

St Mary's News

Sunday 3rd May 2026

Large print hymn books and service sheets available

Wi-Fi : network: TalkTalk021AF9, Password X3MNT3J8

Website: www.stmaryshadlow.org.uk Find us on Facebook: St Mary's Hadlow

Today

5th Sunday of Easter

9am Said Holy Communion

10am Pet Blessing Service

Readings:

Acts 7.55-60

1 Peter 2.2-10

John 14.1-14

Genesis 1.24-31a



The Collect for the 5th Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Next Week

6th Sunday of Easter

10am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Acts 17.22-31

1 Peter 3.13-end

John 14.15-21



Prayers This Week

We pray for all who live in Hadlow Park and Valley Drive.

And from our Book of Remembrance:

Vera Godsall (4th)

Keith Edwin Vanns (5th)

Betty Calvert (6th)

Christopher Taylor (9th)

We thank the Venerable Nick Cornell, Archdeacon of Tonbridge for leading our services 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

Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots

7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Thursday

Friday

7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday

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

PCC

Following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting last week, we welcome James Menday to the PCC (Parochial Church Council). Jim May, Janice Massy and Iris Shaw were re-elected to the PCC. And we thank Nicola for her time on the PCC.

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.

Musical Soirée The Grenadillas

Clarinet Choir

Sunday 17th May, 6pm in Church.
Enjoy a feast of music through the ages, together with a glass of wine and light refreshments.

The programme lasts about one hour with music and song from a mixture of styles and eras from baroque to jazz with a couple of special items! Free admission but donations are welcome to be shared between Porchlight, the Kent charity that helps vulnerable and homeless people, and St Mary's.



All-age fun at **MESSY CHURCH**
on Wed 27th May, 10.30-12.30

Craft and games to learn about Jesus the Good Shepherd – with plenty of sheep activities! Plus informal worship and food. FREE. All welcome.



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, food, bar and fun dog show.

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

Any offers of help on the day would be very welcome; please speak to Iris or Kirsty.

Memorial Service for Angela Widdicombe

There will be a service in St Mary's to celebrate Angela's life on Saturday 30th May at 2.30pm. Angela was a long-serving and valued member of St Mary's and the choir. All welcome. Refreshments will be served in church after the 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.



"Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received – only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage."

St Francis of Assisi

Prayer by St Francis of Assisi

God Our Heavenly Father,
you created the world
to serve humanity's needs
and to lead them to You.
By our own fault,
we have lost the beautiful
relationship we once had with all
your creation.
Help us to see that by restoring our
relationship with You,
we will also restore it
with all your creation.
Give us the grace to see all animals
as gifts from You
and to treat them with respect,
for they are your creation.
We pray for all animals.
May they be treated with care,
and may their lives reflect
the glory of Your creation.
Amen.



Who's Who at St Mary's

Vicar

Position vacant

Church Wardens

John Speed (07725 691518)

john@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

Katerina Plucknett-Nixon

(07922 146853)

katerina@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

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, James Menday, 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.