

# St Mary's News

Sunday 25th January 2026

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## Today

### 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

10am Parish Eucharist with  
Prayer Ministry

#### Readings:

Isaiah 9.1-4

I Corinthians 1.10-18

Matthew 4.12-23



#### The Collect for the

#### 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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

### Candlemas

10am Parish Eucharist  
2.30pm Concert – East Peckham  
Silver Band

#### Readings:

Malachi 3.1-5

Hebrews 2.14-end

Luke 2.22-40



#### Prayers for the Week

We pray for all who live and work in Blackmans Lane and Hadlow College

**We pray for those who have recently died:**

Mark Lewis

#### **And from our Book of Remembrance:**

Ian Robert Dumbreck (27<sup>th</sup>)

Michael Edwin Vanns (30<sup>th</sup>)

Betty Hilda Payne (31<sup>st</sup>)

Daphne Travis (31<sup>st</sup>)

## 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 Bell ringing practice

### Tuesday

5.45pm Yoga

7.30pm Historical Society

### Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots

1pm Café Plus

7.30pm Bellringing Practice

### Thursday

### Friday

10.30am Hadlow Carers Together

7.15pm Choir Practice

### Saturday

7.30pm Singing Practice

**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 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. It is totally confidential. Please go to receive communion or a blessing first and then make your way to the Lady Chapel.

## CONCERT

### East Peckham Silver Band

NEXT WEEK Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. There will be a showing of the film on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb.

Books are available from a number of sellers including [www.eden.co.uk](http://www.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.



Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm prompt start, in Church. A fun and friendly quiz with hot supper. £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](mailto:office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk) or sign up on the sheet at the back of church. £120 Jackpot!

### **Group Training Session**

#### **Domestic Abuse Awareness**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

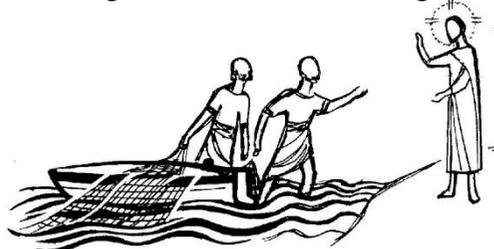
## Funeral for Mark Lewis

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

### Prayer

You call us,  
Wanderer of seashores and  
sidewalks,  
inviting us to sail out of our snug  
harbours  
into the uncharted waters of  
faith  
to wander off from our  
predictable paths to follow You  
into the unpredictable footsteps  
of the kingdom;  
to leave the comfort of our  
homes and accompany You  
into the uncomfortable  
neighbourhoods we usually  
avoid.

As we wait,  
in our simple, sometimes crazy,  
constantly uncertain lives,  
speak to us, Spirit of Grace:  
of that hope which is our anchor;  
of that peace which is our rock;  
of that grace which is our refuge.



## Who's Who at St Mary's

### Vicar

Position vacant

### Church Wardens

John Speed (07725 691518)  
[john@stmaryshadlow.org.uk](mailto:john@stmaryshadlow.org.uk)

Katerina Plucknett-Nixon  
(07922 146853)  
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### Anna Chaplain

Jenny Hopkins (01732 852386)

### Honorary Treasurer

Martin Massy (01732 851519)  
[finance@stmaryshadlow.org.uk](mailto:finance@stmaryshadlow.org.uk)

### Parish Administrator

Janice Massy (07570 941809)  
[office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk](mailto: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

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