

St Mary's News

Sunday 17th August 2025

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Today

9th Sunday after Trinity

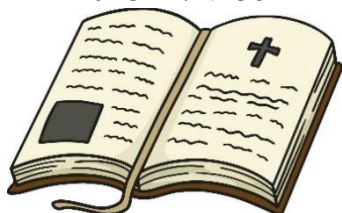
10am Said Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Jeremiah 23.23-29

Hebrews 11.29 - 12.2

Luke 12.49-56



The Collect for the

9th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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

10th Sunday after Trinity

10am Parish Eucharist with prayer ministry

Readings:

Isaiah 58.9b-14

Hebrews 12.18-29

Luke 13.10-17



Prayers for the Week

We pray this week for all who live in Park Villas, Spa Close and James Close.

And from our Book of Remembrance we pray for

Raymond Boaz Mitchell (18th)

Michael John Rhodes (18th)

Brian Kelly (20th)

Irene Harwood (22nd)

Henry Hibbs (23rd)

Coffee After Church

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



For Children and Young People

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



This Week at a glance

Monday

10am Funeral of Pat Large

Tuesday

9am Morning Prayer

Wednesday

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9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots

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.

Funeral for Pat Large

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



Theme: Saying 'Thank You'

Wednesday 27th August

10.30am – 12.30pm

All-age fun and craft activities, plus informal worship and food. FREE. All welcome, but no unaccompanied children please.



Patronal Festival Historical Displays

If you were not around for yesterday's Patronal Festival and 1,050 years Celebration, you will still be able to view the historical displays after today's service or between 1pm and 3pm this afternoon. So there's no need to miss the incredible mouse timeline of St Mary's church made by our team of expert knitters!

Backpack Blessing Service

Sunday, 7th September at 10am.
All children, teachers and educators – and everyone else! – are invited to bring their backpacks or school bags for a blessing at the start of the school year.



Holiday at Home

Friday 4th Sept 10.30-2pm and
Saturday 5th Sept 10.30am-12 noon. Two days of friendship, chat, activities and meals for seniors. Booking essential. To book, please contact Jenny 01732 852386.



Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride,

Saturday, 13th September.

Last year £151,018 was raised by Kent supporters. This is the 40th year of the event which raises money to help churches and chapels in Kent to do necessary renovations and repairs. Offers from cyclists and 'checkers in' for Hadlow Church on the day welcome. Further Information from Julia Miles.

Hadlow Scarecrow Trail!

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st Sept.
This year's theme: TV Legends
From Del Boy to Peppa Pig there are so many legends to choose from.
£5 entry fee and prizes for best entries chosen by the public.



If you would like to take part or would like more details, please contact Kirsty on hadlow.scarecrowtrail@gmail.com

Hospital Car Service

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

Needed

More volunteers to join the Church Cleaning Rota

The more people who can help out, the fewer times everyone will have to clean. It is not onerous – about every five or six weeks, and there are usually two people on the rota each week. To find out more about what is involved, please speak to Janice.

Reflection

Based on Luke 12.49-56

'What stress I am under,' says Jesus. It stems from his mission. He is sent by the Father to purify, and to distinguish what is genuine from dross. Life according to the beatitudes has its share of conflict. For those who hunger and thirst for justice, this world is not a comfortable place. As Simeon prophesied to Mary, Jesus was destined to be a sign that is rejected.

What about me? Do I merge seamlessly and comfortably with the values of this world? What do I hunger and thirst for?

Prayer is a time to sift with Jesus the different desires and actions of our lives. In prayer we ask for the grace to 'know him more, love him more and serve him more faithfully in our lives'.

Who's Who at St Mary's

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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:

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