



The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Westerham

This week's news from St Mary's: 31st March - 6th April 2019

Dalna 'Mac' Hackney's Funeral will take place at St Mary's on Monday 1st April at 12.15pm, followed by a burial in the churchyard. Judy has suggested no dark/sombre clothing - it is a celebration of 104+ years - and would be delighted if people could wear a 'touch of green'; this being Mac's favourite colour. Most of you know Mac loved flowers; it would be lovely if you could bring one or two cut flowers to be put into an arrangement as you arrive. Afterwards everyone is invited to a hot buffet in Westerham Hall.



In conjunction with Churchill School, we will be holding an **Easter Stations of the Cross** event on this **Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th April**, followed by a service on **Friday 5th April**. This is similar to last year's Pentecost event. If you are available to assist at the various stations, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you. **Please note that the church will be closed to visitors during these events.**

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** will take place on Sunday 28th April from 12 noon. If you wish to be added to our **new Electoral Roll**, please can you give your form to Karen Smart either directly or via Alyson in the parish office as soon as you can; **we cannot accept new names within two weeks of our APCM**. Being on the Electoral Roll entitles you to attend the APCM, and to stand/vote for positions of church leadership, including the PCC.

The **Parish Office** will not be open to visitors on **Thursday 4th and Thursday 11th April** to allow Alyson to meet deadlines and on Tuesdays from 9.30—10am for a staff meeting. Thank you for your cooperation.

Revd Andrew's grave: Andrew's wish that there be no flowers and whilst we all would want to mark our loss of him, could we refrain from leaving flowers, planting bulbs or leaving ornaments, etc on the grave. If you were thinking of flowers then an alternative might be to donate money to a charity of your choice in his memory or to donate to St Mary's of course. If you have any queries, please speak to the Churchwardens, Christina or David. With thanks for your understanding.

We welcome today the family and friends of **Calvin-Junior Davids** as they bring him to be baptised after our morning services at 12.15pm

Today's readings, 4th Sunday of Lent: Psalm 32 (P560), Joshua 5.9-12 (P219), 2 Corinthians 5.16-end (P1161), Luke 15.1-3,11b—end (P1048/9)(Page nos refer to pew bibles).

The coming week

Tuesday 2nd April: 10am—12 noon: Coffee Time in the John Fryth Room
7.45pm: Bellringing Practice

Friday 5th April: 6.45pm: Choir Practice

Saturday 6th April: No Morning Prayer Service

Sunday 7th April: 8.00am: Holy Communion in the Catharine Chapel

5th Sunday of Lent *Revd Kevin Barnard*

10.30am: A Service for all the Church Family

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Readings: Psalm 126, Isaiah 43.16-21,

Philippians 3.4b-14, John 12.1-8

12.15pm: Baptism of Ivy Rose Smith

Future Dates

Wednesday 10th April, 2.30pm: Memorial service for the late Norman Perrott.

Wednesday 10th April, 7.30pm: Westerham Town Council, Annual Town Meeting at Westerham Hall

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion, 18th April, 7pm: if you would like to attend the meal as part of this service, please sign the form at the back of the church.

Thank you to Rodney, Michael and all who supported the **North Downs Guild of Music Westerham Schools' Music Festival** here last Tuesday. The church was filled with 120 children from 6 local schools, led by Janey Maxwell; *"it was a fabulous event of happiness and joy once again"* (Facebook comment). The standard of singing was very high as usual and we were very impressed by the instrumental solos.

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