

St Mary's News

Sunday 19 December 2021

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Parish website: www.stmaryshadlow.org.uk Find us on Facebook: St Mary's Hadlow

Today

4th Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and
Carols

Readings:

Micah 5. 2-5a

Luke 1. 39-55



The Collect for the 4th Sunday of Advent

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Next week

1st Sunday of Christmas

No Services



Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in
Appletons and The Forstal.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Mike Hayden

And from our Book of Remembrance, we pray for

George Young (23rd)

Mary Steadman (23rd)

Alan Vidler (24th)

Joan Allen (24th)

Michael John Bagust (24th)

Laura Norbury (26th)

Joyce Muzzelle (26th)

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

Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion.

10.30am No Coffee Pots

7.30pm Bell ringing practice.

Thursday

10am-12pm Food Bank

Friday

4pm Family Crib Service

6.30pm Carols in the Square

11.30pm Midnight Mass (choir
carols from 11pm)

Saturday

10am Family Christmas Service

We thank Reverend Sheila Perkins 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

Family Crib Service Christmas Eve

4pm – 5pm

Families are invited to come along and dress up as a person or animal from the nativity story and take part in our instant nativity 'The Impossible Promise.' All welcome.



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.

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. Please use hand sanitiser on entering and before taking communion.

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

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.

St Peter's Chapel

Good news: St Peter's RC chapel in Maidstone Road will be reopening with a Mass on Christmas Day at 12 noon. The building had been closed for the past few years due to structural damage which has now been repaired. From 2 January 2022 there will be a weekly mass on Sundays at 12 noon.

Reflection for the 4th Sunday in Advent

What would it have been like to be present in Elizabeth and Zechariah's house on that day when Mary visited with her news of Gabriel's message? Up until then she probably had kept it between herself and Joseph, but now felt the need to share it with her cousin who was also to bear a child – a child who would, in due course, pave the way for Jesus.

What would it have been like to hear Mary's words, now so familiar to us, for the first time – an outpouring of praise, humble acceptance, joy and obedience?

She seems to grasp completely the seriousness of what God has asked her to do, and that the outcome will last into time beyond our imagining.

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Who's Who at St Mary's?

Vicar

Position vacant

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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.