

St Mary's News

Sunday 3 October 2021

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Today

18th Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Holy Communion with
baptism of Pauline Relf in church
and via Zoom

5.30pm Quarter Peal

Readings:

Job 1: 2-1-10

Mark 10: 2-16



The Collect for 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

Harvest Festival

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist for Harvest
in church and via Zoom

11.45 baptism: Louie Burtonshaw

Readings:

Joel 2:21-27

Matthew 6:25-33



Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in Marshall Gardens and Brookfields, and for Pauline being baptised today.

And from our Book of Remembrance, we pray for

Patricia Gladys Pate (3rd)

Doris McFarlane (4th)

Richard Mason (Priest) (8th)

Anne Webster (8th)

Tony George Taylor (9th)

This Week at a glance

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

9.30am_Holy Communion.

10.30am Coffee Pots & Tiny

Tots

7.30pm Bell ringing practice.

Thursday

10.30am-12.30pm Church open
and Food Bank

Friday

10.30-12.30 Seniors' Coffee
Morning

7.15pm Choir practice.

Saturday

10-11am Bell ringing practice

Harvest Festival

Next Sunday,

10 October



Harvest displays are welcome from any community groups.

Harvest Gifts: All gifts will be shared between our food bank in church and the Community Storehouse Foodbank in Paddock Wood. Their shopping wish-list is available at the back of church.

No perishable goods, please, except for display purposes.

Coffee Morning

TODAY! 3 October

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!

Hadlow Scarecrow Trail:

Thank you to all who organised it, helped out, made cakes and came along to support it last weekend. We raised an amazing £626. The prizes for the most voted-for Scarecrows went to:

- 1st: Queen Elizabeth I by The Goodman family winning £100
- 2nd: Shakespeare by Shakespeare 21 winning £50
- 3rd: Neil Armstrong by Hadlow Cubs winning £25

Finally, a huge thank you to Hadlow Pharmacy who kindly sponsored the prizes!

Foodbank:

New Opening Times

Thursday mornings 10am to 12pm. We will be creating a rota of people who would be willing to come and run this important outreach service. Please let Michael Payne or Janice know if you might be able to help.

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

One of my favourite windows in St Mary's is on the south side of the Chancel, just above where the male choir members sit.

It depicts Jesus going to meet John the Baptist and, if you look closely, you can just make out the words: *'Ecce Agnus Dei'*.

This means 'behold the Lamb of God' and this window (and these words) depict the events recorded in John 1:29 and John the Baptist's full words were: *"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*

Of course, these words form the start of a sung part of the service called the **Agnus Dei** which, you may be interested to know, was introduced into the Roman mass by Pope Sergius I (687–701), and thence it flowed down into the BCP and Common Worship.

Thinking of Jesus as the 'Lamb of God' is related to the use of sacrificial lambs in the Temple in Jerusalem. In particular this relates to the lambs sacrificed at Passover as a thanksgiving for the 'passing over' of the Hebrew children not killed prior to the escape from Egypt (Exodus 12:1-28).

But sacrificial lambs are usually passive creatures and without any

agency in the forgiveness of sins or in the 'passing over'. One of the criticisms that atheists often make of Christianity is that God the Father must have been cruel to sacrifice his son on the cross, as if Jesus were merely a sacrifice who had no control or agency.

Which is why the second part of the sentence is also important *'who takes away the sin of the world'*. Jesus isn't just the helpless sacrificial lamb but he is also the Good Shepherd, the one in control. The oneness of God the Father with Jesus means that in sacrificing Jesus the whole of God knew what it meant to be on the cross but, also, that the one on the cross was not simply a sacrifice but was also the God who was actively cleansing the world through his actions.

The Lamb and the Shepherd are one.

God the Son and God the Father are one.

By joining ourselves to the sacrificial lamb we are also joining ourselves to the one who cleanses us from all sin, so when God looks at us he sees not our distance from him in our imperfection but he sees only our closeness to Him because of the sacrifice of Jesus. There is no cruelty there, only perfect love.

Rev'd Paul

Personal News

Although not yet firmly cast in stone it is looking like my final service at St Mary's will be on **Sunday 31st October**, which we shall be celebrating as All Saints Day. Naturally I would love as many of you as possible to be there on the 31st and I hope to use the full length and breadth of the church to worship that day – I have been missing the high altar, the pulpit and the nave.

We shall then be packing up and moving to Rye during November and my licensing service will be on **Thursday 25th November**. Exact time and other details to be announced but, again, I would love to see you there for that service if possible – if nothing else, just to make sure that I am gone!

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.

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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.