

# St Mary's News

Sunday 24 October 2021

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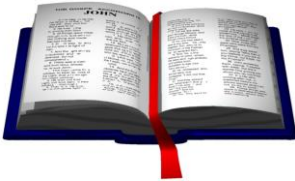
## Today

### Last Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Parish Eucharist in church  
and via Zoom

### Readings:

Deuteronomy 8: 6-18  
Matthew 6: 1-4, 19-24



### The Collect for the Last Sunday after Trinity

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## Next week

### All Saints Day

**Paul's Farewell Service**  
8am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10am Parish Eucharist in church  
and via Zoom

### Readings:

Isaiah 25:6-9  
John 11:32-44



### Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in  
School Lane and Church Street

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

Dorothy Greenwood (25<sup>th</sup>)  
Margot Campbell (25<sup>th</sup>)  
Thomas Albert Palmer (25<sup>th</sup>)  
Janice Boatwright (27<sup>th</sup>)  
Leonard Travis (29<sup>th</sup>)  
Enid Simison (30<sup>th</sup>)

### **Thank You**

to Liz Mullins from Rochester  
Diocese for coming and talking to  
us today about Stewardship.

## This Week at a glance

### **Monday**

### **Tuesday**

5.30pm Yoga

### **Wednesday**

9.30am\_Holy Communion.

10.30am Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots

7.30pm Bell ringing practice.

### **Thursday**

10am Singing Mamas

10.30am-12.30pm Food Bank

### **Friday**

7.15pm Choir practice.

### **Saturday**

## **Paul's Leaving Service**

Sunday 31 October

Do come along to the 10am service next week to say 'farewell' to Paul, Vivienne, Annabelle and Henry. We hope to be using the full length of the church, so that Paul will be back at the High Altar one last time before he departs.

We will be having coffee and cakes downstairs after the service next week. All are welcome to stay a while to say 'goodbye'. We would very much appreciate any donations of cakes or biscuits.

## **Saturday Coffee**

will be starting up again on 13 November and on the second Saturday every month 10am–12 downstairs in church. Come along for a chat and buy home-made cakes and produce.

## **After-Service Coffee**

In November we will also re-start serving coffee after the 10am service. Please let Janice know if you will be willing to take part in the coffee rota.

## **Service to Remember**

### **Joan Mitchell & Rob Wratten**

7 November at 2pm

All are welcome to this service which will be led by Joan's granddaughter Rev'd Sonya Wratten.

## **Memorial Service**

Sunday 14 November at 3pm

Rev'd Nicky Harvey will be leading this service to remember, by name, those who have died. All welcome. If you would like a loved one to be remembered, please add their name to the list at the back of church and indicate whether you will be attending. Alternatively, you could email the office with these details. Stay for tea and cakes afterwards. All donations of cakes very welcome.

## **Everything you always wanted to know about Church**

We now go forward to receive communion.

If you can remember as far back as pre-lockdown then everyone (who could) knelt at the altar rail to receive both the bread and the wine: *'The body of Christ, keep you in eternal life.'* *'The blood of Christ, keep you in eternal life.'*

For many Christians for much of the last 2000 years, receiving Jesus in the sacrament is the most deeply spiritual moment; a time to kneel and know that we are cleansed of all that separates us from God, that everything we have done in the service has led us to this moment of encounter with God, in a manner which Jesus gave to his followers. But this is not purely a spiritual moment. For that we could sit in our pews and not move at all. The reason we have come forward is to receive the physical elements. In that way we are reminded that God himself is not purely spiritual but, in Jesus, he took on physical form, became one of us, that our physicality was taken up to God in the Ascension and that God also wishes to give us real food and drink. The embodiment of Jesus which took place in the first Christmas is reflected in the embodiment in our worship of him with all our senses,

and our reception of him in bread and wine.

And, as Mary became the God-bearer when she carried Christ in her womb, so we too become God-bearers when we receive the sacrament, as when we receive the Holy Spirit at baptism. Of course, it is God the Holy Spirit who leads us to receive God the Son and, through being cleansed of our sins and united with him, we are reunited with God the Father.

At present we are not all able to share the wine. Sadly, for reasons beyond telling here, the Church of England does not allow individual communion cups and there is too much concern about sharing a common cup at this time. Theologically I can assure you that in receiving Christ in one kind only (the bread) you are still receiving the whole of Christ (so the sacrament is not deficient in any way) but I absolutely know and understand that it feels deficient. I had hoped that we would be in a position to share both bread and wine before I left, but that is looking impossible as I write. Nonetheless, trust always that Christ is sufficient and that when we become bearers of Christ in the world we carry a great and wonderful gift and responsibility.

Come forward in faith and go out in joy!  
Rev'd Paul

## **Thank you from Paddock Wood Foodbank**

"On behalf of all of us at The Community Storehouse Foodbank, can I say a fantastic THANK YOU for all your food donations this harvest time. Our shelves had become very depleted through the summer and the food you have given has helped to fill up a lot of the empty spaces. The total of your food donations was 263 kgs.

Please also pass our thanks onto Hadlow Rural Community School for their enthusiastic giving too. You've blessed us, so that we can bless others."

## **Afternoon Tea Invitation**

All who work with children and young people in church are invited to an afternoon tea to say 'Thank You' on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 3-5pm at St John's Church, Hildenborough. The tea is being organised by the Children and Young People's Team from Rochester Diocese and is for anybody in the Archdeaconry of Tonbridge who helps with children and young people within their parish, whether Sunday groups, toddler group etc. RSVP to Sarah Cabella, 01634 560024 [sarah.cabella@rochester.anglican.org](mailto:sarah.cabella@rochester.anglican.org) Invitations at back of church.

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

### **Vicar**

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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 & Mike Harvey (Deanery Synod reps.); Cathy Brill, Melissa Crawshay-Williams; Kirsty Finch; Jenny Hopkins; Richard Hopkinson; Janice Massy; Katerina Nixon; Lisa Porritt and other members.

### **PCC Secretary:**

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