

# St Mary's News

Sunday 28 February 2021

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## Today

### 2nd Sunday of Lent

10am Holy Communion via  
Zoom

#### Readings:

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

Mark 8: 31-end



### 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

### 3rd Sunday of Lent

10am Holy Communion via  
Zoom

#### Readings:

Exodus 20:1-17

John 2:13-22



### Prayers for the Week

We pray today for all who all who live in Marshall Gardens and Brookfields.

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

Dorothy May Chapman (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Grace Livingston Booth (4<sup>th</sup>)

Nadine Jane (4<sup>th</sup>)

Helen Garner (5<sup>th</sup>)

## **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**

F = services via Facebook Live

### **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.



## **Easter Sunday 4 April**

It has been agreed with the PCC, and ratified by Bishop James, that we are to return to in-person worship at St Mary's on Easter Sunday at 10 am!

We will still have to comply with social distancing and all that we were doing before. Therefore places are limited to 40; tickets will be available via Eventbrite. However, before these can be booked, we are offering them first to those who have been less able to access our services on Zoom. If you can think of anyone who hasn't been on Zoom but might like to come please point them in the direction of Janice or me and we shall book them in.

The Eventbrite link for all remaining tickets will go out in the next week or so, but the service will also be Zoomed.

Following Easter we shall try and do without Eventbrite, but as we still need to maintain distancing we will need to be sensible and sensitive with each other, and not be too offended if we can't squeeze everyone in every week.

I am hoping that on Easter Sunday we shall not only have the service you have been used to on Zoom, but shall also have some bells rung, some flowers and even some extra music. It is going to be a journey back to 'normal' but I hope it will begin on the day of resurrection.

*Rev'd Paul*

## Lent Course via Zoom

Runs for five weeks until 23 March. Kelly is 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. It 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](http://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.

## **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.

## **Lenten Prayer**

(inspired by Mark 8: 31-38)

Eternal God, holy and faithful,  
what can we give in return for our life?

Teach us to take up the cross of Christ

with grateful hearts and humble spirits,

offering all for the sake of the gospel,

so that we may receive life in fullness;

through Christ, who is coming in glory. Amen

## **Who's who at St Mary's?**

### **Vicar**

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### **Church Wardens**

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John Speed (07725 691518)

### **Honorary Treasurer**

Martin Massy (01732 851519)  
[mhmassy@btinternet.com](mailto:mhmassy@btinternet.com)

### **Parish Administrator**

Janice Massy (07570 941809)  
[office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk)

### **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:**

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