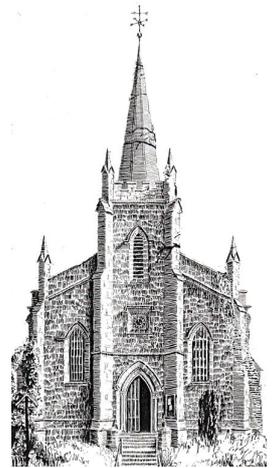


St Mary the Virgin Riverhead with Dunton Green

Sunday 17th January 2021 - 2nd Sunday of Epiphany



1 Samuel 3.1-10(11-20)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' Then the LORD said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.' Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.' As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Revelation 5.1-10

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.' Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 1.43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Services for January at Riverhead

We would like to confirm that 17, 24 and 31 January 9.15am services will be on Zoom. There will not be an 8am Communion, but our Team churches at St Mary Kippington and St Lukes will be holding services, please consult their websites for details.

You might also like to join

Compline on Wednesday evenings at 7.45 for 8.00pm

and the **Coffee Morning** on Thursdays at 11.00am

Link has been sent separately

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone who viewed and took part in our virtual festival. We are thrilled to say it was really successful. Over 120 magnificent trees were featured, around 280 visits to the site were recorded and a total of £428.50 was raised, half of which has been sent to Age UK Sevenoaks. Very many thanks and very grateful thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this possible

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

Bible Study Our group has restarted on Mondays at 9.45am when we are currently studying 1 Peter. If anyone would like to join us you would be made very welcome. If you are interested please contact "Daphne Harrison" daphneharrison@yahoo.co.uk or "Ronnie Todd" vat.lady@hotmail.co.uk

CHURCH FLOWER CALENDAR 2021

There are still 2021 calendars available and can be delivered to your door. If you would like to buy one please contact Christine on 01732 453540 or christineanne.smith@outlook.com. They cost £7.50 each and payment can be made direct to church - PCC Riverhead with Dunton Green, Sort Code 40-52-40, Account number 00024384, or cash/cheque payable to Christine through her door at 26 Woodfields, Chipstead, TN13 2RA. Very many thanks.

Prayer List Please remember in your prayers: Sarah Suewing, Cheryl Davies, Denis and Diane Williams and family and Judy Borrowman,

If you would like a friend or member of your family added to this list please let me know. Margaret N.

Fly Tipping Are you going to the tip soon? If so and you have room and only if you feel it safe to do so then could you please take some rubbish that has been left in the church car park? If you do please be sure to wear gloves and use sanitiser/clean appropriately. Sorry to have had to ask this – unfortunately this is not the first time this has happened since Covid struck. Thank you.

Team Rector's Notices

6:30pm Sunday 17th Team Evensong (Open from 6:15pm for fellowship before worship begins)

Meeting ID: 814 9810 6394

Passcode: 168200

(Please note this is now the same id and passcode)

Tuesday 19th – Team Prayers (Open from 6:45pm) 7pm to 7:30pm

Meeting ID: 815 0902 9021

Passcode: 218012

(Please note this is now the same id and passcode)

Team Vicar Appointments

The Revd Anne Bourne, at present Interim Associate Rector in the West Sevenoaks Team Ministry will become Team Vicar with special responsibility for St Luke's, Sevenoaks and will continue to work on a part-time basis. Anne will be licensed on Tuesday 9th of February at 7pm (*).

The Revd Andy Finn, who currently lives in Southsea, will become Team Vicar, with special responsibility for St Mary the Virgin, Riverhead with Dunton Green working on a full-time basis. Andy will be licensed on Saturday 23rd of January at 2pm (*).

Anne and Andy would very much appreciate our prayers at this time.

(* At this stage we cannot confirm whether such services will be in respective churches or by Zoom).

All three churches will be offering worship in January through a variety of ways - On line videos and Zoom. Always check out the web sites for St Mary Kippington, St Mary the Virgin, Riverhead with Dunton Green and St Luke's Sevenoaks for information every week

