

# St Mary's News

## Sunday 27 March 2022

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Parish website: [www.stmaryshadlow.org.uk](http://www.stmaryshadlow.org.uk) Find us on Facebook: St Mary's Hadlow

### Today

#### Mothering Sunday

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am All-Age Eucharist in  
Church and on Zoom

#### Readings:

Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32



#### The Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of Love,

Passionate and strong,

Tender and careful:

Watch over us and hold us.

A;; the days of our life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord

**Amen**

**We thank Reverend Sheila Perkins for leading and preaching at our 8am and 10am services today.**

### Next week

#### 5th Sunday of Lent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am TBA

#### Readings:

TBA



#### Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in

Blackmans Lane and Hadlow

College

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

Gordon Roland Smith

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

James McFarlane (30<sup>th</sup>)

William Vincent Dumbreck (2<sup>nd</sup> April)

## This Week at a glance

### **Monday**

Easter service for Hadlow Rural  
Community School

### **Tuesday**

5.30pm Yoga

### **Wednesday**

9.30am\_Holy Communion  
10.30am Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots  
7.30pm Bell ringing practice.

### **Thursday**

10am Food Bank

### **Friday**

10.30am Seniors' Coffee Morning  
7.15pm Choir practice.

### **Saturday**

9.30 for 10am Lent Course



### **Sunday 24 April**

**3.30pm – 5.30pm**

Join us for all-age fun, craft activities and games to help us explore Easter. Followed by informal worship and tea. FREE. All welcome, but no unaccompanied children, please.

## **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)**

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***

### **Interregnum Update**

At last Monday's PCC meeting the PCC approved the Bishop's offer that Hadlow will have its own Vicar. It also approved the Parish Profile and selected two representatives to take part in the recruitment process. The Parish Profile is a summary of what it is we are looking for as a Parish. This will now be sent to the Archdeacon of Tonbridge for her comments. We are hoping that we will have the advert published on or around the end of March for interviews a month later.

## **Lent Appeal**

### **Donations for Ukraine Aid**

It has been great to see so many ideas for Lent appeal charities this year but with the evolving situation in Ukraine we feel we should do all we can to help. Unlike most years where we will collect donations and donate at the end of Lent, the money is needed now! So please either donate at one of our Lent events and we will ensure it gets to the right charities or even better choose to donate yourselves.

There are a lot of charities around which are offering to help Ukraine. In this week's Diocese of Rochester email we learnt about the campaign launched by the Diocese of Europe with USPG for humanitarian aid both in Ukraine and for refugees across Europe. If you feel able, maybe you might want to support this charity during Lent. [Donate \(raisely.com\)](https://raisely.com)

### **Easter Flowers in Church**

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, please hand the money and their name to a churchwarden or to Janice by Tuesday 4 April. Thank you.



## **UNLOCK WALK 2022**

**Saturday 23 April.**

### **'In the Shadows of the Tower'**

Tower Hamlets – History, Housing and Heroes. Come and enjoy a day walking in this ethnically rich area of London and help raise some money to assist churches working in deprived areas as they reach out to the varied communities around them. Seek sponsorship or make a donation. We usually have a couple of groups taking part. Call in at 7 different churches. About 7.5 miles with several stops and usually a picnic in a park. Interesting walk maps and all other information from Julia Miles (01732 852323).

### **The APCM – 24 April**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on Sunday 24 April after the 10am service. Coffee and doughnuts available! The Annual Report and Financial Statements of the PCC for 2021 will soon be available for download from the church website. If you would like a printed copy, there will shortly be a sign-up list at the back of church. Churchwardens are elected annually, and we also need to elect three new members to the PCC. Nomination forms are available at the back. See Martin if you have any queries.

## **Roland Smith**

We were sad to learn that Roland Smith died on 13 March. All who knew him are welcome at his funeral on Thursday 31 March, 1.45pm, at Kent and Sussex Crematorium, Tunbridge Wells, and afterwards at Collard House, School Lane, Hadlow. The family says no flowers please.

### **A Mother's Love**

A Mother's love is something that no one can explain,  
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain,  
It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may,  
For nothing can destroy it or take that love away,  
It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,  
And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking,  
It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns  
And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems,  
It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation,  
And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation,  
A many splendoured miracle man cannot understand  
And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

*Helen Steiner Rice*

## **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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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.*