

What's On at St Mary's West Malling in September

The following services will be held at St Mary's in late August/September:

Sunday 30th August: 8am BCP Holy Communion, St Mary's

10.30am Team Holy Communion Service, Leybourne

Sunday 6th September: 8am BCP Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion with choir and scholars

Sunday 13th September: 8am BCP Holy Communion

10am All Age Worship

Sunday 20th September: 8am BCP Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion with Choir, Scholars & Treblemakers

Sunday 27th September: 8am BCP Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion with Choir

Sunday 4th October 8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion with Choir, Scholars & Treblemakers

Other Highlights

Ride and Stride this year takes place on Saturday 12th September. For those who have not taken part before, this is a national fun day trying to visit as many churches as you feel like, by bike or on foot. The churches can be local, or you can have a day exploring churches in other parts of Kent, such as Canterbury, Folkestone or Broadstairs, ideally travelling by train. You can get sponsorship if you wish, from friends and family, and at the end of the day, the total amount of money raised is split between our church and the Friends of Kent Churches, which helps churches in need of repair.

More details and forms to keep a record of the churches you visit, and for sponsors to sign, are available on the Ride and Stride website, together with suggestions of routes. See <https://www.kentrideandstride.co.uk/>

Music at Malling: this local annual festival takes place 18-26th September, with many concerts taking place in St Mary's. There are programme leaflets in the church and further details at: <https://musicatmallong.com/>

Messy Church: this takes place on Sunday 27th, 4-6pm, at Trottiscliffe Village Hall. All families welcome, All age crafts and activities and Bible stories for primary school children and a hot meal too, Cost: £1 per family. For more information contact: Rev Helen Burn rector@kentdownsmalling.church

Other Useful Information

- Homegroups from September 2026 – see leaflet
- Bellringers – practices on Mondays at 7.45 pm
- Church Cleaning Monday 7th September from 9.30am
- Church Yard Maintenance – contact email for the churchyard maintenance party is churchyard@stmaryswestmall.org.uk They meet on alternate Saturdays from 10.00am to midday.
- Mothers Union: Mon September 14th, 1.30pm in church, talk on Communion.
- Canon Alan Vousden is holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning at 3 Fartherwell Avenue on Friday 25th September. You are more than welcome, but it would be helpful if you could let Alan know if you are likely to attend. There will be a b&b sale as well as some delicacies! alanvousden@btinternet.com.
- If you have USED greetings cards which you don't need, could you please put them in the box marked 'USED GREETINGS CARDS' at the back of the church. We are starting a project on recycling them, for church funds. Contact Jill via the communications email address, below, for further information.
- To contribute financially to the work of St Mary's please click [here](#).
- For friends or family to be added to the "I Know Church" email list please fill in this form and send it to The Kent Downs and Malling Benefice Office, 73 Rectory Lane North, Leybourne ME19 5HD, or hand it to a member of the clergy or of the PCC.

Future Dates for your diary

- **Confirmation Classes** We are next running Confirmation classes for young people in autumn 2027, but there will be a class **for adults** this year running on Sunday afternoons 4-5pm on the following dates: 4th, 11th, 18th October 2026 Venue to be announced
- **Harvest Festival** 10am 11th October with Brunch provided by MU at 9am
- Sunday 11 October: 5pm **Wind & Voice Concert** with our Scholars and Kentish Winds.
- Sunday 8 November: 14:30 **Civic Service of Remembrance**
- Sunday 22 November: 17:00 **Choral Evensong**
- Sunday 20 December: 18:00 **Christmas Carol Service**

If you have anything you would like to go in the bulletin for October, or any comments, please let me know.

With many thanks for your support,

Jill Rutland

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