

St Mary's News

Sunday 20th July 2025

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Today

5th Sunday after Trinity

10am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Amos 8.1-12

Colossians 1.15-28

Luke 10.38-end



The Collect for the

5th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Next Week

6th Sunday after Trinity

10am Parish Eucharist with
Prayer Ministry

Readings:

Genesis 18.20-32

Colossians 2.6-15

Luke 11.1-13



Prayers for the Week

We pray this week for all who work in shops and pubs in the parish.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Alan Critchley

Brian Oliver

And from our Book of Remembrance we pray for

William (Bill) Hughes (22nd)

Kate Large (23rd)

Rosemary Carter (23rd)

Coffee After Church

Visitors are warmly welcomed; please join us for refreshments after today's 10am service.



This Week at a glance

Monday

Tuesday

9am Morning Prayer
5.45pm Yoga

Wednesday

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots
1pm Café Plus
7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Thursday

9am Morning Prayer

Friday

10.30am Hadlow Carers Together
7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday

The church is open every day from 10am to 3pm.

For Children and Young People

Activity Bags for younger children are in baskets near the back of church. There are also books, crayons etc.



Funeral for Pat Large

Pat's funeral will take place in church on Monday 18th August at 10am.

'We Believe'

Thursdays 10th, 17th & 31st July
and 7th August at 10:30am

A four-session group meeting in church to look at the Creed that we say every week and to explore what it tells us about faith.

Café Plus

At our next Cafe Plus on Wednesday 23rd July 1-3 pm, we will be making paper flowers in a session run by a tutor from Tonbridge Adult Education. All welcome – and it's free! We have space so would love some new people to join us.

Patronal Festival and Anniversary Celebration Saturday 16th August

Everyone is invited to our Patronal Festival Service and barbecue to celebrate 1050 years since the first recorded reference to the church in Hadlow. The service will begin at 12 noon followed by a Barbecue. There will also be displays in church marking the history of St Mary's and our vision for the future. To help with catering, please indicate your attendance on the sign-up sheet by 31st July or email Janice at

office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk.

We will also need lots of accompanying dishes and desserts. If you are able to provide one, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.



Kibakwe Trip

On Tuesday Jim, Liz, Iris & Sharon will travel to Kibakwe in Tanzania to revisit friends as part of our link within the Diocese of Mpwapa. On our last visit, in 2018, the generosity of the people of St Mary's meant we were able to provide a solar lighting system for the girl's secondary school, enabling students to study during the evenings. We took water filters for public buildings to provide safe drinking water, and funding to enable secure water storage for one of the primary schools.

Availability of water to grow crops is an ever-present challenge, and we have recently sent money, from funds reserved for use in Kibakwe, to fund 2 small-scale projects to install drip-irrigation and teach local farmers how to use this technology to maximise yield.

We would like to invite members of St Mary's to make a contribution to the people of Kibakwe with the following suggestions:

£35.00 pays for a replacement water filter, to provide 10 million gallons of clean water over 10 years.

£30.00 pays for a school uniform to enable a student to attend school.

£20.00 buys a football or volleyball to give hours of fun.

If you would like to make a donation, please speak to Martin or one of the Kibakwe team.

Hospital Car Service

If you would like transport to a hospital or medical appointment, please contact Mike Harvey on 01732 851881 or 07464 548448.

Holiday at Home

Friday 4th Sept 10.30-2pm and
Saturday 5th Sept 2-6pm. Two
days of friendship, chat, activities
and meals for seniors.
Booking essential. To
book, please contact
Jenny 01732 852386



Seniors' Lunch

Sunday August 10th at 12.15pm in
church. Booking Essential, please
contact Jenny as above.

Prayer

based on Luke 10.38-42

God,
for everything there is a time,
and time is now our most
precious commodity.
Our clocks are always running.
From birth to death:
during times of joy and sorrow:
work and play:
business and pleasure:
speech and silence:
worship and church activities:
tick, tock, tick, tock.

We are like Martha,
with our long to-do lists.

Slow us down Lord,
and for now simply remind us that
only one thing is needful,
that we be still before you
and know that you are God.
Amen.

Who's Who at St Mary's

Vicar

Rev'd Jim Horton (01732 850238)
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PCC Members, any of whom can be approached for help or information:

John Speed, Katerina Plucknett-
Nixon (Church Wardens); Mike
Harvey (Deanery Synod rep.); Cathy
Brill, Kirsty Finch, Jenny Hopkins,
Richard Hopkinson, Janice Massy,
Martin Massy, Jim May, Iris Shaw and
Sharon Vanns.

PCC Secretary:

Richard Hopkinson

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