

St Mary's News

Sunday 22nd March 2026

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Today

5th Sunday of Lent

10am Parish Eucharist with
Prayer Ministry

Reading:

Ezekiel 37.1-14

Romans 8.6-11

John 11.1-45



The Collect for the 5th Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

Palm Sunday

10am Palm Procession from the
Square and Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Isaiah 50.4-9a

Philippians 2.5-11

Liturgy of the Passion - Matthew



Prayers for the Week

We pray for all who work in
shops and pubs in the parish.

And from our Book of Remembrance:

James Naismith (23rd)

Kate Louisa Longford (24th)

Geoff Bishop (26th)

Stella Bissenden (26th)

**We thank Rev Ian Aveson for
leading our service today**

Coffee After Church

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



For Children and Young People

Activity Bags for younger children are in baskets near the back of church. There are also books, crayons etc.



This Week at a glance

Monday

Tuesday

5.45pm Yoga
7pm Historical Society

Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots
Café Plus
7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Thursday

10am Newsletter Folding

Friday

10.30 Hadlow Carers Together
7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday

9.30am Lent Course



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

Prayer Ministry

Today in the Lady Chapel

and every 2nd & 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.

Easter Flowers in Church

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, please hand the money and their name to a church warden or Janice by **Thursday 2nd April**. Thank you.



Prayer request box

We are introducing a new way for members of the congregation and visitors to St Mary's to ask for prayers. A box is being placed at the back of the church. We invite people to write requests on the cards provided and place them in the locked box. When the prayer team (Christopher, Sue and Cathy) meet, the cards will be removed and form a focus for prayer. Requests can be made anonymously if preferred. We encourage everyone to use this opportunity.

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. For around 700 pupils from impoverished families, the school has only two toilets, and the existing rainwater catchment system has degraded and broken since its last repair 8 years ago.

£30 raised during Lent would improve the health of the children. Donations may be made by cash marked 'Kibakwe', or by bank transfer (see Martin for St Mary's account details), using the reference 'Kibakwe'.

Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday – 29th March

10am Palm Procession and Parish Eucharist

Monday 30th March

6pm Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 31st March

6pm Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 1st April

9.30am Holy Communion
6pm Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

8pm Eucharist of the Lord's supper and Watch of the Passion

Good Friday – 3rd April

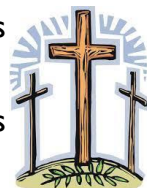
10am Walk of Witness from St Peter's RC chapel to St Mary's
stay for coffee & Hot Cross Buns.

Easter Saturday – 4th April

8pm Easter Vigil – service of light

Easter Sunday – 5th April

10am Easter Day family service



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.



UNLOCK LONDON WALK

Saturday, 18 April 2026

KILBURN AND HAMPSTEAD

This is the annual sponsored walk that raises money to help churches working in deprived and inner-city areas to reach out to their communities in meaningful ways. A 7½ mile circular walk calling at 7 very varied churches. There will be steep hills this year and lovely views from the Heath. Information and maps from Julia Miles. Seek sponsorship or make a donation. This is the 43rd walk and I have done 34 of them.

The Electoral Roll

The Church Electoral Roll (ER) is having its annual revision. 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 it demonstrates your membership of St Mary's and entitles you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on **Sunday 26th April**, and to stand for office if you wish. Forms are 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)

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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

PCC@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

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