

St Mary's News

Sunday 4th January 2026

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Today Epiphany

10am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Isaiah 60.1-6

Ephesians 3.1-12

Matthew 2.1-12



The Collect for the Epiphany

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to all the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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 Baptism of Christ

1st Sunday of Epiphany

10am Parish Eucharist with
Prayer Ministry

Readings:

Isaiah 42.1-9

Acts 10.34-43

Matthew 3.13-end



Prayers for the Week

We pray for all who live in
Maltings Close and Toby Gardens.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Richard Pierce

Jill Anderson

Angela Widdicombe

And from our Book of Remembrance:

Albert Henry Longford (5th)

Dorothy Granville Cotman (8th)

Margaret "Hattie" Atkinson (8th)

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 Funeral: Richard Pierce

7.30pm Worship Committee meeting

Tuesday

5.45pm Yoga

Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots

7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Thursday

Friday

9.30am Funeral: Jill Anderson

7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday

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

We thank Rev David Head for leading our service today

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 Flowers

Thank you to all who donated towards the Christmas flowers and to St Mary's flower ladies for their efforts and skill.

The flowers were especially beautiful this year.



Christmas Raffle

Thank you to all who bought tickets for the Christmas raffle. It raised a total £293. 1st prize went to Pam, second prize to Lee and third prize to Jenny N.

Carols in The Square

Christmas Eve Carols in The Square raised £820 which will be shared between St Mary's and Hospice in the Weald.

Funeral for Richard Pierce

The Memorial service to celebrate Richard's life will take place in Church on Monday 5th January at 1.30pm. It will be followed by refreshments in church. A private cremation service will take place in the morning attended by family only.

Funeral for Jill Anderson

The funeral will be held in church on Friday 9th January at 9.30am. Jill was a long-serving Borough Councillor covering Hadlow and served two terms as Mayor of Tonbridge and Malling.

Angela Widdicombe

Angela died peacefully on Boxing Day. Her family are arranging a private funeral, and hope to hold a service in Spring to celebrate her life.

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.



Concert

East Peckham Silver Band

Sunday 1st February

at 2.30pm in St Mary's.

Come and enjoy an uplifting concert programme of classical and well-loved tunes. Free admission but donations welcome in aid of the Church and the Band funds. Tea and cakes in the interval.



Volunteers Needed

For the New Year why not make a resolution to help out in some capacity in church. Below are a few roles that need to be filled:

Intercessions

We would still like more people to join the intercessions team for leading the prayers during the Sunday service. Guidance will be given. Please contact Janice.

Coffee rota

It would always help to have a few more people on the rota to serve coffee after the 10am service.

Cleaning

Likewise, we could do with more people to clean church. It would only be every six weeks – longer if we have enough volunteers!

Reflection for Epiphany

The wise men did what people in the East or in Africa or in India would do when visiting royalty. They brought gifts.

Gold was the kind of gift that you brought to a king.

Frankincense was the kind of gift that you would bring to a priest.

Myrrh was given to someone who was about to die.

On This Twelfth Day of Christmas, otherwise known as Epiphany, think of the gift that you will offer to God in the coming year. The gift of time? The gift of your talents? Your service in the community? Your witness and testimony? The gift of undying love and devotion?

Their greatest gift comes to us in the form of a realization. The Wise Men were the first gentiles to recognize that Jesus belongs to everyone. Good news is for everyone, not just a select few.



Who's Who at St Mary's

Vicar

Position vacant

Church Wardens

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Martin Massy (01732 851519)

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Parish Administrator

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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.