St Mary Riverhead with Dunton Green

3rd February 2019 - Candlemas

Services Sunday 3rd February—Candlemas

Hymns: 721, 317, 42, 719

Readings: Neh 8:1-3,5-6,8-10,1 Cor 12:12-31a,Luke

4:14-21

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP p236 or p293)

9.30am Family Service

Sunday 3rd February—10th Fenruary

Monday 4th February 1.45pm Tots and Toddlers

Thursday 7th February

11.00am Holy Communion at Dunton Green Village

Hall

Sunday 10th February - 4th Sunday before Lent 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP p236 orp293)

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Readings: Isa 6:1-13, 1 Cor 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO PARTAKE OF COFFEE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AFTER THIS SERVICE The altar is the "Lord's table" not ours, so all are welcome to receive the sacrament.

However you may wish to receive a Blessing in which case please bring a service booklet with you. Either way all are welcome

CONFIRMATION

There is to be a service of Confirmation at St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks on March 24 and I am very happy to offer age- appropriate preparation classes ahead of that date for anyone who wishes to consider Confirmation.

In the past, Sunday afternoon/ early evening has been the most convenient time but I'm very happy to work around people's schedules. If you are interested to have an initial chat about this without committing to anything at this stage, do please be in touch. I would love to hear from you!

Daphne daphneharrison@yahoo.co.uk 01732 454225

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Shirley Noss, Diane Lang, June Cheeseman, Linda Mc Keeman, Martyn Berry, Peter Jenner, Helen Hambly, Sarah Seuwing, Roger Sutton, Tim Callaway, Andrew Vincent, Alf Dellow, Ella Walker

If anyone would like a name added or no longer needs a name to be on this list, please let Margaret Nicholas know (457324)

IN MEMORIAM

Roy Dickenson Russell Bates Hon David Davies Gertrude Collins

JUNE CHEESEMAN

June's funeral is to be held in the church on Friday 15th February probably 12 noon, but to be confirmed. It will be a Lychgate Service with refreshments in the hall following the service.

There will be a list out next week requesting contributions from the congregation

ESTONIA 2019 - URGENT

Our friend Annika from Risti parish writes:

We are going to have our laulu- ja tantsupidu (Song and Dance Festival) in the beginning of July. This is special this time, as it is 150 years from the first laulupidu (song festival).

As some of our partner congregations are interested in coming and visiting it, we had an idea to invite representatives from all our parters-congregations.

Would our friends from Riverhead be glad to come and join? The festival itself takes place on July 4-7. On July 8 we would like to host all our guests in Risti and have a joint beautiful summer day there. We would try to find lodging for you in the homes of our members.

You can find more information

here https://2019.laulupidu.ee/laulupidu/

It is not easy to get tickets for tantsupidu (dance festival), so we would need to know pretty soon if you would like to join it. One definitely can buy tickets for laulupidu also in the summer, if one does not mind sitting on the ground, not on the little area with benches.

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P.T.O.

.PRAYER REQUESTS

If you are in need of prayer for yourself or someone you know, some of us meet in the Lady Chapel on most Monday mornings, at 9.30 for prayer. Please pin your prayer request to the prayer board in the Lady Chapel. The prayer board is checked regularly and we date the prayer requests each time we meet. The requests will be removed after an appropriate amount of time. However, if you have an enduring need, please repeat your request if you find it has been removed. If you wish to keep your request confidential, please let Daphne or Ronnie know; mobile numbers below. If you would like to join us we would love to see you, either as a one off or on a regular basis. We look forward to receiving your prayer requests and/or seeing you -D: 07779 834195. R: 07736 674357.

LENT YORK COURSES

commencing March 11th

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

at St Lukes 8th February

KIPPINGTON PCC LUNCH CLUB

ONE WEEK WITHOUT

24 -31 March

PROM PRAISE

27th April

There are notices regarding all these events on the notice board at the back of the church for anyone who would like further information

LITTLECOURT LUNCH CLUB

Our weekly Church lunch club has an urgent need for people to help with putting out tables on a Tuesday morning from 10am to 10.30am preferably on a regular basis but not necessarily every week. There is already one person helping with this each week so you would never be on your own. If you can help, please contact Deirdre Montanaro who runs the Lunch Club. email Deirdre on deirdremontanaro@hotmail.comor telephone

CHORAL EVENSONG

There will be a Choral Evensong on Sunday February 24th at 5.30pm (note the time). It is hoped that singers from other churches in the Deanery will join our choir in bidding a musical farewell to Martin as Area Dean. Do come and join the congregation for this lovely evening service. It would be a huge shame to have a lovely choir and very small congregation

CHILDRENS' SOCIETY

There will be Children's Society boxes available over the next few Sundays, for anyone wishing to take one home, to put loose change, foreign or out of circulation coins and notes. Keep for a year and return to Margaret Holman.

See Margaret Holman or Karen Forster- Pearce.

LOAVES AND FISHES

Please do not forget Loaves and Fishes. There is still a very real need for your contributions. It is hard to believe that in Sevenoaks there would be a necessity but the churches are now supporting in the region of 50 families in the district.

For foodstuffs, please ensure that items have a minimum shelf-life of three months, i.e. tinned meat/pasta/beans/veg/fruit/rice/custard/tomato/brown sauce, mayonnaise/salad cream/savoury/sweet biscuits. Milk and fruit juice should be UHT, washing powders and cleaning materials.

BIBLE STUDY

We have recently started a new course THE BIBLE COURSE (exploring the Bible) which involves watching a DVD and discussion plus private readings for preparation. We are at present meeting at Ronnie Todd's house on Mondays at 10am for 10.15. It has so far proved very interesting and if anyone would like to join us please get in touch with Ronnie 458545 or Daphne 454225

ELECTORAL ROLL

Every six years the Electoral Roll of all churches in the Diocese have to be revised and 2019 is the year. It has to be completed between 10th and 23rd March. However forms are available now in the bookshelf at the back of the church. I need a seperate form for each person who wishes to be on the roll and young people who are going to attain the age of sixteen after 7th April should also complete a form. Being on the Electoral roll entitles you to vote at the APCM, to be a member of the PCC, to be a Sidesman, Server or Reader Completed forms should be handed to Margaret Nicholas as soon as possible