

# **St Mary's News**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

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## **Today**

### **13th Sunday after Trinity**

10am Parish Eucharist

1pm Baptism: Aurelie Gorringe

#### **Readings:**

Jeremiah 15.15-21

Romans 12.9-end

Matthew 16.21-end



## **The Collect for the**

### **13th Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

## **Next Week**

### **Backpack Blessing Service**

10am Parish Eucharist and

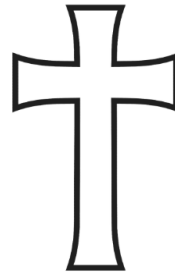
blessing of the backpacks

#### **Readings:**

Proverbs 2:1-6

Philippians 4:4-9

Matthew 11:28-30



## **Prayers This Week**

We pray for all who live in Maltings Close and Toby Gardens, and for Aurelie being baptised here this afternoon.

*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.*

**We thank Reverend Christopher Miles for leading our service today.**

## **Coffee After Church**

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



## **The Week at a glance**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots

7.30pm Bell ringing practice

**Thursday**

**Friday**

7.15pm Choir Practice

**Saturday**

Please note: Seniors' Coffee Morning on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September has been cancelled

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

## **Pastoral Team Meeting**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept, 10am-12pm

This will be a meeting in church for the Home Communion and Visiting teams.

## **For Children and Young People**

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



## **National Emergency Briefing Screening**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 7.30pm  
in St Mary's Church

The 50-minute film is based on the November 2025 National Emergency Briefing in which leading experts in climate, health, food security, energy, and national security presented the risks of climate and nature breakdown to politicians and influential figures. The film also talks about solutions and helps audiences understand how they can be part of the solution. It will be followed by discussion led by our local councillors James Lark and Steve Crisp, food expert Dr Howard Lee, as well as Richard Hopkinson who will update us on St Mary's Vision 2030 project. Free entry, nibbles and drinks available. To book your place please email <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/thepccstmaryschurchhadlow/2345209> or speak to Richard.

## **Backpack Blessing Service**

Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> September at 10am.  
All children, teachers and educators – and everyone else! – are invited to bring their backpacks or school bags for a blessing at the start of the school year.



## **Licensing of Revd Dr Peter Hayler as Vicar of Hadlow**

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30  
We will be needing lots of help with food for the evening. A sign-up sheet is at the back of church with suggested contributions – or feel free to suggest your own.

## **Big Clean in Church**

### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept at 10am**

We are hoping to spruce up the church in time for the installation of our new vicar. Please join us to clear the cobwebs and dust from those nooks and crannies. Just bring cleaning materials and your marigolds!



## **Welcome Hamper**

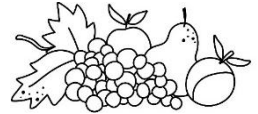
Jenny and Iris will be preparing a hamper to welcome Rev Peter and his wife Donna to their new home and would appreciate any donations. A list is available at the back of church.

## **Dates for your Diary**

### **Harvest Festival Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> October**

10am Harvest service in church  
Come along to this all-age friendly thanksgiving service.

We would welcome all community harvest displays and gifts – please no perishable items except for display purposes. All **Harvest Gifts** will go to local foodbanks.



### **Harvest Supper**

#### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm**

Entry £10 each (children free).  
Please sign the sheet at the back of church or email  
[office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryshadlow.org.uk)

This will be a fun evening and an opportunity to get to know Rev Peter, our new vicar.

### **An Evening with Henry VIII**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm  
Laughter and learning wrapped up in one performance by Tony Harris, comedian, raconteur and actor who specialises in historical talks with a hysterical twist. Tony lived and worked at Hampton Court Palace for two years, playing Henry VIII for more than half a million tourists. Entry £10, children £5. Bar available

## **Friends of Kent Churches Sponsored Ride and Stride**

Sat, 12<sup>th</sup> September 10am to 6pm  
Walk, cycle or travel in any way  
you can between churches and  
chapels of all denominations in  
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 Kent churches.  
See Julia for details and a list of  
churches taking part.

### **Prayer**

(based on Matthew 16.21-28)

Merciful God,  
You call us to follow;  
to turn away from our own selfish  
interests,  
and to take up our cross and  
follow after You,  
even if the path is difficult to see,  
or is heading in a direction we would  
never have chosen for ourselves.

Forgive us for being so quick to  
question  
and so hesitant to follow.  
Help us to see with the eyes of faith,  
rather than from our own human  
point of view.

Teach us to follow without fear,  
knowing that You are always with us,  
leading the way.  
Amen.

## **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  
[PCC@stmaryshadlow.org.uk](mailto:PCC@stmaryshadlow.org.uk)  
*Minutes of PCC meetings are on the  
notice board and on St Mary's website.*