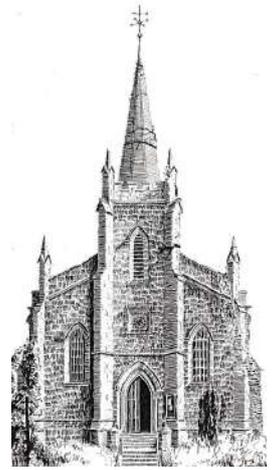


# St Mary the Virgin Riverhead with Dunton Green



**Sunday 18th October 2020 - 19th Sunday after Trinity**

## **PSALM 145**

1 I will exalt you, O God my King,  
and bless your name for ever and ever.  
2 Every day will I bless you  
and praise your name for ever and ever.  
3 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised;  
his greatness is beyond all searching out.  
4 One generation shall praise your works to another  
and declare your mighty acts.  
5 They shall speak of the majesty of your glory  
and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.  
6 They shall speak of the might of your marvellous  
acts, and I will also tell of your greatness.  
7 They shall pour forth the story of your abundant  
kindness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.  
8 The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
long-suffering and of great goodness.  
9 The Lord is loving to everyone and his mercy is  
over all his creatures.  
10 All your works praise you, O Lord, and your  
faithful servants bless you.  
11 They tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your mighty power,  
12 To make known to all peoples your mighty acts  
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.  
13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.  
14 The Lord is sure in all his words  
and faithful in all his deeds.  
15 The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.  
16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.  
17 You open wide your hand  
and fill all things living with plenty.  
18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways  
and loving in all his works.  
19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him,  
to all who call upon him faithfully.  
20 He fulfils the desire of those who fear him;  
he hears their cry and saves them.  
21 The Lord watches over those who love him,  
but all the wicked shall he destroy.  
22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord,  
and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and  
ever

## **PSALM 146**

Alleluia.  
Praise the Lord, O my soul:  
while I live will I praise the Lord;  
as long as I have any being,  
I will sing praises to my God.  
2 Put not your trust in princes,  
nor in any human power,  
for there is no help in them.  
3 When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth;  
on that day all their thoughts perish.  
4 Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their  
help, for hope is in the Lord their God;  
5 Who made heaven and earth,  
the sea and all that is in them;  
who keeps his promise for ever;  
6 Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong \*  
and bread to those who hunger.  
7 The Lord looses those that are bound;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;  
8 The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous;  
9 The Lord watches over the stranger in the land;  
he upholds the orphan and widow;  
but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.  
10 The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion,  
throughout all generations.  
Alleluia.

## **Luke 1: 1-4**

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly  
account of the events that have been fulfilled among us,  
just as they were handed on to us by those who from  
the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the  
word, I too decided, after investigating everything  
carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account  
for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may  
know the truth concerning the things about which you  
have been instructed.

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ**

## **For your information**

**Team Rector** On the 8th of August the Revd Mark Bridgen was instituted and inducted as the new Team Rector of the West Sevenoaks Team Ministry, which comprises the churches of St Mary's Kippington, St Mary the Virgin, Riverhead and Dunton Green and St Luke's, Sevenoaks.

Mark can be contacted, for whatever reason, by email: [mark.bridgen@btinternet.com](mailto:mark.bridgen@btinternet.com)

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By mobile: 07375299944

As Team Rector he is available for all in the team and wants to make sure that he can be easily contacted by all.

The start of the process for the recruitment of the new Team Vicar posts in the West Sevenoaks Team Ministry

**From your Team Rector:** Dear friends, from September we will begin the process of the recruitment for the Team Vicars in the life of West Sevenoaks Team. I would like to thank all those from St Mary the Virgin and St Luke's who have worked tirelessly and faithfully to prepare parish profiles. Advertising, shortlisting and interviews will take us to the beginning of November. As we begin the process, I offer a prayer below for your personal and corporate prayers throughout this time. God bless this team and each of you. Mark

*Our gracious God, we thank you for your guidance thus far in the birth of our new Team Ministry. We pray now that you will guide us as we come to the recruitment of our new Team Vicars. Come alongside all those who will make applications and all those who will discern, that your will be done and your kingdom come. Amen.*

And a prayer for those in the Team fulfilling their charge of shortlisting and interviewing candidates

*Almighty God, giver of every good gift, we pray that you will look graciously upon our churches of St Mary the Virgin and St Luke's at this time. Guide the minds of those whom we have appointed to choose new Team Vicars for our churches and team, that by their diligence, prayerfulness and openness to your Spirit, they may discern what is your will and bring that to fruition, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

**West Sevenoaks Team** – Fortnightly Tuesday prayers by Zoom: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

On every second and fourth Tuesday there will be half hour prayers offered for our new Team and an area, in turn, of the life of its ministry. People will be invited to join us care of Zoom and the meeting id and passcode will be:

Meeting ID: 974 868 8695

Passcode: 7bEsdU

People are invited to Zoom from 6:45pm for a 7pm start. We will always end at 7:30pm.

Dates this year are:

Tuesday 8th and 22nd of September; 13th and 27th of October; 10th and 24th of November; and the 8th of December. (No prayers on the 22nd of December)

**Services at St Lukes** are 8.00am BCP Holy Communion Service, people will be asked to enter and exit via the North Porch. At 10.15am there is also a Parish Eucharist which is being zoomed for those not able to attend, but the code is not generally circulated until Saturday afternoon as a new one is used each week for security purposes. For this later service people arrive at 10.00am and are ushered to a seat, leaving promptly at the end, but can distance chat in groups of six outside. There is no criteria for attending and anyone is welcome.

## **St Mary Kippington – services**

### **SUNDAYS**

8:00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10:30am

1st Sunday: Family Service, usually in the Parish Centre (or outdoors weather-permitting)

2nd Sunday: Holy Communion

3rd Sunday: Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)

4th Sunday: Holy Communion

5th Sunday: Holy Communion with Healing or Morning Prayer in the Celtic tradition

### **THURSDAYS**

A Common Worship Communion service is held at the Church every Thursday from 10am. In the winter this service takes place in the Centenary Room – which is adjoined to the church

**Services For October** We are very happy to announce that we will hold some Sunday services in church in October. Please see the attached document which describes what to expect when coming to church for The full schedule of October services is as follows:

4 October 8am Church - BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Zoom - Family service

7 October. 8pm. Zoom - Compline

11 October. 8am. Church - BCP Holy Communion

9.30am. Zoom - Eucharist

14 October. 8pm. Zoom - Compline

18 October. 8am. Church – Communion by extension

9.30am. Zoom - Morning Prayer

21 October. 8pm. Zoom - Compline

25 October. 8am. Church - BCP Holy Communion

9.15am. Church - Holy Communion immediately followed at 9.45am by the APCM

28 October 8m Zoom - Compline

From November we plan to hold both the 8am service and the 9.15am service in church – there won't be a 9.30am Zoom service. Further details will be given nearer the time. We also hope to stream the 9.15am church service when we have solved a few technical issues.

Link for all Zoomed services is 616 146 1466 password – stmarys

**Our APCM** will be held in church on Sunday 25 October 2020 at 9.45am, immediately after a short Eucharist service at 9.15am. All the documents are on the church website. Please print off a copy if you are coming to the APCM. Only a few photocopies will be available in church on the day.

Thank you.

Ronnie Todd, PCC Secretary

### **Secretary Independent Enquiry into Sexual Abuse of Children in the Church of England**

It is a profoundly sad time for the Church in coming to terms with its failures exposed in the recent report. The immediate question is how we are responding to it in the life of the West Sevenoaks Team Ministry.

Firstly, we acknowledge that the report could open or reopen wounds in people in terms of any such situations they have faced in previous years. If this is the case – and people want to talk to someone independently please be aware of the new Safe Spaces helpline, on 0300 303 1056 or email: safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk

Secondly, the report has been distributed internally within the team to churchwardens and safeguarding officers for their prayerful readings and I will be valuing any reflections they have in terms of living with the report and anything we can do to embed its findings in the life of the team. (We will, of course, be awaiting and acting on reflections from the diocesan safeguarding team)

Thirdly, the report will feature on the agenda of all three PCC meetings in October and November. It will be distributed to all current and new PCC members following the last ACPM's. In turn I and we will be valuing all reflections PCC members have.

Finally (and also as importantly) if anyone has any reflections concerning the report and how we can use it to make sure all our churches are safe spaces, then please speak to your safeguarding officer or myself as Team Rector. Mark

**Loaves and Fishes** There is probably an even greater need for this service during these very difficult times for us all. If you are shopping for food etc if you can pop something extra into your basket I am sure it would be greatly appreciated. Margaret Holman at 2 Cranmer Road has a basket in her porch into which goods can be placed and she will undertake to deliver them to St John's

Please pray for Sarah Seuwing - The daughter of Peter Flynn's friend Pat who is very seriously ill

**SKET ( Sevenoaks Kenya Education Trust)** In the past we have always supported this charity by means of our harvest celebrations through the purchase of your harvest lunch and a retiring collection. Obviously this year that is not possible so we are suggesting that perhaps those, who wished, could make a donation through the church account. PCC of Riverhead with Dunton Green 40-52-40 000024384 and marking it SKET for identification

**The Children's Society** Margaret Holman has catalogues for the society's Christmas cards which can be collected from her porch (perhaps when you are dropping off your gifts for Loaves and Fishes) There is also a folder containing the full size cards for you to see. They can be purchased either through Margaret or by ordering directly online

## **.Opening Hymn: Ye holy angels bright**

Ye holy angels bright,  
who wait at God's right hand,  
or through the realms of light  
fly at your Lord's command,  
assist our song,  
for else the theme  
too high doth seem  
for mortal tongue.

Ye blessed souls at rest,  
who ran this earthly race,  
and now, from sin released,  
behold the Saviour's face,  
God's praises sound,  
as in his sight,  
with sweet delight,  
ye do abound.

Ye saints, who toil below,  
adore your heavenly King,  
and onward as ye go  
some joyful anthem sing;  
take what he gives  
and praise him still,  
through good or ill,  
who ever lives.

My soul, bear thou thy part,  
triumph in God above,  
and with a well-tuned heart  
sing thou the songs of love;  
let all thy days  
till life shall end,  
whate'er he send,  
be filled with praise

## **The Creed (sung to Blaenwern)**

We believe in God the Father,  
God almighty, by whose plan  
earth and heaven sprang to being,  
all created things began.  
We believe in Christ the Saviour,  
Son of God in human frame,  
virgin-born, the child of Mary  
upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken,  
like a lamb to slaughter led,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
he descended from the dead.  
We believe in Jesus risen,  
heaven's King to rule and reign,  
to the Father's side ascended  
till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit;  
in one Church, below, above:  
saints of God in one communion,  
one in holiness and love.  
So by faith, our sins forgiven,  
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,  
we shall rise with him in glory  
to the life that knows no end.

## **Hymn for reflection: Lord of all hopefulness**

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## **Final hymn: I. the Lord of sea and sky**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry,  
all who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I who make the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?  
*Here I am, Lord.*  
*Is it I, Lord?*  
*I have heard you calling in the night.*  
*I will go, Lord,*  
*if you lead me.*  
*I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
*Here I am, Lord.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
*Here I am, Lord.*

## **Closing music: Finale Jubilante for organ, by Healey Willan**