

St Mary the Virgin Riverhead with Dunton Green

Sunday 25th October 2020 - Last Sunday after Trinity



Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Hear the gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew **Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

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

For your information

Our Team Rector, Mark can be contacted, for whatever reason, by email: mark.bridgen@btinternet.com By phone: 01732 452112 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.

During the first week of November we are having interviews for both Team Vicar posts. 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 For October at St Mary's Riverhead 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:

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 but we hope to be able to stream the 9.15am service. Further details and list of November services will be on next week's newsletter

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

Our APCM will be held in church this 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

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

All Souls Service There is to be a zoomed service for the Commemoration of All Souls at 3.00pm on Sunday 1st November. If you would like the name of a loved one read out at that service please would you let me know as soon as possible. We would be delighted if you would join us with the usual link.

Intercessions I am sure that everyone enjoys the intercessions each week. They are always individual with a personal touch. However we are desperately short of volunteers, even more so with many of our congregation still preferring to worship “on line”. It would be wonderful if some of those who feel unable to attend in person, would write the intercessions for someone else to read. I am hoping to be flooded with eager volunteers.

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

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

SecretaryIndependent 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

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