

St Mary's News

Sunday 21st June 2026

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Today

3rd Sunday after Trinity

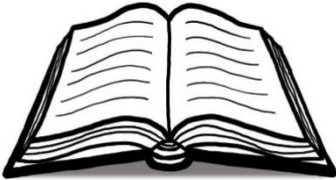
10am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Jeremiah 20.7-13

Romans 6.1b-11

Matthew 10.24-39



The Collect for the 3rd Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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

Next Week

4th Sunday after Trinity

10am Parish Eucharist with

Prayer Ministry

6pm Choral Evensong

Readings:

Jeremiah 28.5-9

Romans 6.12-end

Matthew 10-40-end



Prayers This Week

We pray for all who live in Kelchers Lane & Medway View.

We pray for those who have recently died

Sandra Rhodes

David Ayres

And from our Book of Remembrance:

Laura Trayford (22nd)

Douglas Oswald Reeves (23rd)

Sue Livett (24th)

Coffee After Church

Visitors are warmly welcomed; please join us for refreshments after today's 10am service.



For Children and Young People

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



The Week at a glance

Monday

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 Hadlow Carers Together

7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday

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

We thank Rev Penny Stephens for leading our service today.

Thank You

Well done and a big THANK YOU to all involved with last week's Village Fête – especially organisers Jo, Ros, Kirsty and Iris. The community turn-out was amazing; the numbers exceeded all expectations and it was so good to see families and the community coming together to enjoy a wonderful afternoon.

A huge thank you too to the event's sponsor Gillingham Engineering, to Ian Chatfield Butchers of Tonbridge for the delicious sausages, Hadlow Health and Beauty, the Kentish Tap, and all who donated prizes for the raffle and bottle stall, all who baked cakes and scones, the organisations and stallholders who took part and the many volunteers who helped out on the day. The event raised over £3,000; a brilliant team effort.

A Special Evensong

Next Sunday 28th June
at 6pm in St Mary's

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

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 howardsrogers@aol.com



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!

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.



Concert

Saturday 20th June at 7pm.

Local blind singer/songwriter Marilyn Baker and her ministry partner Tracy Williamson invite you to their concert celebrating 40 years ministering together. Come for a lovely evening of music and stories followed by tea and cake at Delarue Hall, Shipbourne Rd, Tonbridge. To book your free place please email info@mbm-ministries.org or call 01732 850855

Funeral for Sandra Rhodes

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

Reflection Matthew 10.39

“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”

In today's context, where material success and personal comfort often take precedence, the teachings in Matthew 10:24-39 call for a counter-cultural commitment to faith. The call to “take up your cross” serves as a reminder that following Jesus may necessitate difficult choices and personal sacrifices. By encouraging believers to focus on eternal rewards rather than temporary pleasures, this passage prompts a re-evaluation of priorities and a deeper commitment to spiritual values.

Who's Who at St Mary's

Vicar

Position vacant

Church Wardens

John Speed (07725 691518)
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Katerina Plucknett-Nixon
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Anna Chaplain

Jenny Hopkins (01732 852386)

Honorary Treasurer

Martin Massy (01732 851519)
finance@stmaryshadlow.org.uk

Parish Administrator

Janice Massy (07570 941809)
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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, James Menday, 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.