

St Mary's News

Sunday 1st February 2026

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Today

Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

10am Parish Eucharist

2.30pm Concert – East Peckham
Silver Band

Readings:

Malachi 3.1-5

Hebrews 2.14-end

Luke 2.22-40



The Collect for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty, whose
beloved Son was this day
presented in the Temple, in
substance of our flesh: grant that
we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts, by
your Son Jesus Christ 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 before Lent

10am Parish Eucharist with
Prayer Ministry

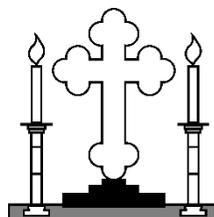
11.30am Domestic Abuse
Awareness course

Readings:

Genesis 1.1 – 2.3

Romans 8.18-25

Matthew 6.25-end



Prayers for the Week

We pray for all who live in Caxton
Lane and Waterslippe.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Mark Lewis

And from our Book of Remembrance:

Kenneth Daniels (Priest) (1st)

Marjorie Phyllis Stanley (4th)

Warwick James Dunford (4th)

Muriel Presnell Rendell (6th)

Coffee After Church

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



This Week at a glance

Monday

Tuesday

5.45pm Yoga

Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots

7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Thursday

11.30am Anna Chaplaincy lunch

Friday

7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday

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

We thank Rev Jane Edwards 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

CONCERT

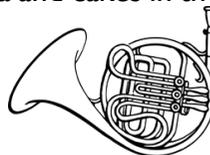
East Peckham Silver Band

TODAY

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.



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.





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!

Group Training Session

Domestic Abuse Awareness
Sunday 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.

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 for Candlemas

I was not there.
I did not dream my way
up prayer-worn temple steps
As you did, Christ-mother, that day.

I was not there.
I did not scan the gloom
or clutch a hand for courage
in the Temple waiting-room.

I was not there.
I did not hear the praise
which ancient ones sang of your
child
at the midnight of their days

I was not there.
I did not feel the sting
which bitter-sweet horizons
of your motherhood will bring.

But I am here.
And I would know a birth
to bring Divine Light's love
into an aching, longing earth.

Yes, I am here
And I would do my part.
O let a rising blade of spring
strike fire into my heart



Fr Simon Marshall

Who's Who at St Mary's

Vicar

Position vacant

Church Wardens

John Speed (07725 691518)
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Anna Chaplain

Jenny Hopkins (01732 852386)

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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.