

St Mary's News

Sunday 15th February 2026

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Today

The Sunday before Lent

10am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Exodus 24.12-end

2 Peter 1.16-end

Matthew 17. 1-9



The Collect for the Sunday before Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Next Week

1st Sunday of Lent

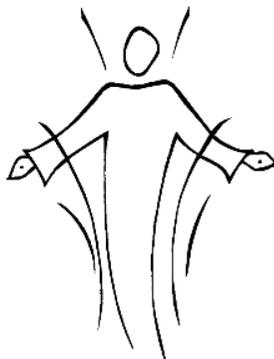
10am Parish Eucharist with
Prayer Ministry

Readings:

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

Romans 5.12-19

Matthew 4.1-11



Prayers for the Week

We pray for all who live in The Freehold and Mill View.

And from our Book of Remembrance:

Rupert Nixon (15th)

**We thank the Bishop of
Rochester the Rt Rev Dr
Jonathan Gibbs, 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

7pm Hula Hoop Dancing class

Tuesday

Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion with
ashing

10.30am Messy Church

7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Thursday

10am Newsletter Folding

Friday

7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday

9.30am Film showing for Lent
Course

7.30pm Singing Group

**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



Wednesday 18th February

10.30am – 12.30pm

All-age craft activities, games and fun to learn about **Lent and Getting Ready for Easter**. Plus informal worship and shared meal. FREE. All welcome.

Seniors' Coffee Mornings

Due to Jenny's accident we regret that there will be no Friday coffee mornings until after Easter.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Awareness of Domestic Abuse training last week. If you have not received your certificate of attendance, please speak to Cathy Brill.

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 February. Books are available from a number of sellers including Abe Books, Church House Bookshop and eden.co.uk. If you would like to attend the course and / or the film, please sign-up on the sheet at the back of church.



Ash Wednesday Deanery Service

The Deanery Ash Wednesday service on 18th Feb will take place at 7.30pm at **St Andrew's Church, Paddock Wood**.

Ash Wednesday will also be observed with ashing at our usual 9.30am Wednesday Holy Communion.



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!

Desserts Please

We would be very grateful for any desserts for our Quiz Evening on 28th Feb. if you can provide one, please let Janice or Iris know.

Hadlow Carers Together

Do you, or someone you know, care for an adult and would like a break for an hour? Do come along to the Carers Together group for an informal group chat with other carers who understand.

We meet in Church on the 2nd Monday of the month 1.30-2.30 and 4th Fridays 10.30 -11.30am. Contact Sally, Jenny or Iris.

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 medical appointment, please contact Mike Harvey on 01732 851881 or 07464 548448.

Prayer

Based on Matthew 17.1-9

This is my Son, the Beloved; .. listen to him.

You are God's chosen Son, O Lord.

Please help us listen to you.

Help us open our hearts to your grace.

Help us believe, help us love.

We are small and
we become
afraid.

Show us
your dazzling glory
hidden in the hum-drum
of our wondrous, everyday lives.

Though
we are sinners,
make us one with you,
and let us bring your life, death
and resurrection to all people.

Who's Who at St Mary's

Vicar

Position vacant

Church Wardens

John Speed (07725 691518)
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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.