

St Mary's News

Sunday 21 February 2021

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Today

1st Sunday of Lent

10am Holy Communion via
Zoom

Readings:

Genesis 9: 8-17

Mark 1: 9-15



Collect for the 1st Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 Lent

10am Holy Communion via
Zoom

Readings:

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

Mark 8: 31-end



Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who live in Hope Avenue and The Paddock.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Ron Payne

Ken Terry

And from our Book of Remembrance we pray for

Laurence John Handley (21st)

John Walter Skelton (23rd)

This Week at a glance

Monday

9am Morning Prayer (F)
6pm Compline (F)
8pm Standing Committee meeting

Tuesday

9am Morning Prayer (F)
5.30pm Evening Prayer (F)
6.30pm Lent Course via zoom

Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion
10.30am-12.30pm Church open
for private prayer and Food Bank
6pm Compline (F)

Thursday

9am Morning Prayer (F)
5.30pm Evening Prayer (F)

Friday

Saturday

7.30pm Zoom Scattergories

F = services via Facebook Live

Thank you

to Rev. Christopher Miles for leading and preaching at our worship today.

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 – no need to leave and come back.

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.

Hospital Car Service

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



Lent Appeal 2021

The Lent Appeal this year will be in aid of the Delhi Brotherhood, a small group of priests who support the needy and vulnerable in and near Delhi through education and training, night shelter, Childline, old people's home, etc., etc. We have supported the Delhi Brotherhood for over 30 years; several of them have visited us here, and some of us have stayed with them in Delhi and seen first hand the good work that they do. You can find out more on:

www.delhibrotherhood.org.

Last year they were facing the challenges of lower income, exacerbated by funds from a US charity being blocked by the Indian government, and the need to help feed people whose livelihoods were affected by Covid-19. We were able to make a substantial donation in August and hope, with your help, to be able to support them again.

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.

EVENTS

Landmark Book Plant Drink Sport Song

Zoom Scattergories

NEXT SATURDAY!

27 February at 7.30pm.

This is a fun and easy word game. All are welcome to take part – and thanks to the wonders of technology, there is NO LIMIT on numbers! Ideal for playing as individuals or as teams. For details and the Zoom link please contact: office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

Film City Vegetable Actor Toy Country

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".

APCM & Electoral Roll

This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place on Sunday 25 April after the Sunday service. Hopefully, we will be back in church by then!

If you or anyone you know may wish to join the Electoral Roll please contact Martin Massy (851519) or download the form from St Mary's website here.

Prayer for Lent I

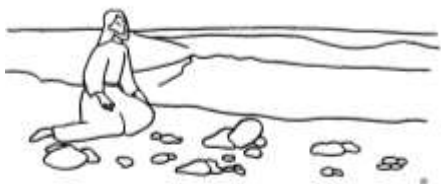
God,
As we take this journey
That draws us ever closer to you
Walk with us, sustain us,
Nurture us.

God, as we go through
The wilderness of lent and of our
lives,
Send your manna to us,
give us wisdom to turn from
temptation
And your grace to turn to.

God, as we walk through the pot
holes of life,
The valleys, the pits of life,
Guide us with your hand
Keep our feet steady,
And our vision on you.

God, whether we choose to give
up something for lent
Or do something positive,
Let us not do it out of obligation
Or the tyranny of oughtness,
But out of love for you.

Keep us in your paths of love,
mercy and grace.
Lord help us to remember we are
not alone
but that we are walking with our
fellow/sister travellers . Amen



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.*