

# St Mary's News

Sunday 3 April 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

### 5th Sunday of Lent

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist in  
Church and on Zoom

### Readings:

Philippians 3: 4b-14

John 12: 1-8



### The Collect for the 5th Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

### Palm Sunday

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist (palm  
procession from The Square to  
church and blessing of palms)

### Readings:

Luke 19. 28-40

Passion Narrative:

Luke 22.14 – end of 23



### Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in  
Maltings Close and Toby Gardens

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

Gordon Roland Smith

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

Doris Rose Bowden (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Steven McAndrew (4<sup>th</sup>)

Philip Turner (6<sup>th</sup>)

Peggy Warnett (8<sup>th</sup>)

## 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

10.30am Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots

7.30pm Bell ringing practice.

#### Thursday

10am Food Bank

#### Friday

7.15pm Choir practice.

#### Saturday

9.30 for 10am Lent Course

2.30 Wedding: William Pierce and Hannah Lefroy

**We thank Reverend Andrew Procter 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. Also books, crayons etc.



### Sunday Club: JAM (Jesus and Me)

Every week in term-time during the 10am service. Suitable for ages up to 11 years.

*All Visitors' Children Welcome*

## EASTER MESSY CHURCH

**Sunday 24 April**

**3.30pm – 5.30pm**

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.

## 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 12 April. Thank you.



## **Easter Services**

### **Palm Sunday – 10 April**

8am Holy Communion

10am Palm Procession to Church from Hadlow Square followed by Parish Eucharist

### **Maundy Thursday – 14 April**

8pm Holy Communion to commemorate the Last Supper

### **Good Friday – 15 April**

10am Walk of Witness around the village starting at St Peter's RC Chapel, ending at St Mary's – *stay for coffee & Hot Cross Buns*

2pm Hour of quiet reflection

### **Easter Sunday – 17 April**

6am Dawn Service

10am All-age Communion

### **8am Sunday Services**

Over the past few months we have seen a decline in attendance at the 8am services on Sunday mornings. This is still very much an important part of our weekly worship. However, there have been several Sundays when there have been no members of the congregation present. As such the PCC agreed at our last meeting that we will only be holding 8am BCP Services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month starting from May.

## **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 are 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.

## Reflection Prayer

based on John 12. 1-8

Mary moved to the table,  
holding the precious ointment,  
her eyes meeting and holding  
the gaze of the One preparing to  
die.

Mary fell to her knees  
and broke open her treasure,  
massaging the fragrant oil into his  
feet,  
and wiping them with her hair.

Mary kept her eyes on his,  
as a collective sigh arose,  
followed by a bitter criticism,  
an attempt to disqualify her action.

Mary's tense shoulders relaxed  
at his words "Leave her alone":  
Defended by Jesus  
she could take on the whole  
world.

Jesus, friend and defender,  
may we who remember her story,  
be emboldened to live  
with sensuality, courage and  
passion. Amen.



## 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.*