

St Mary's News

Sunday 12th July 2026

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Today

7th Sunday after Trinity

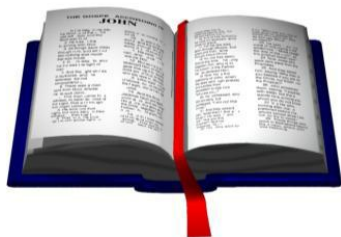
10am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Isaiah 44.6-8

Romans 8.12-25

Matthew 13.24-30,36-43



The Collect for the

7th Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

8th Sunday after Trinity

10am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

1 Kings 3.5-12

Romans 8.26-end

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52



Prayers This Week

We pray for all who all live in Tonbridge Road and Ashes Lane.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Ray Abnett

And from our Book of Remembrance:

Bill Hughes (22nd)

Rosemary Carter (23rd)

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

7.30pm PCC Meeting

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 David Head for
leading our service today.**

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 very
welcome**

Seniors' Lunch

This will take place in church on Sunday 2nd August at 12.30pm when we will be delighted to welcome Rev Nicky Harvey to join us. Booking is essential so that we know how many to cater for: please contact Jenny Hopkins on 852386.

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.



Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride

Sat, 12th September 10am to 6pm

It would be lovely to have some riders from St. Mary's again to take part in this year's sponsored bike ride around Kent churches. And thank you to those who have done it in the past. Walk, cycle or travel in any way you can between churches and chapels of all denominations in any part of Kent. Half the money you raise goes to St Mary's, the rest to the charity *Friends of Kent Churches* to help fund their grants for repairs and facilities at churches and chapels in Kent. Details and a list of churches taking part are available from Julia Miles.



Ring Into a New Hobby!

Just two weeks left to attend one of the taster sessions to see if you might like to join our friendly group of bell ringers. You don't need any experience or musical background – just curiosity and a willingness to give it a go. Join the ringers in the bell tower on Wednesdays 22nd and 29th July from 7pm to 8pm at St Mary's Church. For more info. contact Howard on 07734 962855 or email: howardrogers@aol.com

Volunteers Please 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!

HADLOW/KIBAKWE LINK

If you would like to hear about the project in our link parish of Kibakwe in Tanzania to enable people to help and support themselves, please speak to Jim May or Sharon Vanns.

The Church & Community Mobilisation Process (CCMP) does not replace the projects that the Hadlow community supports such as the project to build a toilet block at Idunda Primary School in Kibakwe.

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.

Prayer

Based on Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Dear God, how easy it is for me to distinguish myself from "them".

For the times I believe I am better than others — forgive me.

For the times I put my ways on a pedestal to the neglect of others — forgive me.

For the times I avert my gaze so I won't have to look at their condition — forgive me.

For the times I wished they would all go away and live somewhere else — forgive me.

For the times I feel no discomfort in judging others before I even know them — forgive me.

For the ease with which I label people "them" and "other" — forgive me.

by the Reverend Dr. Kwasi I. Kena



Who's Who at St Mary's

Vicar

Position vacant

Church Wardens

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Anna Chaplain

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Honorary Treasurer

Martin Massy (01732 851519)
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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 Munday, 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.