

# St Mary's News

Sunday 22 August 2021

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## Today

### 12th Sunday after Trinity

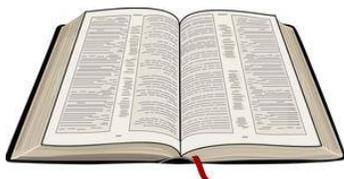
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion with  
Baptism of Fraser Campbell.

### Readings:

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18

John 6: 56-69



### The Collect for Holy Baptism

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and for ever.

**Amen**

## Next week

### 13th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Parish Communion.

### Readings:

James 1:17-end

Mark 7: 1-8, 14, 15, 21-23



### Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in Hailstone Close and Dray Court, and for Fraser is being baptised today.

### **We pray for those who have recently died:**

Guy Thomson

Jean Salmon

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

Irene Harwood (22<sup>nd</sup>)

Cyril George Mitchell (23<sup>rd</sup>)

Henry Hibbs (23<sup>rd</sup>)

Edward Allen (24<sup>th</sup>)

Andrea Diana Pound (27<sup>th</sup>)

## This Week at a glance

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

9.30am Holy Communion.

10.30am-12.30pm Church open  
and Food Bank

7.30pm Bell ringing practice.

**Thursday**

**Friday**

7.15pm Choir practice.

**Saturday**

### Messy Church Returns!

Sunday 12 September 3 - 4.30pm.

Theme: 'Saying thank you and the story of the ten lepers'.

We can take a maximum of 12 families, so booking will be necessary. Please email:

[office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk).

### **Seniors' Coffee Mornings**

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

However, PLEASE NOTE: in September, Seniors' Coffee Mornings will move to the second and fourth Fridays; ie the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride.



This annual event is taking place on **Saturday, 11 September**. If anyone would like to cycle/walk for Hadlow Church, I have the forms. We need a few people to sit at the church for an hour between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to check in anyone visiting Hadlow Church. The FOKC Ride and Stride raises money to give out grants to Kent Churches for repairs / renovations. £133,800 was raised last year.

*Julia Miles (01732 852323).*

### **Generous living, Generous Giving**

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

### **Hospital Car Service**

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



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

Having made our peace with one another we are now, almost, ready to enter into the heart of the Eucharist, and there will be much to say about that over the coming weeks. However, before that, there is a small part of the service which looks purely functional or utilitarian but which, like everything else, has more meaning than may be first apparent. I am talking, of course, of the Offertory.

If you cast your minds back to pre-covid times we would have an Offertory procession in which the bread, wine and, yes, money were brought up to the altar in order to be blessed and used. Sometimes the churchwardens would ask our young people, or perhaps visitors to church, to carry the offerings and that was always a joy to see.

In the story of the feeding of the 5000 in John the loaves and fish were offered to Jesus by a child (John 6:9), and we know that he then blessed and multiplied those offerings. We are also reminded here that attending a service does not mean the person in the collar at the front 'doing church' to an audience but that we are all the church and that the bread and wine can only be blessed and shared if it is first offered by the people.

The same is also true of finances – the church here can only exist in its current form if the gathered church is able to offer enough to pay our way and to grow our mission – but we shall think more about that next month.

When the bread, wine and collection are presented I say a prayer over them, which may not always be heard: *"Heavenly Father, bless these and all our gifts to your praise and glory. Amen."*

I then 'prepare' the altar, which means first putting the wafers into a 'ciborium' (which simply means a covered container) and taking the veil from the chalice and pouring sufficient wine into it, together with a drop of water. Why do I mix water into the wine? Because the wine is the blood of Christ and we are reminded here when Jesus' side was pierced by the Centurion and 'blood and water' came out (John 19:34).

In pre-covid times my hands would have been symbolically washed by one of the servers, whilst I prayed from Psalm 51:7:

*"Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."*

But now, in covid times, the cleansing comes just before the distribution of communion and I don't use water but hand sanitiser!

*Rev'd Paul*

## Hadlow Scarecrow Trail: 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:hadlow.scarecrowtrail@gmail.com)

The event this year is being kindly sponsored by Hadlow Pharmacy.

### 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.

### **Are you a UK taxpayer?**

For every pound you Gift Aid to St Mary's, the government will add 25p. It can also be claimed retrospectively. Gift Aid envelopes are available for one-off cash donations. You can also gift aid donations to charity appeals.

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

### **Vicar**

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### **Anna Chaplain**

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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:**

Martin Massy

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