

# St Mary's News

Sunday 11 July 2021

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## Today

### 6th Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion in church and via Zoom

### Readings:

Amos 7: 7-15

Mark 6: 14-29



### The Collect for the

### 6th Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

### 7th Sunday after Trinity

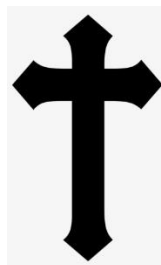
8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion in church and via Zoom

### Readings:

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Mark 6: 30-34, 53-end



### Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in Shipbourne Road and Dene Park, and for Emily and Joe who were married here yesterday.

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

Eileen Donoghue (11<sup>th</sup>)

Betty Daniels (12<sup>th</sup>)

Colin Welch (14<sup>th</sup>)

Joan Juddery (15<sup>th</sup>)

Edith Frost (16<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**

## **Changes to Covid Regulations**

After the substantial lifting of Covid-related restrictions on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, our service on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> may feel quite different. We certainly hope we will all be able to sing that day. However, the Church of England is awaiting the Government's final decision before it will update its own guidance. Meantime, a statement from the Bishop of London can be found on the Church of England website.

## **Morning & Evening Prayer on Facebook Live**

The week commencing Monday 12 July will be the last week that I shall be streaming Morning and Evening Prayer on Facebook.

When lockdown first happened, the churches were closed and everything else was effectively stopped, this was a great way to reach people on a daily basis, and it was apparent that this met a real need. It was a privilege to pray with a good number of you in this way, and I am very glad that we were able to do so.

However as the church is now open for services and as work and school life is resuming I have found that the regular engagement with these Facebook services has reduced dramatically. In addition, as my own 'busyness' has increased in recent months so it has become more challenging to make this happen regularly. I therefore think it best to put this in the box marked 'covid' and put it aside for the moment. Naturally if, heaven forbid, things change for the worse then it is always there to come back to. But let's hope it is not necessary.

## **Church Open 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays**

Jenny Hopkins, our Anna Chaplain, will be in church and happy to chat on the first and third Friday of each month.

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

Having confessed and been absolved of our sins we are a renewed creation and our first response is one of joy – which is expressed in a great hymn of praise to the Trinity – the **Gloria in Excelsis**. Its full title is 'Gloria in Excelsis Deo', which means 'Glory to God in the highest' which, of course, are the opening words. These words echo those sung by the angels when they announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds (Luke 2:14) and so the Gloria is sometimes also called the Angelic Hymn, which is lovely. The remainder is a doxology (a hymn of praise) to the whole Trinity, a bit like the extra-biblical ending to the Lord's Prayer. There are other parts of the liturgy which also recall the words of the angels in scripture (e.g. the 'Holy, holy, holy' in the Eucharistic prayer) and this should remind us that our liturgy has deep biblical roots and that as we praise God we are literally joining our voices with the angels and archangels. When I worshiped in an Eastern Orthodox church I asked for an order of service (being an Anglican) and the priest said I should just let the worship of the angels wash over me. We don't say or sing the Gloria during the seasons of Advent or Lent (as these are the sombre penitential seasons)

but this omission should renew our joy when we sing them again. Interestingly the BCP puts the Gloria at the end of the service, just before the blessing, so that we are sent out with the Angelic Hymn in our hearts whereas in Common Worship it is close to the beginning of our worship. Either way, when we sing to the glory of God a little bit of heaven comes down to earth. After the Gloria we take a moment of quiet before praying the **Collect**. This has nothing to do with collecting money, which has been said to me before! Rather it is a prayer which changes every week and it collects together the theme of the day or the week. For example last week was the Pentecost season of ordinations and the collect included a prayer for 'vocation and ministry' of all God's faithful people, and that collect was prayed not only on Sunday but through the week at morning and evening prayer. Most collects will be used that way for the whole week, unless there is a celebration of a saint or other event in the life of the church. If you are ever stuck for a prayer, it can be useful to refer to the collect (always printed on pew news) as this can establish our prayers in the prayer of the whole church for that week, and which may remind us that, as part of the church, we not only sing with the angels but we also pray with one another.

*Rev. Paul*

## Hadlow Scarecrow Trail 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> September



We are hoping to run our scarecrow trail again this year. Theme: Historical Figures. This year's

event is being kindly sponsored by Hadlow Pharmacy. If you might like to take part or would like more details, contact Kirsty: [hadlow.scarecrowtrail@gmail.com](mailto:hadlow.scarecrowtrail@gmail.com).

### Zooming Services

A few people have asked whether Sunday services on Zoom when the final restrictions are lifted. My answer to that is an emphatic yes! I see Zoom (or whatever streaming program we end up using in the future) as a way of both reaching those who can't come into church, for whatever reason, but also as a way of being missional or evangelistic to those who may only interact with church on the internet. I suspect that we have only begun to scratch the surface of how we do it and how we use the recorded services. We are looking at better equipment, a more reliable broadband and, when Annabelle leaves for university in September (she is off to Exeter!) we shall need some replacement operators.

*Rev. Paul*

## 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.*