

St Mary's News

Sunday 26 September 2021

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Today

17th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion in church and via Zoom

11.45am Baptism: Roxanna-Maria Coomber

1-4pm Scarecrow Trail

Readings:

James 5: 13-end

Mark 9: 38-end



The Collect for the

17th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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

18th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Parish Communion with baptism in church and via Zoom

5.30pm Quarter Peal

Readings:

Job 1: 2-1-10

Mark 10: 2-16



Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in Hope Avenue and The Paddock, and for Roxanna-Maria being baptised today.

And from our Book of Remembrance, we pray for

Barbara Jean Vidler (26th)

Florence Marjorie Daniels (28th)

Charles Alfred Field (30th)

This Week at a glance

Monday

Tuesday

8pm Historical Society Meeting

Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion.

10.30am-12.30pm Church open
and Food Bank

7.30pm Bell ringing practice.

Thursday

Friday

10.30-12.30 Seniors' Coffee
Morning

7.15pm Choir practice.

Saturday

Hadlow Scarecrow Trail: TODAY! 26th September

1-4pm

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

Fun for all the family – bring the children and grand-children!

It starts at St Mary's; pick up a trail sheet from church and vote for your favourite scarecrow!

Refreshments available.



Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots Returns!

Restarting Wednesday 6 October, 10.30am - 12pm! All parents and carers with babies and toddlers welcome. Activities include craft, nursery rhymes, singing, music & play. Please bring drinks for the children in their own cups for Covid security.

Foodbank:

New Opening Times

The return of CPTT to Wednesday mornings means that we shall have to change the Food bank opening times to **Thursday mornings** from 10am to 12pm.. In the short term, Rev'd Paul will continue to be there, but it would be good to have a rota of people who would be happy to come and run this important outreach service. Please let Paul or the Church Wardens know if this is something you might be willing to do.

Coffee Morning

3 October from 11.30am

Lee and Heather invite you to come along after church to Folly Foot in Hadlow Castle grounds for coffee and biscuits in the garden – as long as it's not raining!

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

Following the Eucharistic Prayer we come to the breaking of the bread: "**We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.** Though we are many we are one body, because we all share in one bread."

In some ways this feels like a repetition of the part of the Eucharistic Prayer when the wafer is first elevated, "*This is my body which is given for you...*" and, when we celebrate using Order 2 / BCP then the wafer gets broken at this point in the Eucharistic Prayer, rather than afterwards as, here. Sometimes it is all I can do to stop myself breaking the wafer too soon at the 10.00 am service!

If you watch closely at this point in the service then you will notice that two main things happen: firstly, as you might expect, the wafer is broken into two halves.

But as the congregation say the words "...we are one body..." I bring the two halves back together to demonstrate the brokenness made whole again.

Although the action of breaking the bread is done by the priest, note also that it is "We break..."

Again we are reminded that communion is a community activity – the congregation are not simply spectators at an event, but it is the

gathered Christian community which enacts the event. And this communal activity is exactly the point of these words – although we are all individuals we are all one body, the body of Christ, because we all share in the one bread, which is also the body of Christ.

In only a couple of lines there is some important theology going on here. The body of Christ is broken, as the bread was broken at the Last Supper but also as the physical body of Christ was broken on the cross, but as it is broken and shared amongst many people it does not disappear amongst the crowd rather it is re-membered (both put back together but also recalled to memory) and, perhaps, even resurrected as all those who receive it actually become the body of Christ, which is the Church.

I love the fact that the words do **not** say that we share in the bread of communion because we are the church – i.e. the sharing of the bread is not an activity which the church does. Rather, it says that we are one body because we share the bread. It is the act of sharing Jesus (both in word and in sacrament) which creates the church. Jesus was broken and remade for us. We are broken and remade into the church by Jesus and we are sent out into a broken world to share the wholeness of Christ.

Rev'd Paul

Opera Evening

Please note: the date is

Saturday 16 October at 7pm

Opéra Rêverie presents:

Jewels & Gems – a programme of well-loved classics from Mozart, Puccini, Bizet, Verdi and more.

With Rebecca Hooper, Soprano;
Kim Hawthorn, Mezzo-Soprano;
Matthew Scott Clark: Tenor;
Robbie Haylett, Baritone; and
Francis Griffiths, Piano.

Tickets £10 available on the door.

Covid Precautions in Church

'Thank you' to all who have continued to be so thoughtful in relation to the precautions we have been taking in St Mary's. Most of us do not like wearing masks and yearn to get back to full 'normality'. However, whilst the precautions we have been taking are no longer mandatory under law they are still recommended by both the government and the Church of England. The full PCC discussed the situation at last Monday's meeting and came to the consensus that rather than tinker around the edges of what we are doing, it makes more sense to keep the current arrangements in place and review the situation again at the next PCC meeting. Even though vaccination rates are high, the picture is still mixed in relation to infection rates and we do want everyone to be safe and feel safe in church.

Who's Who at St Mary's?

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

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