

# St Mary's News

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

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**Today**

**2nd Sunday of Lent**

10am Parish Eucharist

**Readings:**

Genesis 12.1-4a

Romans 4.1-5,13-17

John 3.1-17



## **The Collect for the 2nd Sunday of Lent**

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Next Week**

**3rd Sunday of Lent**

10am Parish Eucharist with  
Prayer Ministry

**Readings:**

Exodus 17.1-7

Romans 5.1-11

John 4.5-42



## **Prayers for the Week**

We pray for all who live in  
Marshall Gardens and Brookfields.

**And from our Book of  
Remembrance:**

Nadine Jane (4<sup>th</sup>)

Helen Garner (5<sup>th</sup>)

**We thank Rev Brian  
Stephenson, 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

5.45pm Yoga

### Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots

7.30pm Bellringing Practice

### Thursday

### Friday

10.30am Hadlow Carers Together

7.15pm Choir Practice

### Saturday

9am District Bellringing Practice

9.30am Lent Course

**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**

## Lent Course

### Saturday mornings in Lent

We start at 9.30am with a bacon roll and coffee. The course I follow is 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.



## 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 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.

Donations may be made by cash to Martin marked 'Kibakwe', or by bank transfer (see Martin for St Mary's account details), again, using the reference 'Kibakwe'.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

## Seniors' Coffee Mornings

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

## Prayer

### Based on John 3.3-8

Blow, wind of God,  
Blow away the tight rules that  
hold me back from trusting,  
risking, loving  
Blow away my sin that stands in  
the way of encountering my  
neighbours  
Ready me for birth  
Prepare me for risk  
Equip me with courage and vision  
for the new thing that waits  
around the corner  
We cannot choose the stories  
we have inherited  
But we can choose the stories  
that we become.

Amen



## 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)

[katerina@stmaryshadlow.org.uk](mailto:katerina@stmaryshadlow.org.uk)

### 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

[PCC@stmaryshadlow.org.uk](mailto:PCC@stmaryshadlow.org.uk)

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