

St Mary's News

Sunday 8 August 2021

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Today

10th Sunday after Trinity

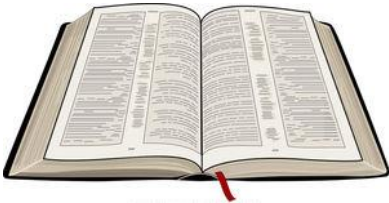
No 8.00am service

10.00am Service of the Word in church and via Zoom

Readings:

I Kings 19: 4-8

John 6: 35, 41-51



The Collect for the 10th Sunday after Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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

11th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion in church and via Zoom

Readings:

Ephesians 5: 15-20

John 6: 51-58



Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live and work in Blackmans Lane and Hadlow College,

We Pray for those who have recently died:

Guy Thomson

And from our Book of Remembrance we pray for

Laurence Herbert Sibun (8th)

Veronica Gibbs (8th)

Len Plowright (10th)

This Week at a glance

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

No Holy Communion
10.30am-12.30pm Church open
7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Thursday

Friday

7.15pm Choir practice

Saturday

Thank You

We thank Kelly Parsons for leading our 10 o'clock worship today.

Wednesday Morning Services and Church Opening

On Wednesdays 11th and 18th August there will be no 9.30am Communion. However, it would be great to have the church and the food bank open from 10.30am to 12.30pm on those days if possible. If you might be able to open the church and greet people on those days then please let Janice know.

Seniors Coffee Mornings

First and third Fridays in the month, 10.30am to 12.30pm in church. All welcome.

Covid Measures in Church

Just a reminder that last week's Covid-prevention measures will remain as follows until the date of the September PCC meeting, unless there are any dramatic changes.

- There is no limit on numbers in the choir, although they do need to space themselves, and they are able to sing without masks.
- The congregation may join in with the hymns, although we do ask everyone to remain masked and to sing without bellowing.
- Signing in for the service, using hand sanitiser, social distancing and mask wearing is not **compulsory**. However, we would request that everyone continues to do these things on a voluntary basis out of love and consideration for one another. **This does not apply to those who are medically exempt from mask wearing.**
- If you decide not to wear a mask when singing or not to observe social distancing in church, please ask those around you if they are comfortable with your choices.
- The current arrangement for sharing the peace will continue and the chalice will not currently be offered.

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

Our liturgy contains many prayers – from the Prayer of Preparation to the Prayer of Thanksgiving, via the Eucharistic Prayer and the Lord's Prayer. Even the sermon starts with a prayer. In many ways the whole of the liturgy could be categorised as an act of prayer.

But now, after the Creed, we reach the part of the service which many might think of as 'the prayers'. These are the 'prayers of intercession', which are normally led by a member of the congregation. This is the time when we particularly ask God to intercede in all those areas of life in which people are suffering – either personally from illness or distress, where there might be collective suffering in times of war or famine, we also remember those who have died recently or those whose memorial of death falls in this week. In essence we bring before God those people, places or situations in which we want God to be present and make a difference.

Now, of course, if God is already all-present and all-knowing then He knows those needs without us having to ask. However it is clear from the bible that God wants us to pray for one another.

Perhaps the most dramatic intercessor of all time was Moses who regularly prayed to God to spare his people, by parting the Red Sea as they fled from Egypt (Exodus 14:21) or even by getting God to change his mind about punishing them following the whole 'Golden calf' incident (Exodus 32:11-14).

The other reason, I suspect, that we are called to pray for one another is not to change God's mind, and to get Him to do something that He wouldn't have done otherwise, but perhaps it is to change our minds and to get us to do something we wouldn't have done otherwise. If we take the time to bring the suffering of others to mind, week after week, then we cannot pretend that suffering does not exist and we should be reminded, week after week, that God is not simply 'up there and elsewhere' but is amongst us in the Holy Spirit and that we are, together, the Body of Christ, who are called to serve the world. If your neighbour is suffering and you help them then never forget that you might be the answer to someone's intercessory prayer.



Rev'd Paul

Children's Society

Thank you to all who returned their Children's Society boxes in June. Together we raised an impressive £1,122. Well done all!

Food Bank

We have had a bit of a run on the food bank over the last few weeks, and now have gaps in most areas, other than rice and cereals.

We would gratefully receive pastas, UHT milk, tinned food of any description, loo rolls or other toiletries. Donations can come into church on Wednesday, Friday or Sunday mornings or may be left at the Vicarage whenever suits.

Hadlow Scarecrow Trail: 25th – 26th September



Where Hadlow leads, Ambridge follows. Our popular scarecrow trail returns this year for the third time. If you would like to take part or want more details, please contact Kirsty: hadlow.scarecrowtrail@gmail.com
The event this year is being kindly sponsored by Hadlow Pharmacy.

Next Week

Our 8am and 10am services will be led by our Area Dean, The Rev'd Andrew Axon.

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.