

# St Mary's News

Sunday 2 January 2022

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## Today

### Epiphany

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist in church  
and via Zoom

### Readings:

Isaiah 60. 1-6

Matthew 2.1-12



### The Collect for Epiphany

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory 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

### Baptism of Christ

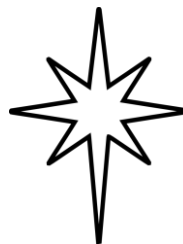
8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

### Readings:

Acts 8: 14-17

Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22



### Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in  
Victoria Road and Three Elm Lane.

**On the first anniversary of his  
death this week we remember**

Bob Greenhead

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

Brenda Joyce Ruddle (6<sup>th</sup>)

Stephen Nicholas Kemp (7<sup>th</sup>)

Patricia Parkin (7<sup>th</sup>)

Robin Bousfield (8<sup>th</sup>)

Dorothy Granville Cotman (8<sup>th</sup>)

Margaret "Hattie" Atkinson (8<sup>th</sup>)

## After Church Coffee

Sorry, coffee after the 10am service has been suspended for the time being.



## 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-12pm Food Bank

**Friday**

6.15pm Children's choir practice

7.15pm Choir practice.

**Saturday**

Saturday Coffee cancelled

**We thank Reverend Roger Bishop 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)

Returns next week and then every week in term-time during the 10am service in the Upper Room. Suitable for ages up to 11 years. **All Visitors' Children are Welcome**

## Used stamps for The Leprosy Mission.

The box for your used stamps is on the cupboard at the back of the church and will be there until the end of January. Foreign, British – all sorts, pre-decimal (I always get a few!) are all welcome. Please trim to ¼ inch all round with scissors.

## Hospital Car Service

If you would like transport to a hospital or other medical appointment, please contact Mike Harvey on 01732 851881 or 07464 548448.



**Saturday**  
**CANCELLED**

In the interests of Covid safety, next week's Saturday Coffee which would have taken place on 8<sup>th</sup> January, has been cancelled due to the high number of Covid cases locally.

However, we do hope it will be back next month.

### **Interregnum Update**

With the new Archdeacon for Tonbridge being installed in January we are hoping that the recruitment process for a new incumbent will start soon.

As part of this process we need to build a profile of what we see as being important in the role. The PCC have decided to have a session on Saturday 22 January with the Area Dean, Rev. Andrew Axon, for all interested parties to talk through what we see as important to the future of our parish. The outcome will be a Parish Profile that will be approved by PCC and then used in the recruitment of a new incumbent.

More details will follow in the coming weeks.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

With rising covid numbers, many people we know are going to be feeling isolated from Church as they may struggle to join in worship either online or in person. The Church of England Daily Hope line is still running and provides prayers, readings, carols and full-length services, at the end of a phone line.

An option, 'Chair Exercises on the Phone', provides recorded over-the-phone tuition to keep listeners fit and healthy from the safety of a chair during this time. Share the number of this FREE service ☎ 0800 804 8044 with anyone you know who can't make it to online or in-church services.

### **Christmas Flowers**

Thank you to all who donated towards the Christmas flowers in church, and to the Flower Ladies of St Mary's for their beautiful arrangements.



**Prayer for Epiphany**  
**“They opened their  
treasures”**  
*Matthew 2. 11*

Loving God,  
We offer you our gold:  
The morning on the wing  
The glow on the faces of children  
at play  
The shining moments that  
brighten our lives.

We offer you our frankincense:  
The quiet reassurance of familiar  
things  
The grace of care and friendship  
The blessing of bread and our  
heart’s yearning in prayer.

We offer you our myrrh:  
The ashes of our dreams  
The bitter taste of our failures  
The shadows through which we  
stumble.

Transform our inadequate gifts,  
that they may be an acceptable  
sacrifice of praise,  
and transform our lives  
to reflect more deeply your  
justice and joy  
In the life of the world.

*From Christian Aid*



## **Who’s Who at St Mary’s?**

### **Vicar**

Position vacant

### **Anna Chaplain**

Jenny Hopkins (01732 852386)

### **Church Wardens**

Michael Payne (01732 852187)

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### **Honorary Treasurer**

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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.*