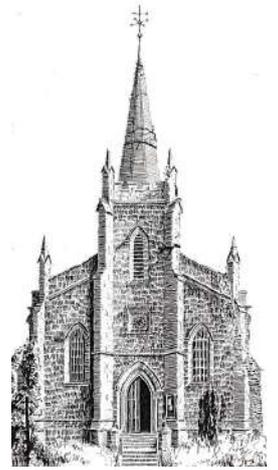


St Mary the Virgin Riverhead with Dunton Green

Sunday 1st November 2020 - All Saints



(some verses from Revelation 19)

After this I heard what sounded like a large crowd of people in heaven. The people were saying, “Hallelujah! Victory, glory, and power belong to our God. His judgments are true and right. Then a voice came from the throne and said, “Praise our God, all you who serve him! Praise our God, all you small and great who honour him!” Then I heard something that sounded like a large crowd of people. It was as loud as crashing waves or claps of thunder. The people were saying, “Hallelujah! Our Lord God rules. He is the All-Powerful. Let us rejoice and be happy and give God glory!

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Non bible reading: 'The Sculptor'

A child was taken to see a sculptor at work. He watched him wielding the hammer and chisel, and the chips of stone flying this way and that. But he could see no recognisable shape, because work on this particular block of stone had only just begun. A few weeks later he was taken to the workshop again. The artist showed him the completed sculptor. The child stared in amazement and said

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

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.

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 For November The full schedule of November services is as follows:

1 Nov	8am	Church	Mark Bridgen	BCP Holy Communion
	9:15am	Church	Mark Bridgen	Family service
	3pm	Zoom	Daphne	All Souls'
8 Nov	8am	Church	Daphne	Communion by extension
	9:15am	Church	Daphne	Communion by extension
	11am	Outside church	Daphne	Remembrance service
	3pm	Zoom	Daphne	Remembrance service
15 Nov	8am	Church	Mark Bridgen	BCP Holy Communion
	9:15am	Church	Mark Bridgen	Family Communion
22 Nov	8am	Church	Daphne	Communion by extension
	9:15am	Church	Daphne/Mark	Parish Eucharist
	11am	Zoom	Christopher Johnson	Parish Eucharist
29 Nov	8am	Church	Anne Bourne	BCP Holy Communion
	9:15am	Church	Mark/Daphne	Parish Eucharist

There will no longer be a 9.30am Zoom Service but it is sincerely hoped we shall be able stream the church service. Watch this space. The 7.30pm Compline on Wednesdays will continue to be zoomed. Details for the fortnightly Tuesday prayers are over the page

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

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

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 streamed 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

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 Last call for anyone wishing to purchase Christmas cards , Margaret has to send off the order very shortly. There are order forms and sample cards in her porch. Also if anyone has Children's Society Boxes to hand in. she would be grateful, she is missing several .

ADVENT WINDOWS

Christmas will in many ways be different for all of us this year not least because we will be unable to sing our normal carols. However, I am proposing something a little different to help us think about the carols as well as preparing us during Advent season.

ADVENT WINDOWS are a lit window in your house, visible from the street, which is decorated however you want to depict a Christmas carol. The window is then lit up on a particular date in December, like an Advent calendar.

Across the team I am looking for 24 families to volunteer to decorate a window representing a different carol from the 1 to 24 December. This equates to 8 windows per church. The plan will be at 4pm each day the window will be lit and turned off each day at 10pm. We will publish a location map on each of the churches websites. Once your window is lit then you continue to keep it illuminated for the rest of Advent. So as the month continues there will more and more windows to view and others are invited to discover the different carols by visiting the windows during the Advent season.

Anyone who would like to can take part. The windows can be decorated any way you like, search online for "Advent Windows" for some creative suggestions. It can be an upstairs or downstairs window, a shop front, a big or small window. It should be visible from the street to avoid people having to come onto your property to view it. The window can simply be a colouring to represent the carols or something more elaborate if you are crafty and inventive.

Volunteers from all across the team are needed, and I will then allocate window days and carols. This is something to involve all the family so please email me rev.annebourne@gmail.com if you are interested and let us get creating as we prepare to celebrate the Saviour's birth

Anne Bourne

We are looking for eight volunteers from St Mary's Riverhead

Cleaning Now that we are back in church, we will be reinstating our monthly church clean on the first Saturday in the month. The next clean will be on Saturday 7th November at 9.00am. Please come and help if you are willing and feel able and safe to do so. We would appreciate it if you brought your own cleaning materials. As stated in Government legislation and C of E guidelines, everyone must wear a mask in church and we also ask that you wear disposable gloves when cleaning inside. There are masks and disposable gloves available in church.

Barry Sharp would also very much appreciate help with a clean and tidy up outside. All volunteers welcome and greatly appreciated. We look forward to receiving as much help as possible. Many thanks, Ronnie and Barry

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.