

St Mary, Kippington Newsletter
Sunday 25th February 2024. Second Sunday of Lent
The Church is now wi-fi connected!

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

Bible Readings: Romans 4: 13 - end and Mark 8: 31 – end

6pm Choral Evensong (led by Sedecim – the young people’s choir from Kent College, Canterbury).

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

Romans 4: 13 - end:

It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring - not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed - the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead - since he was about a hundred years old - and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness - for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Mark 8: 31 – end:

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

Collect:

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ’s sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 29th February at 12noon – wake following in the centre), Barbara Jay and James Talbot 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 4th February** after the Family Service or you can email her at: 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.

March edition of Forward Move: Out at the back of church/ centre.

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

Kippington Youth Group: The next meeting of KYG is at 3pm on **Sunday 3rd March**.

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

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

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 St Mary the Virgin**)

(There will be a list to sign for catering purposes at the back of church soon)

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)

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 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."

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.

Please find outlined below 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. These are just bullet points of the 'jobs' we need people to help with. **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)

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 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.

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.

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.