

St Mary's News

Sunday 5 September 2021

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Today

14th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion in church and via Zoom

11.45am Baptism: Charlie Ross

Readings:

James 2: 1-17

Mark 7: 24-end



The Collect for the

14th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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

15th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Parish Communion in church and via Zoom

3.00pm Messy Church

Readings:

James 3: 1-12

Mark 8: 27-end



Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in Caxton Lane and Waterslippe, and for Charlie who is being baptised today.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Jean Salmon

And from our Book of Remembrance, we pray for

Isabel Hartopp (6th)

Ruby Read (7th)

Paul-Iles Buck (8th)

Evelyn Gater (11th)

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

10.30am-12.30pm Seniors' Coffee
morning and church open

7.15pm Choir practice.

Saturday



Next 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 am and 6 pm to check in anyone visiting Hadlow Church. The FOKC Ride and Stride raises money to give out grants to Kent churches for renovations and repairs. £133,800 was raised last year.

Julia Miles (852323)

Messy Church Returns!

NEXT SUNDAY

12 September, 3 - 4.30pm

'SAYING THANK YOU and THE STORY OF THE TEN LEPERS'.

Craft activities in family groups.

Come and join the fun. We can

take a maximum of 12 families, so

booking will be necessary. Please

email office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

giving details of the number of

adults and children in your group

Unfortunately, we will not be able

to share a meal at the end of the

session as we did pre-Covid. We

will review this for later meetings

in the light of developments

Hadlow Scarecrow Trail:

25th – 26th September

Come along and find lots of well-known characters from history in this year's Scarecrow Trail.



Saturday 10-4pm

Sunday 1-4pm

Fun for all the family!

It starts at St

Mary's; pick up a

trail sheet from church and vote

for your favourite scarecrow!

We will also be looking for cakes

and for people to help out on the

day. There will be rotas in church

from next week, or you could

speak to Kirsty in the meantime..

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

You may recall a few weeks ago that I wrote about the *Gloria in Excelsis* and referred to it as the 'Song of the Angels' as it is based, in part, on the angelic chorus to the shepherds in Luke 2:14.

Well, today, we come to another part of the liturgy which reflects the singing of angels, at least in part. At the end of the proper preface we come to the *Sanctus* (which is Latin for 'Holy') as it starts '*Holy, holy, holy Lord.*' The first half of the *Sanctus* echoes the angels in Isaiah's vision of God in the Temple (Isaiah 6:3). If the first half of the *Sanctus* is angelic and about God the Father then the second half ('*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord*') is human in origin and is the acclamation of the crowd about Jesus as he entered Jerusalem (Matthew 21:9). So we have both angels singing about God the Father and humans proclaiming Jesus as blessed, which is both heavenly and incarnational at the same time. If anyone tells you that liturgical churches are not biblical churches then you can point to how much scripture and theology is packed into just those few lines! We then come to the Eucharistic prayer 'proper', in which we hear the timeless story of Jesus telling

his disciples that they should remember him in the breaking of bread and in the sharing of wine, which is his body and blood. These are the events which took place at the 'Last Supper', which we now celebrate on Maundy Thursday, but which also forms the core of our worship week by week as we 'remember' (i.e. put back together) Jesus in our church, in our lives and in our community.

The form of the Eucharistic prayer which we use most commonly at St Mary's is called Prayer E, which was one of a number of Eucharistic prayers authorised to be used as part of Common Worship. We use others from time to time, most recently when we had a baptism in the communion service. Although this form of words is not ancient nonetheless it follows a pattern of such prayers going back to the earliest celebrations.

In the first verse you may notice the words '*send your Holy Spirit*' and, if you watch me, I always bring my hands down from the upward facing position onto the elements of bread and wine. This moment is called the '*Epiclesis*', which means the invocation, and here the priest invokes or invites the Holy Spirit to bless bread and wine and make them holy for us as we re-enact the feast of the Last Supper as Jesus commanded us.

Rev'd Paul

Timings

I do not currently have a date for my licensing in Rye or our move date to the Rectory there. This means we also don't know when my leaving service from Hadlow will be. We *think* it will be around the end of October, but there is nothing set in stone yet, and dates could change significantly. Of course, I shall keep you all updated.

Someone asked me recently whether a new Vicar will start in Hadlow soon after my departure. Sadly, the answer is 'no'. There is a formal process to follow which takes time. The Area Dean, Archdeacon and Bishop will all be working together with our Churchwardens to guide you through the process in due course.

Rev'd Paul

Vergers Needed

Anne Hughes would like to step back from her role as Verger, so we need someone to take her place assisting at weddings, baptisms and funerals. This would not require a lot of your time, and you would receive payment for attending at weddings and funerals. If you are worried about the commitment, why not try out being Deputy Verger for a time. More information from Anne, Paul or Janice.

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; Barry Wheeler (Deanery Synod rep.); Cathy Brill, Melissa Crawshay-Williams; Kirsty Finch; Mike Harvey; Jenny Hopkins; Richard Hopkinson; Janice Massy; 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.