

# St Mary's News

Sunday 12 September 2021

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## Today

### 15th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

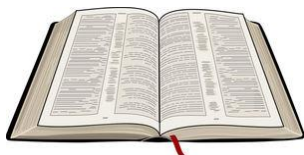
10.00am Holy Communion in church and via Zoom

3.00pm Messy Church

### Readings:

James 3: 1-12

Mark 8: 27-end



### The Collect for the 15th Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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

### 16th Sunday after Trinity

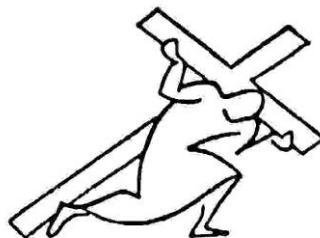
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Parish Communion in church and via Zoom

### Readings:

James 3: 13 – 4: 3, 7-8a

Mark 9: 30-37



### Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in The Freehold and Mill View.

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

Rupert Livett (15<sup>th</sup>)

Raymond Boaz Mitchell (18<sup>th</sup>)

Michael John Rhodes (18<sup>th</sup>)

*These names are taken from the Book of Remembrance by the Lady Chapel. If you would like a loved one remembered, please complete a blue form and the name will be added to the book.*

## This Week at a glance

### **Monday**

10.30am Funeral of Jean Salmon

### **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**



**TODAY!**

**Sunday 12 Sept, 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.  
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 future  
developments.

## **Hadlow Scarecrow Trail: 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 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 people to  
help out on the day and for cakes.  
Please sign up on the rotas at the  
back of church.

## **Opera Evening**

Saturday 9 October

Come and enjoy a concert of  
operatic arias and songs. With  
soprano Rebecca Hooper,  
accompanied on piano by our  
own Francis Griffiths. More  
details to come. Meantime, why  
not put the date in your diary!

## **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)**

Much ink, and sadly much blood, has been spilt over what happens to the bread and wine at communion. Do they physically become the body and blood of Jesus, do they spiritually become the body and blood of Jesus or are we only remembering Jesus (in the ordinary sense of that word) by sharing bread and wine? Let me be clear about two things: 1. It is possible to be a fully Christian believer and take any of those positions; and 2. That I believe in the 'real presence' of Jesus in the Eucharist and, for me, it does not matter how the Holy Spirit achieves that! When bread and wine are 'consecrated' in this way (i.e. made holy) then I believe that they are fundamentally transformed and, at the very least, come to represent Jesus to us.

I think I have written before about the Sanctus bell which rings during the Eucharistic prayer (to draw our attention especially to this moment of holiness) and you may notice that I also bow at those moments, acknowledging the presence of Jesus in the newly consecrated elements.

Finally, in the Eucharistic prayer, we come to the elevation (as I lift up the wafer and the chalice

together), which dates back to about the ninth century, and this is simply for everyone to see, and perhaps adore, the consecrated elements before they are subsequently broken and shared. The Eucharistic prayer finished with the great 'Amen'. In the same way that the prayer started with the people saying that it is right to give thanks and praise, so now it concludes with the whole church giving their 'Amen', their agreement and approval, of the consecration which has taken place in their midst

*Rev'd Paul*

## **Verger 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. But if you are worried about the commitment, why not try out being Deputy Verger for a time. More information from Anne, Paul or Janice.

## **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.

**Prayer inspired by  
Mark 8: 29**

**‘Who do you say I am?’**

Lord Jesus,  
You are a Lord who walks  
beside your people.  
So we pray for people who walk  
for justice.

You are a Lord who raises up  
those who are bent low.  
So we pray for those held down  
by the grindings of life  
and the indifference of the  
world.

You are a Lord who feeds the  
hungry  
So we pray for all who long for  
bread  
And the means to provide it.

You are a Lord who celebrates  
the small and the insignificant.  
So we pray for the children  
And for those who are never  
noticed.

You are a Lord who says ‘Follow  
me’.  
So we pray for courage and faith  
in our hearts  
That we may take up the cross  
and find it leads to life.

*from the Christian Aid website*

**Who’s Who at St Mary’s?**

**Vicar**

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**PCC Members, any of whom  
can be approached for help or  
information:**

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Crawshay-Williams; Kirsty Finch;  
Mike Harvey; Jenny Hopkins;  
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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.*