

St Mary Riverhead with Dunton Green

5th January 2020 - Second Sunday of Christmas / Epiphany

Services Sunday 5th January - Christmas 2/ Epiphany

Hymns : 36, 37, 32, 8

Readings: Isa 60:1-6, Eph 3:1-12, Matt 2:1-12

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP p236 or p293)

Revd Peter Flynn

9.30am Family Service Daphne Harrison

Sunday 5th January - 12th January

Monday 6th January

1.45pm—3.45pm Tots and Toddlers

Thursday 9th January

11.00am Holy Communion at Dunton Green Village
Hall

Sunday 12th January - Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP p236 or p293)

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Readings : isa 42:1-9, Acts 10:34-43, Matt 3:13-end

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

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

Kathleen Gorbold

Alan Pearsall

Gordon (Ron) Richards

Ethel Walkling

ST LUKE'S CHURCH - "FOOD FOR THOUGHT" - SERIES OF TALKS

The next talk in the series is on Friday, 10 January
2020, at St Luke's Church Hall, Eardley Road, Sevenoaks;
on the "Rights of children in India" by Peter Ashwell.
Doors open with light refreshments at 7:30pm,
with the talk at 8:00pm, finishing by 9:45pm.

See poster on notice board

BISHOP MICHAEL'S VISIT ON 1 JAN 2020 - LISTEN TO HIS SERMON

On 1 Jan 2020, Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali visited
and led our New Year's Service of Dedication.

His sermon was based on the theme of 'new be-
ginnings', using the Bible texts: Genesis 12:1-3;
Romans 12:1-16; John 3:1-8. Bishop Michael
noted the relevance in the context of the
new West Sevenoaks Team Ministry being creat-
ed from the three Churches; St Mary's, Kipping-
ton, St Luke's, Sevenoaks, and St Mary's, River-
head with Dunton Green. You can listen to an
audio recording of Bishop Michael's sermon on
the frontpage of our Church web-
site: www.stmaryriverhead.co.uk

NEW BENEFICE SERVICE

Will be held on Sunday 26th January 2020 at a
time and place to be advised. This will be an
occasion on which to re-licence Lay Ministers,
Pastoral Assistants and bless Church Wardens



Licensed Lay Minister: Daphne Harrison 01732 454225 daphneharrison@yahoo.co.uk

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P.T.O.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Hidden Voices – Sat. 18th January Bessels Green Baptist Church - see notice board

New Year Party in the hall 18th January 5.30pm

New Benefice Service Sunday 26th January
St Mark Live - 27th Feb at Stag Theatre - see notice board

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:

Wednesday 8th Jan	St Mary,s Kippington
Tuesday 14th Jan	St Lukes
Tuesday 21st Jan	St Mary's Riverhead

GREETINGS

FROM HARJU-RISTI CHURCH IN ESTONIA

Our friends at Risti have sent St Mary's a calendar, Christmas card and a newsletter. They are happy to report that their work to involve local children in their church activities has borne fruit, and they have new youth leaders. Parts of their church date from the 13thC, so there is always restoration work to be done. They have renovated their very ancient church door, and will be tackling the the tower this year. Their big project is the Old School, where they are creating apartments for people in need. They also remind us that they have rooms in the congregation house, where you can stay during the summer months. We stayed there on our recent visit, and were made most welcome. Please have a look at the full newsletter, which is on the board at the back of the church. Janet and Barry Sharp

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/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. For the time being tinned pulses such as kidney beans and tinned pies are not required

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

ESTONIAN CLERGY VISIT

Bishop Simon has issued an invitation for some 4-6 young Estonian clergy to visit the diocese to see how we do ministry and mission and things generally. The provisional dates are Feb 25- March 4 2020 The Bishop has asked if those parishes with links with Estonia would be prepared to host a visitor, perhaps splitting the time - Barry and Janet are happy to host someone for 3-4 days- would someone else be prepared to host for a similar period? It would probably involve transporting said visitor to various activities

EASY FUNDRAISING & AMAZON SMILE

A reminder that you can raise funds for St Mary's without actually lifting a finger. If you are a regular on-line patron of dozens of famous names such as Amazon, Ebay, John Lewis, M&S etc . Even if you usually get your groceries on line from Tesco, Sainsburys or other large supermarkets. These stores will give a small percentage (generally 1%)donation and these small amounts can add to quite a reasonable sum if enough people participate. There is a poster on the notice board but if you are taking this notice home with you this is the address to use. In addition to EasyFundraising, when shopping on Amazon you can now also contribute to St Mary's by using AmazonSmile instead of Amazon – the same website but we get a contribution for every purchase. Shop on AmazonSmile at <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1128522-0>, and Amazon donates to The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St Mary The Virgin, Riverhead With Dunton Green, at no cost to you.

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