

St Mary, Kippington Newsletter
Sunday 31st March 2024. Easter Sunday
The Church is now wi-fi connected!

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Following the newsletter out for Sunday April 14th: please send all items to Sue Shepherd on the office email address: office@stmaryssevenoaks.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

The church extends its thanks to Kate for taking on the role and grateful thanks to Karen for all she has done.

6:30am Sunrise Service of Holy Communion – followed by continental breakfast
8am Holy Communion (BCP) and 10:30am Family Communion

Bible Readings: Acts 10: 34 – 43 and Mark 16: 1 - 8

(Easter Egg hunt for the young people at the end of the service. Refreshments served in the centre following.)

10am Communion Service on Thursday

Collect:

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of sin and death: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to eternal life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Bible Readings:

Acts 10: 34 - 43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Mark 16: 1 – 8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for

terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Prayers:

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

Notices

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

Opening prayers followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

APCM Papers at the back of church (limited copies are produced – only for those who cannot have access to our web site. All of the papers can be viewed or downloaded their).

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 28th 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.

Please find outlined below ONE REMAINING way that the PCC is looking for people to step forward and help in the interregnum 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.

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

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@stmarysevenoaks.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.