

St Mary's News

Sunday 15 August 2021

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Today

11th Sunday after Trinity

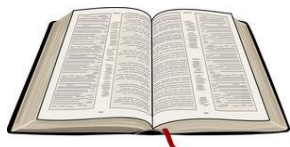
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion in church and via Zoom

Readings:

Ephesians 5: 15-20

John 6: 51-58



The Collect for the

11th Sunday after Trinity

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

12th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion with Baptism of Fraser Campbell.

Readings:

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18

John 6: 56-69



Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in Maltings Close and Toby Gardens,

We pray for those who have recently died:

Guy Thomson

And from our Book of Remembrance we pray for

Rupert Livett (15th)

Raymond Boaz Mitchell (18th)

Michael John Rhodes (18th)

Brian Kelly (20th)

Margery Smith (21st)

Hugh James Ferguson (21st)

This Week at a glance

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

No Holy Communion.

10.30am-12.30pm Church open.

7.30pm Bell ringing practice.

Thursday

Friday

10.30am-12.30pm Seniors' coffee morning and church open.

7.15pm Choir practice.

Saturday

Thank You

We thank our Area Dean, Rev'd Andrew Axon, for leading our worship today at our 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock services.

Seniors' Coffee Mornings

Usually the first and third Fridays in the month, 10.30am to 12.30pm in church. All welcome. However, in September, Seniors' Coffee Mornings will move to the second and fourth Fridays; ie the 10th and 24th.

Generous living, Generous Giving

Sunday 19 September at 10am. The service will include a presentation on the future resourcing of our Church. All Welcome.

Wednesday Morning Services and Church Opening

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

Date for your diary: Parish Vision Day Saturday 9 October.

Starts at 9.30am and will end at lunchtime. We will be chaired by Graham Wilkinson, the Growth Enabler for our Archdeaconry. The purpose of the day is to help us 'Build Back Better' after a challenging couple of years. We will look at everything from how we worship to how we interact with the community of Hadlow and discussing how we want to do those things in the future.

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

Some people love 'the peace' and some people absolutely loathe it. My father-in-law is a great example of the latter – if he wants to be sociable then he goes to Train Club, not to Church! The gregarious may enjoy it and the shy and the newcomers may be mortified by it, but I hope that by explaining something of the reason and history of it then we can, at least, understand why we do it.

Some seem to believe that the peace is a liturgical innovation of the 1970s, which belongs in the same box as guitars and 'trendy' vicars. Actually, nothing could be further from the truth. Justin Martyr (c.100-165 AD) wrote the earliest description of Christian worship (after the close of the New Testament) in c.155 AD and he mentions 'the kiss' between the prayers and the Eucharist:

<http://media.bloomsbury.com/rep/files/primary-source-31-justin-martyr.pdf>

During 'covid times' we have kept the peace as a friendly, socially-distant, wave to one another from our seats. Before covid there was much moving around the church and shaking hands with friends and, hopefully, being welcoming to those in church for the first time. Of course, there is nothing wrong with being friendly with everyone and, although I am biased, I think that St

Mary's is a wonderfully friendly church, but that is not the actual purpose of exchanging the peace.

The primary purpose is to make peace with those with whom we may not have peace – i.e. to make up with someone with whom we may have fallen out. In the same manner as the prayer of preparation and the confession and absolution are about getting us spiritually ready to encounter God in the sacrament, so too we must be careful that we don't approach God whilst also harbouring enmity to our fellow-Christians. I can't put it any clearer than Saint Matthew:

"But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift." (Matt 5:22-24)

And: *"Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen."* (1 John 4:20)

So let us be at peace and love one another as we draw closer to God in the beauty of holiness.

Rev'd Paul

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.

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.

Hospital Car Service

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

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