

**St Mary, Kippington Newsletter**  
**Sunday 7th April 2024. Second Sunday of Easter**  
**The Church is now wi-fi connected!**

When you search then connect under Kippington Church, the password is: **K1pp1ngt0n**  
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Following the newsletter out for Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>: please send all items to Sue Shepherd on the office email address: [office@stmaryssevenoaks.org](mailto:office@stmaryssevenoaks.org)

**Please send all notices by Tuesday** in preparation for the newsletter for the Sunday.

New Centre Manager: Please note that from April Karen is stepping down as Centre Manager. All bookings and enquiries are now to be made to Kate O'Gram by emailing: [stmaryscentrekippington@outlook.com](mailto:stmaryscentrekippington@outlook.com)

The church thanks Kate for taking on the role and to Karen for all she has done.  
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**8am Holy Communion (BCP) and 10:30am Family Service (Centre)**

8am Bible Readings: Acts 4: 32 - 35 and John 20: 19 – end

10:30am: John 20: 19 - end

10am Communion Service on Thursday  
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Collect:

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

Bible Readings: Acts 4: 32 - 35

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

**John 20: 19 - 29**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Prayers: Please remember in your prayers Julia MacLeod following a car accident.

Notices

**Thank you over Easter:** to those who decorated the church with flowers; who distributed Easter cards; for our choir, organist and music group; for our sidespeople, and all those who had a role in worship from Palm Sunday to Easter Day.

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

Opening prayers followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

APCM Papers at the back of church (limited copies are produced – only for those who cannot have access to our web site. All of the papers can be viewed or downloaded their).

**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.

**Coffee rota and putting out tables for refreshments** to 28<sup>th</sup> July in church. People to sign up normally to serve refreshments. However, Mark always got out the tables and chairs and table cloths, Need volunteers to do that as not always possible for the person(s) doing the refreshments.

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

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

It would be great if we could gain the volunteers as this would mean one person need only unlock and lock the church one day a week. If we do not get the volunteers then the church would have to stay locked which would be a sadness. (In the vacancy the church will be locked following the 10:30am service on a Sunday).

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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.

**Loaves and Fishes Food Bank**

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

**Not needed:** Baked beans, tinned peas, pasta, rice, mayonnaise, tea, hot chocolate

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

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.