

**St Mary, Kippington Newsletter**  
**Sunday 10th March 2024. Fourth Sunday of Lent/ Mothering Sunday**  
**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) and 10:30am Parish Communion**

Bible Readings: Colossians 3: 12 – 17 and Luke 2: 33 – 35

(\* A gift of daffodils are given out to all women at both service times)

10am Communion Service on Thursday

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Colossians 3: 12 - 17:

<sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2: 33 - 35:

<sup>33</sup> And Jesus' father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him; <sup>34</sup> and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against <sup>35</sup> (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed."

Collect:

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Prayers:

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

Please remember in your prayers Barbara Jay who has recently died. (A service of thanksgiving for Barbara will be held in church on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 12noon).

Notices

**Sunday 17th March 12:30pm (Kippington 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 Riverhead village hall next door to the church, followed by 7:30pm Stripping of the altar taking place in church **(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.”

**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 FOUR 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. **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.

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.

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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.