

# **St Mary's News**

**Sunday 7th December 2025**

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## **Today**

### **2nd Sunday of Advent**

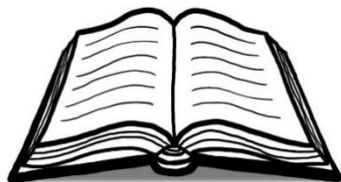
10am Parish Eucharist

#### **Readings:**

Isaiah 11.1-10

Romans 15.4-13

Matthew 3.1-12



### **The Collect for the 2nd Sunday of Advent**

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **Next Week**

### **3rd Sunday of Advent**

10am Parish Eucharist with  
Prayer Ministry

#### **Readings:**

Isaiah 35.1-10

James 5.7-10

Matthew 11.2-11



### **Prayers for the Week**

We pray this week for all who live in  
Common Road & Matthews Lane.

#### **We pray for those who have recently died:**

Richard Pierce

#### **And from our Book of**

##### **Remembrance:**

Ken Garner (10<sup>th</sup>)

Christina Smith (10<sup>th</sup>)

Diane Ward (13<sup>th</sup>)

**We thank the Venerable Nick  
Cornell, Archdeacon of Tonbridge  
for leading our service today**

## 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

8pm Bellringing practice using  
simulator

### Tuesday

10am Hadlow College Carol  
Service

5.45pm Yoga

7.30pm Diocesan Armed Forces  
Carol Service

### Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots

1pm Café Plus Christmas Lunch

7.30pm Bellringing Practice

### Thursday

### Friday

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.



**All visitors' children are  
welcome**

## Christmas Raffle

1st prize £100

2nd prize Christmas hamper

3rd prize Christmas flower  
arrangement

Tickets on sale (£1 each). This is  
one of our biggest fundraisers of  
the year, please buy as many  
tickets as you can afford and take  
some away to sell to family and  
friends. Make sure to return the  
stubs and money by Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>  
Dec as the draw will take place at  
the Carol Service that day.



## 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

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES



**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December**  
6pm Carol Service

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**  
10.30am-12.30pm Messy  
Christmas

**Christmas Eve**  
6.30pm Carols in the Square  
with the East Peckham Silver  
Band

11.30pm Midnight Mass  
(carols in church from 11pm)

**Christmas Day**  
10am Family Christmas Service

**There will be no Wednesday  
Communion on Christmas  
Eve or 31<sup>st</sup> January.**



**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**  
**10.30am - 1pm.**

Lots of fun and craft activities, for children and families to enjoy learning about the true meaning of Christmas. followed by a simple meal together and a short act of worship. All welcome to come along and make a Christingle.

## Booklet of Advent Reflections



Rev. Nicky Harvey has created a booklet of reflections for every day during Advent. This can be read online or as a hard copy (see, sample at the back of church). To access it online go to St Mary's website. You will find a link to the booklet on the home page or the news page. If you would like a hard copy, please see Janice or email [office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk) The price will be £3 to cover costs.

## Café Plus Christmas Lunch



**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**  
**1pm - 3pm in Church**

For our final Café Plus of the year, do come and join us for a warming winter lunch: soup, roll, mince pies table games etc. Free, but donations are welcome for our charities. Please let Sally or Janice know if you would like to attend.

## Christmas Flowers

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, please hand their name and the money to a Church Warden by Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> December.



### Volunteers Needed for Intercessions

We would still like more people to join the intercessions team for leading the prayers during the Sunday service. Guidance and advice will be given. If you could help, please contact Janice.

### Reflection

#### Based on Matthew 3.3

As streets fill with shoppers,  
bright lights and tempting offers  
Christmas songs and children's  
laughter

You lead us along a different path,  
to a desert river and a Prophetic  
voice

A call to service

A call to immerse ourselves in living  
water that will never run dry

A call to prepare a way in our own  
lives

for the Saviour of the world to enter in  
to know the touch of tender mercy  
and rest in your forgiving love

For your faithful prophets  
And your Living Word  
We give you thanks. Amen

## Who's Who at St Mary's

### Vicar

Position vacant

### Church Wardens

John Speed (07725 691518)  
[john@stmaryshadlow.org.uk](mailto:john@stmaryshadlow.org.uk)

Katerina Plucknett-Nixon  
(07922 146853)

[katerina@stmaryshadlow.org.uk](mailto:katerina@stmaryshadlow.org.uk)

### Anna Chaplain

Jenny Hopkins (01732 852386)

### Honorary Treasurer

Martin Massy (01732 851519)  
[finance@stmaryshadlow.org.uk](mailto:finance@stmaryshadlow.org.uk)

### 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:

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.*