

St Mary's News

Sunday 10th August 2025

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Today

8th Sunday after Trinity

10am Parish Eucharist with
prayer ministry
12.15 Seniors' Lunch

Readings:

Genesis 15.1-6
Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16
Luke 12.32-40



The Collect for the 8th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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

9th Sunday after Trinity

10am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Jeremiah 23.23-29
Hebrews 11.29 - 12.2
Luke 12.49-56



Prayers for the Week

We pray this week for all who live in Great Elms, Smithers Close and the Cherry Orchard

And from our Book of Remembrance we pray for

Len Plowright (10th)

Rupert Livett (15th)

If you would like a loved one remembered, please complete a blue form by the Book of Remembrance and the name will be added to the book.

Coffee After Church

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



This Week at a glance

Monday

1.30pm Hadlow Carers Together

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

10.30am 'We Believe' study group

Friday

7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday

12pm Patronal Festival Service
and Anniversary Celebration

**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.



Prayer Ministry

Today in the Lady Chapel

– and on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month during Communion. A member of our prayer team will be there to pray for or with you. You can ask for prayer for yourself or for others in need, whether for physical or emotional healing or for anything else. You can share as much or as little as you wish, it is totally confidential. Please go to receive communion or a blessing first and then make your way to the Lady Chapel. There will also be the opportunity there to be anointed with oil.

Funeral for Pat Large

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

'We Believe'

The very last session!

– now Thursday 14th August

One more session has been squeezed in for this popular course which has met at 10:30am in church to look at the Creed that we say every week. Each session is stand-alone, so do come along, even if you haven't attended previous sessions.



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.

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.

Patronal Festival and Anniversary Celebration Next Week

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. If you wish to attend and have not signed up, you must let Janice know. There will also be displays in church marking the history of St Mary's and our vision for the future.

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.



If you are not around for the Celebration on the 16th, you will be able to view the historical displays on Sunday 17th between 1pm and 3pm, so no need to miss the incredible mouse time-line of the church by our 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.



COMING SOON.

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.

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.



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:

Richard Hopkinson

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