

St Mary's News

Sunday 31 January 2021

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Today Candlemas

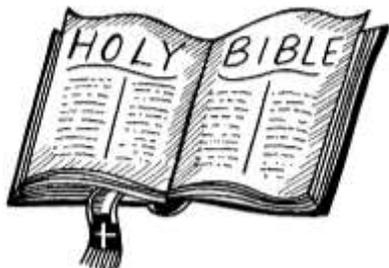
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

10am Holy Communion via
Zoom

Readings:

Malachi 3: 1-5;

Luke 2: 22-40



Collect for Candlemas

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty, whose
beloved Son was this day
presented in the Temple, in
substance of our flesh: grant that
we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts, by
your Son Jesus Christ 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 before Lent

10am Holy Communion via
Zoom

Readings:

Colossians 1:15-20

John 1:1-14



Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who all who
live in The Freehold and Mill View.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Grant Wolfe

And from our Book of Remembrance we pray for

Louise Carpenter (31st)

Betty Hilda Payne (31st)

Daphne Travis (31st)

Kenneth Daniels (Priest) (1st Feb)

Marjorie Phyllis Stanley (4th)

Warwick James Dunford (4th)

Muriel Presnell Rendell) (6th)

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

Zoom Coffee

After today's service, why not join us for a virtual coffee and chat via Zoom. It will take place just after the 10am Zoom service.



Don't Forget your Candles

Today as we celebrate Candlemas we shall be blessing the candles and holding them during the readings. Please provide your own candles, matches and home insurance!

Lent Course via Zoom

Starts Tuesday 23 February at 6.30pm and runs for five weeks. Kelly will be leading us through Archbishop Stephen Cottrell's book *The Nail*. This looks at the story of Jesus' passion through the eyes of five different characters. If you would like to take part in this journey though Lent then it would be great if you could acquire a copy of the book in advance of the course and to read the first chapter before coming to the first evening. The book can be ordered online – including through Hive:

<https://www.hive.co.uk/Product/Stephen-Cottrell/The-Nail--Being-Part-of-the-Passion/9010073>

Hive allows you to support a local bookshop with your purchase. When you checkout you simply tell it which local bookshop you want to support (e.g. Mr Books in Tonbridge) and they get a cut.

If anyone would like to do the course but would struggle to buy the book please let Paul know and we shall sort you out – we don't want anyone to be excluded.

EVENTS

Saturday 27 February An Evening of Scategories Via Zoom

Starts at 7.30pm. This is a fun game to get you thinking. It works best with no more than 10 teams/players so, sadly, we will have to limit numbers of households who can take part.

Evening Zoom Talk

Wednesday 10 March

Starts at 7.30pm. Amidst the gloom of the current pandemic, there is light at the end of the tunnel. Why not join us for an upbeat talk by Vanessa Bird titled “Life after Covid – reasons to be cheerful”.



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. They can also listen to a Sunday service. Created by the Church of England and partner groups, 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.

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; he is always happy to chat – or why not call that person yourself?

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 - just 6 times a year!! More info from Paul or Martin.

Reflection for Candlemas

"A light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

Luke 2. 31-32

The mixture of the old and the young: Mary and Joseph left the temple with a greater idea of what their son would be. He would be a light for the world, and glory for his people. The light would come from the darkness of death and the glory from the newness of risen life. With those words of hope for their child, and also indeed future suffering, they went back home. Almost thirty years of the Lord's life is described here in just one line.



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.