

**St Mary, Kippington Newsletter**  
**Sunday 3rd March 2024. Third Sunday of Lent**  
**The Church is now wi-fi connected!**

When you search then connect under Kippington Church, the password is: **K1pp1ngt0n**  
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**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**

Bible Readings: 1 Corinthians 1: 18 - 25 and John 2: 13 – 22

**10:30am Family Service (Centre)**

Bible Reading: Mark 14: 3 – 9

**3pm Kippington Youth Group (Centre)**

10am Communion Service on Thursday

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Romans 4: 13 - end:

Mark 8: 31 – end:

Collect:

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers:

Please remember in your prayers Julia Clarke, Wendy Pritchard's step daughter, having treatment at this time in hospital. Prayer for healing and recovery.

Please remember in your prayers Barbara Jay and James Talbot who have recently died. (James' Memorial service in Church on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 1pm).

Notices

**THE REAL EASTER EGG**

Sunday 3rd March is the final deadline for ordering an Easter egg for your family and/or for Sevenoaks 'Loaves & Fishes'. You can see me after the Family Service or email me on [jenny.gyte@icloud.com](mailto:jenny.gyte@icloud.com)

**March edition of Forward Move:** Out at the back of church/ centre.

Advance date: **Sunday 17th March 12:30pm (Centre): Christian Aid Lunch and Speaker.**

**Holy Week Services (all at St Mary Kippington unless stated)**

**Palm Sunday (24<sup>th</sup> March)**

8am Holy Communion (BCP) and 10:30am Parish Communion – special service for Palm Sunday. (Both services palms are distributed)

**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week (25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>)**

7pm each evening Compline (Night Prayer, with evening hymns: CD's)

Short addresses at each service in turn on 'the supporting cast of Holy Week'

Monday – Looking at Mary Magdalene; Tuesday – Looking at Peter and Wednesday – Looking at Pilate

**Maundy Thursday (28<sup>th</sup>) – Team event**

6pm Passover Supper and Holy Communion (at St Mary the Virgin)

(List to sign for catering purposes at the back of church)

**Good Friday (29<sup>th</sup>)**

2pm Choir led service of readings, anthems, reflections and hymns around the cross

### **Easter Sunday (31<sup>st</sup>)**

6:30am Sunrise service outside church, followed by breakfast (Centre)

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:30am Family Communion (Easter Egg hunt for the children after)

Over refreshments following the service it will be nice to have Simnel cake to offer. If anyone can bake a simnel cake to share please let Karen know.

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 10:30am.**

Short Holy Communion service at 10:30am

Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 10:45am

Nomination forms for both churchwardens and Parochial Church Membership are at the back of church. **Deadline** to return them to Mark being the **24<sup>th</sup> March** due to the forthcoming interregnum.

### **Electoral Roll yearly revision**

(From Zoë Anderson) “The annual update for the church electoral roll is now due. Please let me know of any changes to the electoral roll (for example a change of address), or if you would like to be added to the electoral roll, by 27th March. If you would like an electoral roll form, please email me at zoe.g.anderson@gmail.com or call me on 01732 779649 / 07775 766777. Completed forms can be dropped off to me at 14 Kippington Road or left in the ‘A’ pigeon hole at the back of church. Many thanks.”

**Key holders for Kippington Centre:** We are compiling an up to date list of all those **who have a key** for the Centre. Please let Karen the Centre Manager know.

**Leading Prayers at our 10:30am service (not Family Service).** It will be good to have a couple of more people to join our team of intercessors. Please speak to Mark if interested. Please note new people joining will be given a book of intercessions for each Sunday of the Church’s Year which they can use/ adapt.

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### **Please find outlined below REMAINING ways that the PCC is looking for people to step forward and help in the interregnum from the 15<sup>th</sup> April**

All offers of help and/ or more information please contact Mark. These are just bullet points of the ‘jobs’ we need people to help with. **Other jobs have now been taken. Thank you to those people concerned!**

### **Kippington Centre Manager – new note below!**

We are in an active conversation with a person prepared to take on many aspects of the role. We now need a volunteer to do **two things**

- 1) Open up for ten children’s parties (all Saturday afternoon) and check up afterwards. 10 parties expected to be covered.
- 2) Check the centre twice a week (time to suit) to make sure everything is okay.  
(Person would liaise with the new Centre co-ordinator)

### **Forward Move Magazine**

It will need a new editor. However, the PCC has agreed that during the interregnum it will be produced on a quarterly basis – following March’s edition.

### **‘Garden’**

With Anne stepping down, need a new volunteer to join Ian in maintaining church grounds.

**Church opening and locking:** Two more people to join a team of four to open the church 9am Monday to Saturday and to make sure it is locked at 6pm.

### **Food Bank collection**

On a monthly basis someone to put out the food around the font (Thursday am) for the food bank. We have two people who pick it up from church.

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**Live streaming:** To access the live stream. Go on to your computer on Sunday before 10:30am and type in You tube. When on the You Tube site, put in in the search engine at the top – st mary's Sevenoaks. A Live Stream of the service will appear. Click on the live stream to watch. The Live Stream will end once the service finishes. You can also access the live stream by going on our website – link on the home page. **No Live Stream on the First Sunday of the month – Family Service.**

**Giving to the Church without using cash:** Recognising that more people carry little or no cash with them, we have formed a link with 'Give A Little' who help charities with digital fundraising. We now have in the Church, a symbol – a 'QR Code'. Anyone with a smartphone and access to the internet – which is available within the Church building on our new wi-fi for all – can simply scan this code when they will be directed to a web page where they will be able to donate to Church funds.

**Church opening times:** The church is open for prayer from 9am to around 5:30pm/ 6pm Monday to Saturday. On Sunday, open following the 10:30am service to 5:30pm

### **Loaves and Fishes Food Bank for March**

#### **This month the Food Bank really needs:**

Breakfast cereals (but not Weetabix or Cornflakes) . Tinned fish (but **not** tuna), stewed steak, chicken casserole, chicken curry, ham/spam, corned beef, macaroni cheese, tomatoes, custard and rice pudding

#### **Also needed**

Rice sauces, instant noodles, biscuits, cooking oil, sugar, washing up liquid, men's grooming products, women's hygiene products, shower gel

#### **Not needed at the moment as plenty in stock:**

Baked beans, tinned peas, pasta, rice, mayonnaise, tea, hot chocolate

#### **Please leave your donations in the Children's corner at the back of church**

**Kippington Centre:** The Centre is managed by Karen Bridgen. For all matters relating to the centre therefore please email Karen. [karen.bridgen58@gmail.com](mailto:karen.bridgen58@gmail.com)

As a church we take our **Safeguarding responsibilities** very seriously. If you have any concerns, then please contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Wendy Pritchard – ([safeguarding@stmaryssevenoaks.org](mailto:safeguarding@stmaryssevenoaks.org)) our Team Rector, or the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer; all of their details for contact can be found on the 'safer church' poster in the children's corner at the back of church or on our web site.