

St Mary's News

Sunday 31st May 2026

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Today

Trinity Sunday

10am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Isaiah 40.12-17; 27-end
2 Corinthians 13.11-end
Matthew 28.16-end



The Collect for Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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

1st Sunday after Trinity

10am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Hosea 5.15-6.6
Romans 4.13-end
Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26



Prayers This Week

We pray for all who live in Victoria Road and Three Elm Lane

And from our Book of Remembrance:

Kenvyn Ritchie Trefor Davies (1st)
John Macnamara (2nd)
Ross Morgan (2nd)
Michael Simison (priest) (2nd)
Raymond Charles Norbury (4th)

If you would like a loved one remembered, please complete a blue form by the Book of Remembrance and the name will be added to the book.

Coffee After Church

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



The Week at a glance

Monday

Tuesday

5.45pm Yoga

Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Messy Church

7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Thursday

Friday

10.30am Seniors' Coffee Morning

Saturday

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

We thank Rev Brian Stevenson for leading our services 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.



Hadlow Village Fete

Sunday 14th June 2pm - 4.30pm at St Mary's Church & Church Street
Join us for a fun-filled afternoon!
cream teas, side stalls, games, coconut shy, face painting, yoga, food, bar and dog show.

If you would like a stall (cost £20), please contact Kirsty at stmarysfete2026@gmail.com.

There is a box at the back of church for **bottles of any kind** – eg ketchup, wine, soft drinks etc for the bottle tombola.

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.

A Special Evensong

Sunday 28th June at 6 pm
in St Mary's

This Evensong is being held to mark the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Rev Christopher Miles. He was ordained as Deacon in Rochester Cathedral by Bishop David Say on 27th June 1976. Please come along and give thanks with Christopher at this special anniversary.

Ring Into a New Hobby!

Looking for a hobby that's social, musical and unlike anything else? Discover the joy of bell ringing — a unique hobby that combines music, teamwork and tradition in a truly uplifting way. You don't need any experience or musical background — just curiosity and a willingness to give it a go. Join us for taster sessions in the bell tower on Wednesdays throughout July from 7pm to 8pm at St Mary's Church from July 1st. For more info. contact Howard Rogers on: 07734 962855 or howardsrogers@aol.com



Volunteers Needed

There are a number of voluntary roles in the church where more help would be appreciated:

Intercessions

We would really like more people to join the intercessions team for leading the prayers during the Sunday service. Guidance and advice will be given. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Janice.

Coffee rota

It would always help to have a few more people on the rota to serve coffee after the 10am service. We normally have two people serving coffee each week.

Church Cleaning

Likewise, we could do with more people to clean church. It would only be every six weeks — or even less frequently if we have enough volunteers!

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.

Church Flowers

The flowers in church are always a beautiful addition to our worship. There is a form at the back of church where you can make a donation to sponsor the flowers for a particular week. You might like to mark a birthday, anniversary or to remember someone who has gone before us to glory. Please sign up for those special dates.

Sonnet for Trinity Sunday

In the Beginning, not in time or space,
But in the quick before both space
and time,
In Life, in Love, in co-inherent Grace,
In three in one and one in three, in
rhyme,
In music, in the whole creation story,
In His own image, His imagination,
The Triune Poet makes us for His
glory,
And makes us each the other's
inspiration.
He calls us out of darkness, chaos,
chance,
To improvise a music of our own,
To sing the chord that calls us to the
dance,
Three notes resounding from a single
tone,
To sing the End in whom we all begin;
Our God beyond, beside us and
within.

Malcolm Guite

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, James Menday, Iris Shaw and Sharon Vanns.

PCC Secretary:

Richard Hopkinson
PCC@stmaryshadlow.org.uk
*Minutes of PCC meetings on the
notice board and on St Mary's website.*