

St Mary's News

Sunday 26th April 2026

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Today

4th Sunday of Easter

10am Parish Eucharist

11.30am APCM

Readings:

Acts 2.42-end

1 Peter 2.19-end

John 10.1-10



The Collect for the 4th Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Next Week

5th Sunday of Easter

9am Said Holy Communion

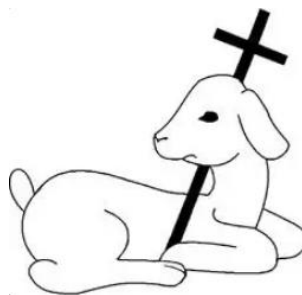
10am Pet Blessing Service

Readings:

Acts 7.55-60

1 Peter 2.2-10

John 14.1-14



Prayers This Week

We pray for all who live in Park Villas, Spa Close and James Close.

And from our Book of Remembrance:

John Joseph Barden (26th)

Lara Pragnell (1st May)

**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

Tuesday

5.45pm Yoga

7.30pm Historical Society

Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots

7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Thursday

Friday

10.30pm Coffee Morning for Seniors

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

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.

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. All welcome. Refreshments will be served in church afterwards



Musical Soirée The Grenadillas Clarinet Choir

Sunday 17th May at 6pm in Church. A light programme lasting about one hour of music and song – a mixture of styles and eras from baroque to jazz with a couple of special items! Wine, cheese and nibbles available. Free admission but donations are welcome to be shared between Porchlight, the Kent charity that helps vulnerable and homeless people, and St Mary's Church.



Pet Blessing Service

Sunday 3rd May at 10am

All pets and their humans welcome. An opportunity to thank God for the gift of animals, especially our own furry, feathered or scaly friends.

If there are larger animals that cannot come into the church, a short service will take place outside the church at 9.50am.

(Said Holy Communion service at 9am)



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



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

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 medical appointment, please contact Mike Harvey on 01732 851881 or 07464 548448.



Prayer

based on John 10.1-10

Lord, we would follow you
wherever you might lead.
Lord, we would follow you.
Forgive us when we stumble
and when we stray.
Forgive us when, distracted
we lose our way.
Be the one to whom we turn,
whose hand we hold,
the Shepherd who leads us
safely to the fold.
Lord, we would follow you
wherever you might lead.
Lord, we would follow you.
until our travelling days are done.
Amen.



Who's Who at St Mary's

Vicar

Position vacant

Church Wardens

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Martin Massy (01732 851519)
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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.