

St Mary Riverhead with Dunton Green

2nd February - Candlemas

Services Sunday 2nd February - Candlemas

Hymns : 826, 397, 113, 719

Readings: Mal 3:1-5, Heb 2:14-end, Luke 2:22-40

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP p236 or p293)

Revd Peter Flynn

9.30am Family Service Daphne Harrison

Sunday 2nd February—9th February

Monday 3rd February

1.45pm—3.45pm Tots and Toddlers

Thursday 6th February

11.00am Holy Communion at Dunton Green Village Hall

Sunday 9th February - 3rd Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP p236 or p293)

Revd Michael Gentry

9.30am Parish Eucharist Revd Michael Gentry

Readings : Isa 58:1-12, 1 Cor 2: 1-10, Matt 5:13-20

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

ONE WEEK WITHOUT

is a Lent fundraiser for the homeless charity Porchlight. It takes place from Sunday 15 March to Sunday 22 March 2020. Could you give up a home comfort for that one week and either find people to sponsor you or put the money aside for whatever comfort or treat you would have spent it on? Porchlight does wonderful work in helping the homeless in many different ways. It would be great if we could help them by giving up something from our advantaged lives for just that one week. Please think prayerfully about it. More information to follow re donating. Thank you. Ronnie Todd

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Shirley Noss, Diane Lang, Linda Mc Keeman, Martyn Berry, Peter Jenner, Helen Hambly, Sarah Seuwing, Tim Callaway, Alf Dellow, Michael Way, James Way, Audrey Baker, Andrew Vincent

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

Russell Bates
Gertrude Collins
Hon. Howard Davies
Roy Dickenson

CLEANING

Many thanks to those who came and helped to clean the church yesterday

"FOOD FOR THOUGHT"

Talk about Economics of Fairtrade
By Ian Bretman and Humphrey Pring
Friday 7 th February 2020

Ian and Humphrey will be describing the rationale behind the creation and the beneficial effect of The Fairtrade Foundation that works to empower disadvantaged producers in developing countries by tackling injustice in conventional trade. We could not have better guides to the subject. Ian has been involved with the Fairtrade movement for over 30 years since joining Oxfam Trading as Head of Marketing in 1986. Since then he has been involved in selling fairly-traded handcrafts; researching the potential of the Fairtrade Mark; being CEO for 11 years of the Fairtrade Foundation and then 4 years as its Head of Global Strategy & Governance. Today he is an elected Board Member at Fairtrade International and supports producer networks in Africa, Asia and Latin America. At home, he chairs a CAB service and sits on the Board of an NHS Clinical Commissioning Group. Humphrey was Marketing & Sales Director for Cafedirect, the leading Fairtrade hot drinks company, and worked with Ian at the Fairtrade Foundation to promote the growth of Fairtrade products. Contact Peter Ashwell 01732 461087 for more information

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P.T.O.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Food for Thought St Lukes 7th Feb 7.30pm

St Mark Live - 27th Feb at Stag Theatre - see notice board

Estonia Visiting Clergy 25th Feb—5th March

PRAYER EVENINGS

in support of the proposed Team Ministry

The evenings start at 7.15 and run for about 30 to 40 mins. Each church takes a turn to host so:

Tuesday 4th Feb St Mary's Riverhead

Tuesday 11th Feb St Lukes

SAFEGUARDING AT ST MARY'S RIVERHEAD WITH DUNTON GREEN

We are committed to making our church a safe space for all

If you have any worries about something that is happening to you or someone you know, we can try and help you. You can contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Susan Allender (07557 924384), a member of the clergy or the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, Janice Keen on: janice.keen@rochester.anglican.org.

Churches across the Diocese of Rochester are currently undertaking a comprehensive safeguarding review to establish that all known past cases of concern relating to church abuse have been considered and dealt with appropriately.

If you are concerned about something you have experienced in a church, now or in the past, or you are worried about another person – perhaps a vulnerable adult or a child – there are people you can talk to and you will be taken seriously.

Anyone who needs to come forward with information or make any disclosures regarding church related abuse are encouraged to make direct contact with the Diocese of Rochester's Safeguarding team on 01634 560000 or visit: www.rochester.anglican.org/safeguarding/

Recognising that this may not feel safe for those with a lived experience of abuse from within the church, a dedicated telephone helpline, operated independently from the church, by the NSPCC, is available. Calls can be made free on 0800 80 20 20.

HOWEVER, if life is in immediate danger always call 999

PRAYER DURING INTERREGNUM

GOD Our Father

You have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be His Body in this place;
Send us your Holy Spirit, at this time of uncertainty and change, to fill us with vision, energy, and faithfulness in prayer, that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our communities;
And guide with your heavenly wisdom those who are to choose new Incumbents for our parishes, that those whom we receive may be wise and gentle shepherds of your people: ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith, and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

LENT COURSES

On Monday Jan 27 the Bible study group are starting a new series of 6 Bible studies called a Passion for Christ. As the name suggests this is in fact a course designed for Lent. The blurb on the course says over six studies,

“we will consider how, as followers of Christ, we can: “

- share in the sufferings of Christ
- be a Church marked by love and holiness
- share the hope of the gospel
- shine the light of Christ's glory
- use suffering as a personal testimony
- give our lives as a living sacrifice to Christ'

Anyone is welcome to join us for any or all of the studies. We aren't at all formal, or very intellectual, but we do manage to benefit from our time together and enjoy ourselves as well, so do consider giving it a go.

Alternatively, if you are interested in the course but aren't able to come on a Monday morning, we could organise a group to meet during Lent at a convenient time for those interested.

During Lent there are also Ecumenical Lent Groups organised by Churches Together in Sevenoaks and District using the Lent Course produced by York Courses. There is a letter on the notice board at the back giving you more information.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ENTRIES FOR THE MINIMAG SHOULD REACH ME BY THURSDAY LUNCHTIME