

St Mary, Kippington Newsletter
Sunday 14th April 2024. Third Sunday of Easter
The Church is now wi-fi connected!

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Following the newsletter out for this Sunday: please send all items to Sue Shepherd on the office email address: office@stmarysevenoaks.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

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

8am Bible Readings: Acts 3: 12 – 19 and Luke 24: 36b – 48

10:30am Annual Parochial Church Meeting, followed by short service of Holy Communion

10:30am: Bible reading: Luke 24: 36b – 48

(The APCM will begin with a hymn and a prayer and conclude at 11:05am. We will then have a short communion service that will conclude at 11:35am. People are then invited to 'mill around' at the back of church before then going over to the centre from 11:45am).

Please note: **During the vacancy period there will be no 10am Communion Service on Thursday here at Kippington.** Instead people are warmly welcomed to go to St Luke's for their 10am service of Holy Communion.

Collect:

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Bible Readings:

Acts 3: 12 – 19

When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see. "Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

Luke 24: 36b – 48

While the disciples were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence. He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what

is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

Notices

Coffee rota and putting out tables for refreshments to 28th September 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.

Please find outlined below ONE REMAINING way that the PCC is looking for people to step forward and help in the vacancy from the 15th 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).

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.

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) 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.