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St. Mary's Church

*A still point in a
turning world.
T.S. Eliot*

 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

 Diocese of
Rochester

The Parish Church of Riverhead with Dunton Green, Kent;
now part of the West Sevenoaks Team Ministry

Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 2nd May - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Please find below the weekly newsletter which has details of our services this week and upcoming events.

If you have any event or prayer request which you would like included in upcoming newsletters then please let Andy have any items by lunchtime on Thursday.

This week we have details of our joint Ascension Day service to be held at St Lukes on the 13th May. This will also be available on zoom. Ascension Day also marks the beginning of Thy Kingdom come - a period between Ascension day and Pentecost when we pray for people we know who do not yet know Jesus. Please see below for more details.

Andy

Worship This Sunday.

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| 8am | BCP Said Holy Communion
Church Only |
| 9:30am | All-Age Service
This service is taking place in church and
live streamed on zoom.
Meeting ID: 616 146 1466 Password: Shoreham01 |
| 6:30am | Team Evensong by Zoom (Open from 6:15am)
Meeting ID: 814 9810 6394 Passcode: 168200 |

[Click here to download the hymns/readings](#)
[Click here to find the hymns/readings sheet on our website](#)

Requests for Prayer

Please remember in your prayers:

Cheryl Davies, Judy Borrowman, the family of Beryl Ellinor following the interment of Beryl's ashes last week and Simon and Alison Bull and their family following the loss of Simon's sister Christine.

Events this week

Monday

9:45am Bible Study Group – Please contact Daphne for more information.

Tuesday

There are no team prayers this week.

Wednesday

8:00pm Compline

Meeting ID: 616 146 1466 Password: Shoreham01

Thursday

11:00am Coffee Morning (zoom)

Please contact Daphne for the log in details.

Other Notices

Church Cleaning - THIS WEEK!

It's the 1st Saturday of the month, church cleaning day!
Do come and help if you're free. We start at 9.00am for about an hour or so, but it's no problem if you need to leave earlier. We've been told by an expert not to use polish on the oak, just a duster or a damp cloth. We wear masks and disposable gloves to protect against Covid and leave the doors open.

Look forward to seeing you if you're able to make it.

Church Zoom Concert 5pm Sunday 9th May.

Everyone is invited to attend this short informal concert.
Four talented members of our congregation will be performing live from their homes.

The log in for the concert will be:

Meeting ID:616 146 1466 Password:Concert

A downloadable programme will be available this week from our website.

It promises to be an enjoyable musical interlude, do please join us.

Note from Alison and Simon Bull

We would like to pass our thanks on to everyone for the thoughts, messages, cards and prayers we have had since the passing of Simon's sister Christine. It is such a sad time and it has been so much appreciated. Thank you so much. Alison and Simon Bull

Ascension Day - 13th May

A Team service will be held on the 13th May to celebrate Ascension Day. The service will be held at St Lukes Church at 7:30pm. There is no need to book. The service will also be live streamed on zoom. Meeting ID: 885 9464 6445 Passcode: 278252. An order of service will be available nearer the time.

For this service there will be a small socially-distanced team choir of 12 singers. If you think that you would like to join this choir then please contact Mark Bridgen to let him know.

From Lament to Action

During the last couple of weeks the Archbishops' Anti-Racism Taskforce published the report "From Lament to Action." The Clergy Team have read the report and will be considering the actions described in the report. As this is a national report and will affect the whole church we have included a link to the report in all our newsletters to enable congregational members to read if they wish. The link to the report is [here](#).

Note from Anne Blakeley


Dear All

I am walking 100Km in April to raise money for Traidcraft Exchange. So far in 3 weeks I have walked 91km only 9km to go.

There is still time to sponsor me , please either email your pledges to anne@straight.eclipse.co.uk or pop an envelope through my door (please email for address) or donate using the Facebook fundraising page

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 From 8th March The UK Government is going to be DOUBLING every one of your donations, meaning that the challenge will have TWICE the impact.

How your fundraising will be

used. <https://business.facebook.com/TraidcraftExchange/videos/249797840020433/>

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Loaves and Fishes

Margaret Holman would like to thank everyone for the massive support which they have been giving to this worthy cause. Sadly 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

Items particularly requested at present are:- Chicken in White Sauce, Tuna, Tinned Ham, Custard, and Tinned Fruit



Thy Kingdom Come May 13-23rd 2021

Since 2016, Christians have been encouraged to come together and pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. This event has become known as Thy Kingdom Come. We see in the book of Acts how the disciples together with Mary "joined together constantly in prayer" as they awaited the promise of the Holy Spirit.

days. Our prayers join with many other Christians around the world as we pray for more people to come to know Jesus.

Between May 17th and May 21st there is the opportunity to meet together on zoom each night at 7pm to pray Evening Prayer together and to pray for the 5 people we have chosen. (Meeting ID: 815 0902 9021; Passcode: 218012)

Please begin to pray and think about the people God might be placing on our hearts to be praying for.

Andy Finn

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