cross in the centre of it and I am always deeply conscious of both the privilege and the responsibility of bearing the yoke of Christ in that way.

*Rev. Paul*

*Next week: Eucharistic Vestments*

## Hadlow Scarecrow Trail 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 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, please contact Kirsty at: [hadlow.scarecrowtrail@gmail.com](mailto:hadlow.scarecrowtrail@gmail.com). The event this year is being kindly sponsored by Hadlow Pharmacy.

## 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! Why not take a look at the Food Bank items in the Occasional Vestry and see what gaps might need to be filled.

## Hospital Car Service

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



## Who's who at St Mary's?

### Vicar

The Reverend Paul White  
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### Church Wardens

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John Speed (07725 691518)

### Honorary Treasurer

Martin Massy (01732 851519)  
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### Parish Administrator

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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.*