

**St Mary, Kippington Newsletter**  
**Sunday 18th February 2024. First 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) and 10:30am Matins (BCP Morning Prayer)**

Bible Readings: 1 Peter 3: 18 - end and Mark 1: 9 - 15

**10am Communion Service on Thursday – please note no service on the 29<sup>th</sup> February**

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1 Peter 3: 18 - end: For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits - to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also - not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand - with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Mark 1: 9 – 15: At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 in hospital. Prayer for healing and recovery.

Please remember in your prayers Malva Ridge (Thanksgiving service at church on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February at 12noon – wake following in the centre) and Barbara Jay who have recently died.

Notices

**The Real Easter Egg 2024**

An advance reminder that Jenny Gyte will be taking orders for the Real Easter Egg on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February** after the Family Service or you can email her at: [jenny.gyte@icloud.com](mailto:jenny.gyte@icloud.com) or call 07794 70 20 94. The price will be £4.50 and will include the 24-page Easter story activity book.

**Lent Study Course – ‘Exploring our Journey of Faith through Word and Music’.**

A course of five weeks looking at faith, our faith, through Music (well-known hymns) and Word (Scripture, reflection). A time of discussion, reflecting, singing and listening.

**Fridays at 10am (to 11:30am) in the Wreford Room for weeks 1 to 4 and week 5 centenary room.**

Week 1: Beginnings – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Week 2: Following – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Week 3: Challenging – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Week 4: Believing – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.  
Week 5: Dying – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. (Please let Rev Mark know if you are attending.)

**Deadline date to receive material for the March edition of Forward Move: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.** (March edition out on the 25<sup>th</sup> February).

**The return of the Sedecim choir to sing Choral Evensong at St Mary Kippington: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm.** The Sedecim choir is a young people's choir from Kent College, Canterbury, aged between 12 to 17. They have won many awards during the short time they have been in existence – from 2012. All welcome.

**World Day of Prayer service** (formerly known as Women's World Day of Prayer) at the Vine Baptist Church on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2pm.** All welcome.

**Kippington Youth Group:** The next meeting of KYG is at 3pm on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 12:30pm (Centre):** Christian Aid Lunch and Speaker.

Advance date: **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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**)  
(There will be a list to sign for catering purposes at the back of church soon)

**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 27<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like an electoral roll form, please email me at [zoe.g.anderson@gmail.com](mailto: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 some 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.

**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)

**Ukrainian Service – monthly service**

Two hours per month to liaise with the Ukrainian community when their service takes place.

**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 April's edition, August and December's edition.

**'Garden'**

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

**Kippington Nursing Home: One leader** already come forward – important to have another! Brenda plays the organ. Service orders are all done and so it is someone who, with Brenda, can help take the Morning Prayer service there. Once a month. Service is twenty minutes.

**Church opening and locking: Two people** have come forward – good to have two more. Someone 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 & FISHES FOOD BANK for FEBRUARY**

**This month the Food Bank really needs:** Breakfast cereals (but not Weetabix or Cornflakes)

Tinned fish (but not tuna), stewed steak, chicken casserole, ham/spam, corned beef, macaroni cheese, tomatoes, custard and rice pudding

Also needed: Rice sauces, instant noodles, biscuits, cooking oil, sugar, flour, laundry powder, 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 carrots, tinned peas, pasta, rice, mayonnaise, tea, hot chocolate or peanut butter

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.