

St Mary's News

Sunday 8th February 2026

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Today

2nd Sunday before Lent

10am Parish Eucharist with
Prayer Ministry

11.30am Domestic Abuse
Awareness course

Readings:

Genesis 1.1 – 2.3

Romans 8.18-25

Matthew 6.25-end



The Collect for the

2nd Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Amen.

Next Week

Sunday before Lent

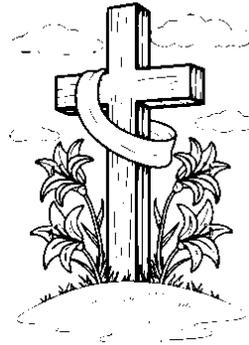
10am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Exodus 24.12-end

2 Peter 1.16-end

Matthew 17.1-9



Prayers for the Week

We pray for all who live in
Twyford Road and Tainter Road

And from our Book of Remembrance:

Mary Weld-Smith (11th)

**We thank Rev David Head
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

7pm Hula Hoop Dancing class
7.30pm tied Bell ringing practice

Tuesday

11am Funeral: Mark Lewis
5.45pm Yoga

Wednesday

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

Thursday

7.30pm Singing Group

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 welcome

Prayer Ministry

Today in the Lady Chapel

and every 2nd and 4th 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.

Group Training Session

Domestic Abuse Awareness

TODAY 8th February after the 10 o'clock service in the Upper Room. Open to all members of the congregation, especially those whose training certificate is due to expire. Individual invitations will also be sent out.



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 follow the course book *The Mystery of Everything* by Hilary Brand based on the Oscar-winning film *The Theory of Everything* about physicist Stephen Hawking. It will run for five weeks starting on 28th Feb. There will be a showing of the film on 21st Feb. Books are available from a number of sellers including eden.co.uk, Church House Bookshop and Abe Books. If you would like to attend the course and/or the film, please sign-up on the sheet at the back of church.



WITH HOT SUPPER

Saturday 28th February, 7pm prompt start, in Church. A fun and friendly quiz. £15 adults, children free. 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. £120 Jackpot!

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.

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.



Funeral for Mark Lewis

The funeral for Mark Lewis will be held in St Mary's on Tuesday 10th February at 11am. Refreshments will be served after the service. There will be a private committal at the crematorium in the afternoon.

Reflection

based on Matthew 6,25-34

Take these lovely verses in their context: Jesus, living in the countryside of Galilee, is testing the real necessities and true values of life. He enjoys the beauty around him, but sees people so concerned with Mammon (a Semitic word for money or wealth), and worry about tomorrow, that they cannot be in tune with the God who reaches us only in the Now.

This story of Jesus leads us into the theme of trust. Only God is worth our total trust, and God is totally faithful to us. Worries about fashions and menus and diets can take us away from being concerned with the things of God.

Jesus does not just invite us to let our worries and concerns go; he does not want to leave us empty-handed. He offers a new priority – an eagerness to establish God's ways, a striving for the kingdom of God.



Who's Who at St Mary's

Vicar

Position vacant

Church Wardens

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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.