

# St Mary's News

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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**10th May**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

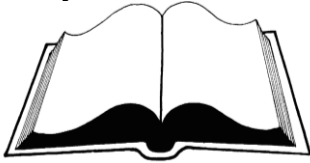
10am Parish Eucharist with  
Prayer Ministry

**Readings:**

Acts 17.22-31

1 Peter 3.13-end

John 14.15-21



**The Collect for the  
6th Sunday of Easter**

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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**

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

**17th May**

**7th Sunday of Easter  
Celebrating Ascension**

10am Service of the Word  
6pm Musical Soirée

**Readings:**

Acts 1.1-11

Ephesians 1.15-end

Luke 24.44-end



**The Collect for  
Ascension**

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**We thank John Speed for  
leading our service today**

## Prayers

### Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> May

We pray for all who live in  
Palmers Brook & Lonewood Way

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

Simon Raddatz (12<sup>th</sup>)  
Linda Raddatz (12<sup>th</sup>)  
Mandy Allott (14<sup>th</sup>)  
Ada Louise Allott (14<sup>th</sup>)

## Prayers

### Week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> May

We pray for all who live in Court  
Lane and Cemetery Lane. We  
pray too for Tilly and Daniel who  
were married here on Friday.

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

Geraldine Noad (20<sup>th</sup>)  
Kenneth (k/a Peter) Piper (22<sup>nd</sup>)

## **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

#### **Tuesday**

5.45pm Yoga

#### **Wednesday**

9.30am Holy Communion  
10.30am Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots  
1pm Café Plus  
7.30pm Bell ringing practice

#### **Thursday**

#### **Friday**

10.30am Coffee Morning for  
Seniors  
2pm Wedding Tilly Copley &  
Daniel Clifton  
7.15pm Choir Practice

#### **Saturday**

### Next 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**

11am Hadlow Carers Together  
7.15pm Choir Practice

#### **Saturday**

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

## Prayer Ministry

**10<sup>th</sup> May 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.

## Musical Soirée The Grenadillas

Clarinet Choir

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 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

to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of Rev Christopher Miles as Deacon, in Rochester Cathedral by Bishop David Say on 27<sup>th</sup> June 1976. Please come along and celebrate with Christopher this special anniversary.

## 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. All welcome. Refreshments will be served in church after the service.



## 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, 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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)

[katerina@stmaryshadlow.org.uk](mailto:katerina@stmaryshadlow.org.uk)

### 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.*