St Mary's News

Sunday 8th November 2026

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Today
Rembrance Sunday

10am Parish Eucharist and Act of Remembrance

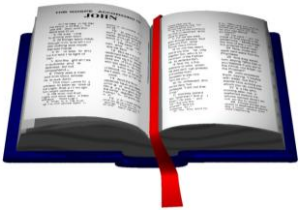
11.30am Remembrance at the War Memorial in Hadlow Cemetery

Readings:

Isaiah 40.31

James 3.17-18

John 15.9-17



The Collect for Remembrance Sunday

Merciful Father, hear our prayers and console us. As we renew our faith in your Son, whom you raised from the dead, strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Next Week
2nd Sunday before Advent (Safeguarding Sunday)

10am Parish Eucharist

Readings:

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Matthew 25.14.30



Prayers This Week

We pray this week for all who have lost loved ones, not just in past conflicts but those in more recent and on-going conflicts.

And from our Book of Remembrance:

Brian Henry Evans (12th)

Kenneth Holland-Roe (13th)

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
9.30am Hadlow Carers Together

Tuesday
7pm Social & Fundraising Meeting

Wednesday
9.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Coffee Pots & Tiny Tots
1pm Café Plus
7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Thursday
10am Hadlow School Reception Class Visit

Friday
7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday
7.30om Singing Group

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

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.

Prayer Ministry Today in the Lady Chapel

and every 2nd and 4th Sunday during Communion. A member of our prayer team will be there to pray for or with you. You can ask for prayer for yourself or for others in need, whether for physical or emotional healing or for anything else. It is totally confidential. Please go to receive communion or a blessing first and then make your way to the Lady Chapel. There will also be the opportunity to be anointed with oil.

Needed Someone to Unlock Church

We need someone to unlock the church on Thursdays at 10am. If you are able to help, please speak to Janice.

TEDDY BEAR BLESSING & TOY SERVICE.

Sunday 29th November at 10am

Bring your beloved Teddy for a blessing (and to take back home), and bring a new toy to donate to the Christmas Present Appeal to help spread the joy of Christmas to families whose children would otherwise not receive a Christmas present. Donated toys can be left unwrapped to help charities allocate them to children of the appropriate age.



CONCERT

Sunday 29th Nov at 2.30pm

by the excellent

Bacchus Wind Orchestra

Varied programme of wonderful tunes; interval with tea and cakes. Free entry but we welcome donations towards band and church funds.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Saturday 5th December at 7.30pm

Come along for a fun quiz. Teams of up to six, so come as a group or join in with others on the evening. £5 adults, children £3. Bar available.

Rochester Diocese 'Called Together' Project Update

The Called Together vision is a nine-year programme of work to grow missional churches, with missional leaders and missional disciples. Essentially, this means creating and supporting a flourishing and well-resourced parish system to grow God's kingdom across the diocese. The programme is funded thanks to nearly £11 million granted by the National Church in March 2025.

Already, the programme is starting to bear early fruit, says Bishop Jonathan. "Funded posts in parishes are beginning to make a difference locally, and extra capacity for children and schools work, well-being programmes, and targeted support for parishes facing challenge, show change and growth are possible."

An update has just been shared about how work around the vision is progressing. To read it, SCAN the code or visit:

www.rochester.anglican.org/about-us/ourvision/progress-updates/

or pick up a printed sheet as you leave church today.

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.

Poem for Remembrance

Virtutis Fortuna Comes
We are indeed the lucky and unlucky ones,
As we are the ones who have lived to tell the tales of those we once knew
We are the ones who carry those scars of things seen, done and lost
We are the ones who must never let those who are not here be forgotten by the new
We are the ones who will never need to be reminded that
"We will Remember Them"
As we are the ones who will always remember those we forever call friend.

WO2 Anthony Devanny
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PCC Members, any of whom can be approached for help or information:
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Minutes of PCC meetings are on the notice board and on St Mary's website.