

# St Mary's News

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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## Today

### Pentecost

10am Parish Eucharist with  
Prayer Ministry

### Readings:

Acts 2.1-21

1 Corinthians 12.3b-13

John 20.19-23



### The Collect for Pentecost

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## Next Week

### Trinity Sunday

10am Parish Eucharist

### Readings:

Isaiah 40.12-17; 27-end

2 Corinthians 13.11-end

Matthew 28.16-end



### Prayers This Week

We pray for all who live in  
Appletons and The Forstal.

### **And from our Book of Remembrance:**

Mary Knowles (26<sup>th</sup>)

Janice Bowden (28<sup>th</sup>)

Rupert Weld-Smith (29<sup>th</sup>)

Margaret Lorna Thom (30<sup>th</sup>)

Barbara Joyce Fermor (30<sup>th</sup>)

**We thank Rev Roger Bishop  
for leading our services today.**

## **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

7.30pm Historical Society

### **Wednesday**

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Messy Church

1pm Café Plus

7.30pm Bell ringing practice

### **Thursday**

10am Newsletter Folding

### **Friday**

10.30am Seniors' Coffee Morning

7.15pm Choir Practice

### **Saturday**

2.30pm Memorial Service for  
Angela Widdicombe

7pm Quarter Peal attempt

**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.



## **Prayer Ministry**

### **Today in the Lady Chapel**

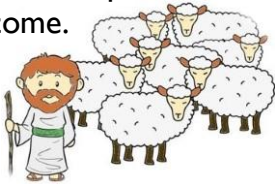
and every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday during Communion. A member of our prayer team will be there to pray for or with you. You can ask for prayer for yourself or for others in need, whether for physical or emotional healing or for anything else. It is totally confidential. Please go to receive 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.

## **Memorial Service for Angela Widdicombe**

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



All-age fun at MESSY CHURCH on Wed 27<sup>th</sup> 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.



## A Special Evensong

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 6 pm

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

## Musical Soirée

Thank you to all who came and supported the Grenadillas Musical Soiree last week, to those who organised the event and helped out and, of course, to the Grenadillas themselves for providing such an entertaining evening.



## Hadlow Village Fete

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 fun dog show.

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

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

## Church Flowers

The flowers in church are always a beautiful addition to our worship. As of this week there will be 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.

## 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.



## The Rochester Bikers

The Rochester Bikers have already started meeting this year and have been out for a motorbike ride and a pizza, meandering around the beautiful Kent lanes in West Kent. Upcoming rides are to Hythe for a brunch on the 13 June and to the area around Appledore for lunch on 17 July. They would be delighted if anyone would like to join them on these rides or in the whatsapp group for future rides. Please email Bertie on [barmingtestoncurate@gmail.com](mailto:barmingtestoncurate@gmail.com)

## A Prayer for Pentecost

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that  
my thoughts may all be holy;  
Act in me, O Holy Spirit  
that my works too may be holy;  
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that  
I love but what is holy;  
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,  
to defend all that is holy;  
Guard me then, O Holy Spirit, that  
I always may be holy.  
Amen

*St Augustine of Hippo  
(AD 354-430)*



## 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)  
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### 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, James Menday, Iris Shaw and Sharon Vanns.

### PCC Secretary:

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