

St Mary's News

Sunday 8th March 2026

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Today

3rd Sunday of Lent

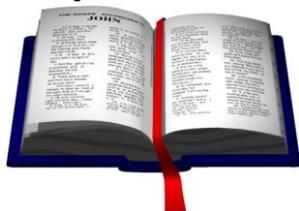
10am Parish Eucharist with
Prayer Ministry

Readings:

Exodus 17.1-7

Romans 5.1-11

John 4.5-42



The Collect for the 3rd Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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

4th Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday

10am All-age Eucharist

Readings:

Colossians 3.12-17

John 19.25b-27



Prayers for the Week

We pray for all who live in School Lane and Church Street.

And from our Book of Remembrance:

Dorothy Chapman (8th)

George Warn (9th)

Hilary Parry-Jones (14th)

**We thank Rev David Head,
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

1.30pm Hadlow Carers

Together

7pm Hula Hoop Dancing Class

Tuesday

5.45pm Yoga

Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots

Café Plus

7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Thursday

Friday

11.30am Funeral Reginald Hall

7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday

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

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.



NEXT WEEK - Sun 15 March

All welcome to our family-friendly communion service led by the Bishop of Tonbridge.

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'.

Thank You

A big thank you to all those who helped out at last week's quiz evening, all who brought food and the scrumptious desserts and all who came along to support it. We raised £786. A huge thank you too to the winning team from Golden Green who donated their prize money to St Mary's Vision 2030 project, bringing the overall takings to £906. A great effort – and an enjoyable evening; well done all!

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.

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 **Thurs 2nd April**. Thank you.



Prayer

Based on John 4.5-42

God:

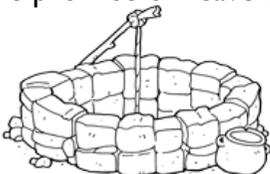
meet us at the wells
where we are lonely
where we are forgotten
where we are hurt by others
and give us to drink
of the grace that brings life again

God:

speak to us in the trysting places
where the sinners gather
where the prejudices are made known
and give us to drink
of the forgiveness that brings peace
again

God:

Renew all that we are and have been
fill us with a new future
inspire us with recreation
pull us into resurrection
and give us to drink
from the promise of heaven



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

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