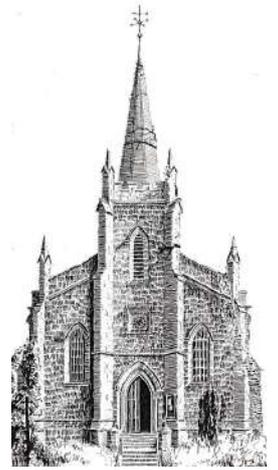


# St Mary the Virgin Riverhead with Dunton Green

Sunday 27th September 2020 - 16th Sunday after Trinity

*Christopher Johnson is unable to take the service this week and in his place we welcome Sue Fauchon-Jones*



## *Philippians 2:1-13 New International Version*

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

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**

## *Matthew 21:23-32 New International Version*

Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?” Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?” They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.” Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’“ ‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go. “Which of the two did what his father wanted?” “The first,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

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

## **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](mailto: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.*

**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)

## **BREAKING NEWS**

With joy in our hearts we hope to bring our Sunday 8am BCP Holy Communion Service back into Church in October. The 9.30am Sunday service will continue on Zoom for a little while longer. Further details will be given nearer the time when we are able to confirm our plans.

This Saturday is the last. The church will not be open on Saturdays for the foreseeable future

\* A full risk assessment has been carried out and is available for viewing. Full safety measures have been put in place.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WHENEVER YOU ARE ATTENDING THE CHURCH FOR ANY SERVICE YOU WILL NEED TO WEAR MASKS AND FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE

## **St Mary's Preschool – help required**

Currently St Mary's Preschool faces a challenge about finding new Trustees to help with overseeing the school. With Covid 19 restrictions and many who were Trustees having now left because their children have got older, the pre-school needs volunteers. As the pre school cannot function without such people they are really keen for help! The role is not arduous, only requiring attendance at a termly committee meeting alongside an involvement in helping to organize the fundraising of the annual Christmas bazaar, where all proceeds go into nursery funds to buy new equipment for the children to enjoy.

If you are able to help can you let Rev Mark know in the first instance and he can then pass your details onto Susan Shuttleworth at pre-school.

**St Lukes** are now holding an 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 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

#### **Services for the week**

Wednesday Compline: from 7.45pm for 8pm start via Zoom. Service approximately 30mins.

Mark Bridgen's Compline Zoom Meeting

Time: Sep 30, 2020 07:45

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9748688695?pwd=SDA2cWF6eFV4LytKQXkrQ01RakltZz09>

Meeting ID: 974 868 8695

Passcode: 7bEsdU

**Coffee following Services** Each Sunday for the time being we are staying on Zoom after the service - giving people a couple of minutes to pop out and make a coffee - and then come back and have a chat and catch up with some of the congregation you have not seen, just as we would if we were able to be in the church.

**Sponsored Bike Ride in aid of Kent Churches** This is took place on Saturday 12th September. Charlotte and Woody, Margaret H and Christine And the Lovelock Family all took part. Margaret and Christine are happy to receive donations through their doors at respectively 2 Cranmer Road or 26 Woodfields. Link for woody is.

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/EdwardRakhit>

However if you would prefer to sponsor him offline please do contact me:

[Crakhit@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Crakhit@hotmail.co.uk)

07739521583

**Virtual Coffee Morning** We now meet for a virtual half hour coffee morning on Thursdays at 11.00am.

Come and have a chat with some people you have not seen for some time. Link for this week

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3364438353?pwd=WS93WHFLc2RJckx2Wkpid3FoK291UT09>

Meeting ID: 336 443 8353

Passcode: Coffee

**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. There is a list of desirable items at the end of this newsletter

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

**Save the Date** Harvest 'zoom' Lunch 4th October at 12.30 Location: your dining room table with your lunch More details to follow.

**Opening Hymn:  
We have a gospel to proclaim**

We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for men in all the earth;  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem  
not in a royal house or hall  
but in a stable dark and dim,  
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to save,  
in lonely suffering on the cross;  
for all he loved his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:  
empty the tomb, for he was free.  
He broke the power of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
by all creation glorified.  
He sends his Spirit on his church  
to live for him, the Lord who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel-message we proclaim:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

**Music after Communion: Like a candle  
flame**

*Like a candle flame,  
flickering small in our darkness,  
uncreated light shines through infant eyes.  
God is with us, alleluia,  
come to save us, alleluia*

*Stars and angels sing,  
yet the earth sleeps in darkness,  
can this tiny spark set a world on fire?*

*Yet his light will shine  
from our lives, Spirit blazing,  
as we touch the flame of his holy fire*

**Final Hymn: At the name of Jesus**

At the name of Jesus,  
ev'ry knee shall bow,  
ev'ry tongue confess him  
King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure  
we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning  
was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation  
sprang at once to sight,  
all the angel faces,  
all the hosts of light,  
thrones and dominations,  
stars upon their way,  
all the heavenly orders  
in their great array.

In your hearts enthrone him;  
there let him subdue  
all that is not holy,  
all that is not true.  
He is God the Saviour,  
he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped,  
trusted and adored.

Surely this Lord Jesus  
shall return again,  
with his Father's glory,  
with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire  
meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him  
King of glory now.

**Closing music: Trumpet Tune by Purcell**

## Desirable items for donation to the Food Bank

**Breakfast cereals** (but not porridge oats)

**Tinned meat for hot meals:** especially **stewed steak, beef casserole/lamb stew, minced beef & onions, chicken in white sauce**

**Tinned vegetables** (preferably **peas/carrots/green beans/sweetcorn**)

**Biscuits**

**Toiletries**

**Washing capsules or liquid**

**and also, in order of importance...**

Fruit juice (long-life)/fruit squash

Sauces for rice dishes: curry/Sweet & Sour

Tomato ketchup/mayonnaise (but not brown sauce)

Tinned ravioli

Tinned macaroni cheese

Tinned meat for cold meals (eg ham, luncheon meat, corned beef)

Custard (tins or cartons, but not custard powder)

Rice pudding (tinned)

Coffee/hot chocolate

Rice

Sugar

UHT milk

**[We have large stocks of baked beans, tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, tinned soup, jam and honey. Our storage space is very limited, so instead of these items contributions from the list above would be most welcome, if possible.]**