

St Mary's News

Sunday 12 December 2021

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Today

3rd Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

3pm Messy Christingle

Readings:

Zephaniah 3. 14-20

Luke 3. 7-18



The Collect for the 3rd Sunday of Advent

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Next week

4th Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

Readings:

Micah 5. 2-5a

Luke 1. 39-55



Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in Court Lane and Cemetery Lane.

We pray for those who have recently died: Mike Hayden

And from our Book of Remembrance, we pray for

Diane Ward (13th)

Dora Wright (14th)

Henry Culshaw (15th)

Robert Knell (16th)

Leonora Gladys Dann (17th)

Raymond Kenneth Walter (17th)

Maurice Thomas Henry Ballefant (18th)

Welcome to St Mary's!

Visitors are warmly welcomed; please join us for refreshments after today's 10am service.



This Week at a glance

Monday

Tuesday

9am Hadlow Rural Community School Carol Service
11am College Carol Service
5.30pm Yoga

Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion.
10.30am No Coffee Pots
7.30pm Bell ringing practice.

Thursday

10am-12pm Food Bank

Friday

10am Hadlow Primary School Carol Service
12pm Seniors' Lunch
6.15 & 7.15pm Choir practice

Saturday

We thank Reverend Brian Stevenson for leading and preaching at our 8am and 10am services today.

For Children and Young People

Activity Bags for younger children are in baskets in the children's corner near the side entrance to church. There are also books, crayons etc.



Sunday Club: JAM (Jesus and Me)

During the 10am service in the Upper Room. Suitable for ages up to 11 years. **All Visitors' Children are Welcome**

MESSY CHRISTINGLE TODAY

Sunday 12 December at 3pm

Plenty of fun and crafts to share and explore the meaning of Christmas. Make your own Christingle to use in your Christmas celebrations. FREE. All welcome. There will be plenty of spare oranges so if you make a last minute decision to attend then do come along.



Christmas Fair

We raised a total of £1,300. Thank you again to all who helped and supported it.

Used stamps for The Leprosy Mission.

There will again be a box on the cupboard at the back of the church for your used stamps. Foreign, British – all sorts, pre-decimal (I always get a few)! PLEASE TRIM TO ¼ INCH ALL ROUND WITH SCISSORS. Box will be there December to end January.

Church Linen

We would welcome a volunteer (or volunteers) to take over the cleaning of the linen used in church services, now that Pat Critchley has stepped back from the role after many years. Please speak to a church warden for more information.

Flowers in Church for Christmas

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, please give the money and the person's name to one of the Church Wardens by Tuesday 21 December.

Thank you



Christmas Services

Sunday 19 December

6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve

4pm Family Crib Service
6.30pm Carols in the Square
11.30pm Midnight Mass (carols by the choir from 11pm)

Christmas Day

10am Family Christmas Day Service

Boxing Day

Sunday 26 December

No service



Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots

Coffee Pots is now taking a break and will return on Wednesday 5 January.

Saturday 2020

Volunteers are needed to run the monthly Saturday Coffee and Market morning in 2022. We welcome groups both from within and outside St Mary's, with proceeds from sales shared between the church and the group running the stall. Please sign up on the list in the porch. More information from Janice.

Plan B and Churches

Just a reminder that as a result of the government's announcement of Plan B Covid rules, face masks are now mandatory in churches.

Reflection for the 3rd Sunday in Advent

Various groups of people are coming to John the Baptist as they await their baptism. They must have read about him in the Scriptures, and now this strangely attired man has appeared out of the desert, and they have important questions to ask as to how they should conduct themselves.

The advice they receive is fitting – advice which still holds good in our own time: to share food and clothing; the tax-collectors were to be scrupulously honest and the soldiers urged to be satisfied with their wages and refrain from extorting money from anyone.

John must have had tremendous charisma – nobody seems to argue with him and he shows characteristic humility when he talks about his relationship with the coming Messiah.

Surely the crowds are aware something important is about to take place – quite how life-changing they probably don't yet realise.

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Who's Who at St Mary's?

Vicar

Position vacant

Anna Chaplain

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Parish Administrator

Janice Massy (07570 941809)

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

Michael Payne, John Speed (Church Wardens); Martin Massy; Barry Wheeler & Mike Harvey (Deanery Synod reps.); Cathy Brill, Melissa Crawshay-Williams; Kirsty Finch; Jenny Hopkins; Richard Hopkinson; Lee Kirk; Janice Massy; Katerina Nixon; Lisa Porritt and other members.

PCC Secretary:

Martin Massy

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