

St Mary's News

Sunday 10 January 2021

Please switch hearing aids to "T". Large print hymn books and service sheets available

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

Today

The Baptism of Christ

10am Holy Communion via
Zoom

Readings:

Acts 19: 1-7

Mark 1: 4-11



Collect for The Baptism of Christ

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

10am Holy Communion via
Zoom

Readings:

1 Samuel 3: 1-20

John 1: 43-end



Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who all who live in Hailstone Close and Dray Court.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Bob Greenhead

And from our Book of Remembrance we pray for

Barbara Stirrup (10th)

Clifford Gibbs (11th)

Arthur Pepper (12th)

Molly Butler (13th)

Peter Waring (13th)

John Alvan Pope (15^h)

Nora Alice Dumbreck (16th)

This Week at a glance

Monday

9am Morning Prayer (F)

6pm Compline (F)

Tuesday

9am Morning Prayer (F)

5.30pm Evening Prayer (F)

Wednesday

9.30 Holy Communion (BCP) (F)

10.30 Church open for private
prayer

6pm Compline (F)

Thursday

9am Morning Prayer (F)

5.30pm Evening Prayer (F)

Friday

Saturday

F = services via Facebook Live
Just search online for St Mary's
Facebook page

Wanted:

PCC Minute Taker

Or why not go the whole hog and become PCC Secretary? To reduce Martin's workload we do need, at the very least, to find someone who can take the minutes of PCC meetings every other month. More information from Paul or Martin.

Tier 5 Arrangements at St Mary's

With regret, Rev'd Paul, the churchwardens and the PCC have decided – with the agreement of Bishop James – that St Mary's should close to in-person worship whilst Kent remains in Tier 5 lockdown. Services will now take place as follows:

- The 8am Sunday service is suspended for the time being.
- The 10am Sunday service is only available on Zoom.
- The 9.30am Wednesday service is only available on Facebook live.
- The current cycle of morning and evening services will continue on Facebook live.
- The church will be open on Wednesdays between 10.30am and 12.30pm for private prayer and for access to the foodbank.

Caring for one another

Although we cannot worship together for the time being, we are still the church and we still need to care for one another, especially those who may be most lonely or unable to access the church on-line. The best means of doing this at the moment is by telephone. If there is someone you know who is lonely and would appreciate a phone call please let Rev'd Paul know, or why not call that person yourself.

QUIZ time

Saturday 30 January
Via Zoom

Starting at 7.30pm. All welcome, no entry fee, no prizes and, sadly, no dinner provided! Teams of one, two or a household. More information to follow



Daily Hope is a FREE phone line, **0800 804 8044**, available 24 hours a day. It has been set up for those unable to join online church services during the period of Covid restrictions.

When a caller phones the line they will have a variety of options – they can listen to hymns, or prayers, or a session taking the caller through old hymns and explaining their meaning. There is also an option to listen to a Sunday service. Created by the Church of England together with Faith in Later Life and the Connections group of Holy Trinity Claygate, in Surrey, it is available for anyone but is designed particularly for people who do not have access to the internet.

Used stamps for The Leprosy Mission

If anyone wants to give me their old stamps up to the end of January please put them through my letter box at 2 Spa Close, Hadlow (nearly opposite Great Elms). **TRIMMED WITH SCISSORS TO ¼ INCH PLEASE.**

Julia Miles

Hospital Car Service

If you need transport to a hospital or other medical appointment, please contact Mike Harvey on 01732 851881.



Coronavirus vaccine scams

Action Fraud is warning the public to remain vigilant as criminals begin to take advantage of the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine to commit fraud – particularly around scam text messages.

Remember, the vaccine is only available on the NHS and is free of charge. The NHS will never ask you for details about your bank account or to pay for the vaccine. If you receive an email, text message or phone call purporting to be from the NHS and you are asked to provide financial details, this is a scam.

More information from:

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/alert/coronavirus-vaccine-scams-warning>

Poem
Jesus' Baptism

Beginning here we glimpse the
Three-in-one;
The river runs, the clouds are torn
apart,
The Father speaks, the Spirit and the
Son
Reveal to us the single loving heart
That beats behind the being of all
things
And calls and keeps and kindles us
to light.
The dove descends, the spirit soars
and sings
'You are beloved, you are my
delight!'

In that quick light and life, as water
spills
And streams around the Man like
quickenning rain,
The voice that made the universe
reveals
The God in Man who makes it new
again.
He calls us too, to step into that
river
To die and rise and live and love
forever.

Sonnet by Malcolm Guite



Who's who at St Mary's?

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**PCC Members, any of whom
can be approached for help or
information:**

Reverend Paul White; Michael
Payne & John Speed; Martin
Massy; Val Newell (Deanery
Synod rep.); Melissa Crawshay-
Williams; Kirsty Finch; Jenny
Hopkins; Richard Hopkinson;
Janice Massy; Julia Miles; Steve
Newell; Katerina Nixon; Lisa
Porritt; and other members.

PCC Secretary:

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*Minutes of PCC meetings are on the
notice board and on St Mary's
website.*