

St Mary, Kippington Newsletter
Sunday 17th March 2024. Fifth Sunday of Lent
The Church is now wi-fi connected!

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8am Holy Communion (BCP) and 10:30am Matins

Bible Readings: Hebrews 5: 5 - 10 and John 12: 20 - 33

10am Communion Service on Thursday

Hebrews 5: 5 – 10:

In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." And he says in another place, "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

John 12: 20 - 33:

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me. "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up^[a] from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

Collect:

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 Julia MacLeod following a car accident.

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

Notices

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

Easter Eggs: They have arrived and so please collect your order from Jenny. Thank you.

Notice from Sue Shepherd: “As part of my concluding term’s module for the Bishop’s Certificate, I will be running a Bereavement Course entitled “Good Grief!” on Monday March 18th and Wednesday April 3rd. Thank you to everyone who has agreed to attend”. Please remember this course in your prayers.

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

Palm Sunday (24th 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 (25th, 26th and 27th)

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 (28th) – 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 (29th)

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

Easter Sunday (31st)

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)

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Sunday 14th April at 10:30am.

Short Holy Communion service at 10:30am

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Nomination forms for both churchwardens and Parochial Church Membership are at the back of church. **Deadline** to return them to Mark being the **24th 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.

Please find outlined below THREE REMAINING ways that the PCC is looking for people to step forward and help in the interregnum from the 15th April

All offers of help and/ or more information please contact Mark. **Other jobs have now been taken. Thank you to those people concerned!**

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 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).

Thank you: “A note to thank you for Sedecim being able to lead your service of Evensong last Sunday. it was a wonderful opportunity for us to bring our music out into the community and sing for such a large and appreciative congregation. The hospitality we received after our rehearsal and the service was so generous, and I know how much time and care went into laying on tea for the choir and refreshments at the end. The collection raised £385.50 for the charity EduKid which our school is currently supporting, and this has helped us edge ever closer to an important target.” (Julian Ross)

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

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.