

St Mary's News

Sunday 11th January 2026

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Today

1st Sunday of Epiphany Baptism of Christ

10am Parish Eucharist with
Prayer Ministry

Readings:

Isaiah 42.1-9

Acts 10.34-43

Matthew 3.13-end



The Collect for the Baptism of Christ

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

10am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Isaiah 49.1-7

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

John 1.29-42



Prayers for the Week

We pray for all who live in Hailstone Close and Dray Court.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Angela Widdicombe
Mark Lewis

And from our Book of Remembrance:

Peter Waring (13th)
John Alvan Pope (15th)
Fay Langrish Dumbreck (15th)

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

5.45pm Yoga

Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots
1pm Café Plus
7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Thursday

Friday

10.30am Coffee Morning for
Seniors
7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday

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

**We thank Rev Roger Bishop
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**

Prayer Ministry

Today in the Lady Chapel

– and every second and fourth
Sunday 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. 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 to be anointed
with oil.

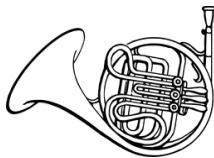
Hospital Car Service

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.



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.



Wednesday 18th February

10.30am – 12.30pm

All-age craft activities and games to explore the theme of Lent and Getting Ready for Easter. Plus informal worship and tea. **FREE**. All welcome, but no unaccompanied children please.

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.

Reflection on the The Baptism of Christ

Today's first reading from Isaiah echoes Matthew's account of the baptism scene:

Here is my servant...my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him... (Matt 3.13-17)

The mission that will be Jesus' is spelt out in some beautiful phrases from Isaiah that deserve reflection:

- *He will not cry out or lift up his voice*
- *...a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench...*
- *he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth...*
- *I have called you in righteousness...*
- *I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.*

Those final phrases will be quoted by Jesus himself as the proclamation of his mission in the synagogue of his home town, Nazareth (Luke 4:18-20).

All of this is contained in this simple but majestic scene with John the Baptist in the River Jordan. It is a great manifestation of God's presence among us through the Person of Jesus our King and Lord.

Who's Who at St Mary's

Vicar

Position vacant

Church Wardens

John Speed (07725 691518)

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Katerina Plucknett-Nixon
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Anna Chaplain

Jenny Hopkins (01732 852386)

Honorary Treasurer

Martin Massy (01732 851519)

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Parish Administrator

Janice Massy (07570 941809)

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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.