

St Mary's News

Sunday 5th July 2026

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Today

5th Sunday after Trinity

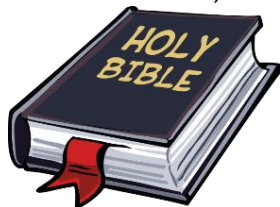
10am Service of the Word

Readings:

Zechariah 9.9-12

Romans 7.15-25

Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end



The Collect for the 5th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Next Week

5th Sunday after Trinity

10am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Isaiah 55.10-13

Romans 8.1-11

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23



Prayers This Week

We pray for all who live in Monypenny Close, Warren Gardens and Fairfield Close.

And from our Book of Remembrance:

Dora Huckans (9th)

Eileen Donoghue (11th)

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

12pm Funeral – Sandra Rhodes

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

12pm Funeral – David Ayres

7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday

7.30pm Singing Group

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

We thank John Speed for leading our service today, and Jim May and Sylvie Barbor of the Mpapwa/Diocesan Link for talking to us about Kibakwe

For Children and Young People

Activity Bags for younger children are in baskets near the back of church. There are also books, crayons etc.



UPDATE ON

HADLOW/KIBAKWE LINK

Kibakwe is one of two deaneries in Tanzania chosen by the Bishop of Mpwapwa to begin a rollout of what is called Church & Community Mobilisation Process (CCMP) across the whole of Mpwapwa Diocese. CCMP is a process that moves people from a dependency mindset to one of empowerment, through forming Self Help Groups and starting income generating projects with training and mentoring support. CCMP reaches the community not just a section of it; it reaches all faiths and those of no faith. CCMP does not replace the projects that St Mary's and the wider Hadlow community support. The current St Mary's project to build a toilet block at Idunda Primary School is still proceeding.

The collection this Sunday is in support of the rollout of CCMP in Kibakwe Deanery.

Funeral for Sandra Rhodes

The funeral for Sandra will be held in church tomorrow – Monday 6th July at 12 noon.

Funeral for David Ayres

Friday 10th July at 12 noon to be conducted by Rev Clifford Stocking.

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 email:
howardsrogers@aol.com



It's Your Calling

31 October, St John's Meopham

It's Your Calling is aimed at those exploring where God may be calling and looks at our journey and the gifts that God has given us, as well as the Biblical understanding of vocation.

The day gives an opportunity to meet others on a similar quest and to take time to think where God could be calling.

After It's Your Calling, there is an opportunity to make contact with a Vocations Adviser, for an informal chat.

You will normally need the incumbent's approval to attend this event. As St Mary's is still in a vacancy please seek advice at vocations@rochester.anglican.org

To book please email <https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/MzAxLTk0Ng/t> you will then receive a link to a booking form. You should complete and return it to the address given at least one week before the event.

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.

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. For 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 the 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 or Martin the Treasurer for a leaflet with more information.

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.