

St Mary's News

Sunday 18th January 2026

Large print hymn books and service sheets available

Wi-Fi : network: TalkTalk021AF9, Password X3MNT3J8

Website: www.stmaryshadlow.org.uk Find us on Facebook: St Mary's Hadlow

Today

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

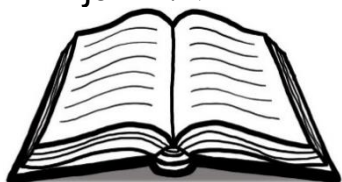
10am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Isaiah 49.1-7

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

John 1.29-42



The Collect for the

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

10am Parish Eucharist with
Prayer Ministry

Readings:

Isaiah 9.1-4

1 Corinthians 1.10-18

Matthew 4.12-23



Prayers for the Week

We pray for all who live in
Kenward Court and The Maltings

We pray for those who have recently died:

Angela Widdicombe

Mark Lewis

At the anniversary of her death this week we remember:

Pauline Relf

And from our Book of

Remembrance:

Phyllis Gibbs (18th)

Gill Hambrook (19th)

Coffee After Church

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



This Week at a glance

Monday

7.30pm PCC Meeting

Tuesday

5.45pm Yoga

7pm Social & Fundraising Meeting

Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots

7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Thursday

Friday

10.30am Hadlow Carers Together

7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday

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

**We thank Rev Penny Stephens
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**

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.



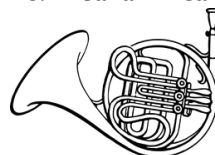
Concert

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 are always
welcome in aid of the Church and
Band funds. Tea and cakes in the
interval.





Wednesday 18th February

10.30am – 12.30pm

All-age craft activities and games to learn about **Lent and Getting Ready for Easter**. Plus informal worship and tea. **FREE**. All ages welcome, but no unaccompanied children please.

Lent Course

This year's Lent Course will be held on **Saturday mornings during Lent starting at 9.30am with a bacon roll and coffee**. It will run for five weeks. More information to come later.



Saturday 28th February, 7pm prompt start, in Church. A fun and friendly quiz with hot supper. Bar available (corkage charged for own drinks). Teams of up to six, so come as a group or join in with others on the night. To book your place please email office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk or sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

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 and advice will be given. If you are interested or would like more information, 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. We normally have two people serving coffee each week.

Cleaning

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

Legacies

Legacies are a very welcome lifeline for our churches, whether they are small or large. Please consider leaving a gift to St Mary's in your will. Please ask a church warden for a leaflet with more information.

Funeral for Mark Lewis

The funeral for Mark Lewis will be held in St Mary's on Tuesday 10th February at 11am.

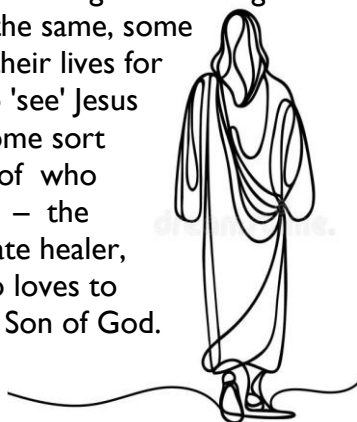
Reflection

based on John 1.29-42

John the Baptist, who had an immense following in Jerusalem, does something remarkable here. He points his followers towards Jesus, the Lamb of God. They walk away from John and follow Jesus, with John's blessing.

John was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. He is happy to see his followers leave him, and his influence wane, because he is witnessing to Jesus. If we bring our ego to people, we bring death. If we bring Jesus, we bring life.

When people really 'see' Jesus life is never again the same. Simon would have a change of name, the Magi went back by another route, and millions throughout the ages have found the same, some even giving their lives for this man. To 'see' Jesus is to have some sort of glimpse of who he really is – the compassionate healer, the one who loves to the end, the Son of God.



Who's Who at St Mary's

Vicar

Position vacant

Church Wardens

John Speed (07725 691518)

john@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

Katerina Plucknett-Nixon

(07922 146853)

katerina@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

Anna Chaplain

Jenny Hopkins (01732 852386)

Honorary Treasurer

Martin Massy (01732 851519)

finance@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

Parish Administrator

Janice Massy (07570 941809)

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

PCC@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

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