

St Mary's News

Sunday 27 February 2022

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Today

Sunday next before Lent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist in church
and via Zoom

Readings:

Exodus 34: 29-end

Luke 9.28-36



The Collect for the Sunday before Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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 Lent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist in Church

12 noon Baptism: Oscar Giles

Readings:

Psalms 91: 1-2 & 9-end

Luke 4.1-13



Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in Shipbourne Road and Dene Park.

**We pray for those who have
recently died**

Rupert Nixon

**At the first anniversary of her
death this week we remember**

Jill Brown

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

James McFarlane (30th)

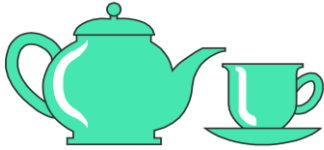
William Vincent Dumbreck (2nd)

Doris Rose Bowden (3rd)

Steven McAndrew (4th)

Coffee After Church

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



This Week at a glance

Monday

Tuesday

5.30pm Yoga

Wednesday

9.30am_Holy Communion for Ash
Wednesday

10.30am Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots

7.30pm Bell ringing practice.

Thursday

Friday

10.30am Seniors' Coffee Morning

7.15pm Choir practice.

Saturday

We thank Reverend Penny Stephens 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.



Ash Wednesday

Our Area Dean, Rev'd Andrew Axon, will lead our 9.30am Holy Communion service on Ash Wednesday.

This year's Deanery Ash Wednesday Service will be at St Peter's, Pembury at 8pm.

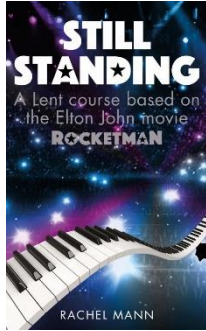
Covid Update:

Return to Normality

In view of the government's lifting of all Covid restrictions, the PCC decided at its meeting last Monday to return the church to how it was before the first lockdown. The wearing of masks will be optional and chairs will be returned to the normal arrangement. However, the chalice will not yet be resumed and we will not move from our seats for the Peace. If you do not wear a mask, please do be considerate to those who still wish to do so.

Lent Course

We have not had enough people sign up to make two sessions per week viable, so as a compromise the course will now be held only on **Saturdays, at 9.30am for bacon roll & coffee for a 10am start** It will run from 12 March for five weeks. This year we will use the course book 'Still Standing' by Rachel Mann based on the film Rocketman. The book is available at www.eden.co.uk, www.hive.co.uk or alternative bookshops. If you have problems obtaining a copy please contact the Church Wardens.



There will be a showing of the film "Rocketman" in church on Saturday 5 March at 4pm. Hot dogs and popcorn available



Quiz Night with hot supper

Saturday 19 March

A fun and friendly quiz evening to test your grey cells. Teams of up to six, 7pm prompt start. Entry £10 adults, £3 children, bring your own drinks. Booking essential – please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

Interregnum Update

At the PCC meeting last Monday, the new Archdeacon of Tonbridge, Sharon Copestake, gave us the good news that we will be recruiting for a full-time Vicar as in the past. The Diocese has now given the go ahead for the recruitment process to start. The Parish Profile – an essential element of that process – is well underway and we hope the post will be advertised before Easter. At its March meeting the PCC will nominate two Parish Representatives to join the selection panel.

World Day of Prayer 2022 Friday 4 March

A service for everyone

'I know the plans I have for you.' 3pm in St John's Church, Hildenborough. A one-hour service followed by refreshments. This year the service was created by women from England, Wales and Northern Ireland and the overarching theme of the service is HOPE – very appropriate for this time when the world is coming to terms with conflict as well as the looming climate crisis. For more information, please speak to Jenny. If you would like a lift, please see Janice.

Jubilee Prom & Pimms

Hadlow events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee start on Friday 3 June in Church with an evening of **Prom and Pimms** featuring music with a patriotic flavour. We would welcome singers, choirs, groups or musicians from throughout the community to take part. For details contact Janice or Kirsty or hadlow.jubilee@gmail.com



Electoral Roll & the APCM

The Church Electoral Roll (ER) is having its annual revision until 20 March. If you are already on the ER you do not need to do anything. If you are not on the ER and St Mary's has been your regular place of worship for at least six months, you are invited to join the Roll. Being on the ER does not commit you to anything, but demonstrates your membership of St Mary's and entitles you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) which will be held on Sunday 24 April, and to stand for office if you wish. The form you would need to sign is on the table at the back. Please talk to a church warden or Martin Massy to find out more.

Who's Who at St Mary's?

Vicar

Position vacant

Anna Chaplain

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Church Wardens

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John Speed (07725 691518)

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Honorary Treasurer

Martin Massy (01732 851519)

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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.