

St Mary's News

Sunday 22nd February 2026

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Today

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



The Collect for the 1st Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 Lent

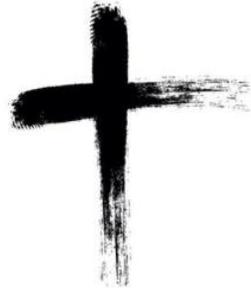
10am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Genesis 12.1-4a

Romans 4.1-5,13-17

John 3.1-17



Prayers for the Week

We pray for all who live in Hope Avenue and The Paddock.

**At the anniversary of his death
this week we remember**

Stephen Coker

**And from our Book of
Remembrance:**

John Walter Skelton (23rd)

**We thank Rev Roger Bishop,
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

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

7.30pm Singing Group

Friday

10.30am Hadlow Carers Together

7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday

9.30am Lent Course

7pm Quiz & Supper

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 are 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.

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.



Lent Course

On Saturday mornings in Lent beginning on 28th Feb for five weeks. We start at 9.30am with a bacon roll and coffee. The course will follow the book *The Mystery of Everything* by Hilary Brand based on the film *The Theory of Everything* about physicist Stephen Hawking. Books are available from a number of sellers, If you would like to attend, please sign-up on the sheet at the back of church.



A fun and friendly **QUIZ!**

WITH HOT SUPPER

NEXT SATURDAY, 28th Feb in Church, 7pm prompt start. £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 in church.

Desserts Please

We would be very grateful for any desserts for the Quiz next Saturday. If you can provide one, please let Janice or Iris know.

Lent Appeal

Please support St. Mary's 2026 Lent Appeal to raise funds for a new toilet block and repair a rainwater catchment system at Idunda Primary School in Kibakwe. With around 700 pupils from impoverished families, the School lacks essential amenities. Its toilet block has only two toilets, and the existing rainwater catchment system, which takes rainwater from the classroom block to an underground cistern, has degraded and broken since its last repair eight years ago.

A new toilet block with 12 toilets would cost £12,000, while repairing the rainwater catchment system with better quality materials would cost £800. The stored water can then be used to irrigate the school's crops, which provide meals for the children.

£30 raised during Lent will improve the health and nutrition of these children by providing them with adequate and hygienic toilet facilities and a functioning rainwater storage system.

Seniors' Coffee Mornings

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

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 second Monday of the month 1.30-2.30pm and on fourth Fridays 10.30am-11.30am. For more information please contact Sally, Jenny or Iris.

The Electoral Roll

The Church Electoral Roll (ER) is having its annual revision until 15th March. If you are already on the ER you do not need to do anything. If you are not on the ER and you have worshipped at St Mary's for at least six months, you are invited to join. Being on the Roll does not commit you to anything, but demonstrates your membership of St Mary's and entitles you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) which will take place on **Sunday 26th April**, and to stand for office if you wish. Application forms are on the table at the back of church; please complete and return to Richard Hopkinson or a church warden.

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)
finance@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

Parish Administrator

Janice Massy (07570 941809)
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
PCC@stmaryshadlow.org.uk
Minutes of PCC meetings are on the notice board and on St Mary's website.