

**St Mary, Kippington Newsletter**  
**Sunday 24th March 2024. Palm Sunday**  
**The Church is now wi-fi connected!**

When you search then connect under Kippington Church, the password is: **K1pp1ngt0n**

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.

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**8am Holy Communion (BCP)**

Bible Readings: Philippians 2: 5 - 11 and Mark 11: 1 - 11

**10:30am Family Communion**

Passion Gospel presented as Narrative  
(Palm crosses distributed at both service times)

10am Communion Service on Thursday

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Collect:

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

Prayers:

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

Notices

**Real Easter Eggs.**

“Dear Kippington Church Family, you will be pleased to know that we donated 45 Real Easter Eggs to Sevenoaks Loaves and Fishes for the children on their books plus a cheque for £150 for Hot Cross Buns for all their families. Here below is their letter of thanks. Thank you all again.” Jenny Gyte

“Dear Jenny, on behalf of Sevenoaks (Loaves and Fishes) Foodbank, I would like to thank you and the members of St Mary’s church Kippington for your continued support. We would like to thank you especially for your recent gift of Easter eggs, (there will be many happy children in receipt of these!) and the generous cheque which will enable us to purchase hot cross buns for all our clients this Easter. Please pass on our thanks to all who have contributed, and assure them that their generosity is very much appreciated. With all best wishes, Glenda Newholm ( for Sevenoaks (Loaves and Fishes) Foodbank.”

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

**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**

10am Holy Communion at Kippington (said service)

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) Deadline to receive names this Sunday.

**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)

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**Easter cards for distribution:** Unfortunately, they have arrived late for this year. Some streets have had cards distributed before this Sunday, but if you can deliver any this Sunday or over the next couple of days we would be grateful.

**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.

**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.

**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.