

# St Mary Riverhead with Dunton Green

23rd February - Next Sunday before Lent

## Services Sunday 23rd February - Last before Lent

**Hymns** : 610, 358, 281, 676

Readings: Gen 1:1-2,3, Rom 8:18-25, Matt 6:25-end

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP p236 or p293)

Revd Peter Flynn

9.30am Parish Eucharist Revd Peter Flynn

## Sunday 23rd February—1st March

Monday 24th February

1.45pm—3.45pm Tots and Toddlers

Thursday 27th February

11.00 Holy Communion at Dunton Green Village Hall

## Sunday 1st March - 1st Sunday in Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP p236 or p293)

Revd Peter Flynn

9.30am Family Service Revd Anne Bourne

Readings : Gen 2:15-17 3:1-7, Rom 5:12-19,

Matt 4:1-11

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

## SUNDAY 1st MARCH at 10.00am

Next Sunday, March 1st, will be our normal Family Service. However, please note that on this occasion it will start at 10am, not 9.30. This is because we will have a visitor from Estonia with us, Deacon Ülle Reimann, from Tallinn, and we plan to have a light lunch together after the service, at the back of the church. We would welcome a few plates of finger food - please have a word with one of the Events Committee to see what is needed. Ülle prefers not to eat dairy or wheat, so some imaginative ideas would be welcome! Please stay on after next week's service so that we can give her some of St Mary's hospitality and friendship.

## 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, Beryl Ellinor, Charles Brown

*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

Beatrice Baldock

Ann Batchelor

Patricia Newton

## BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYERS

A group of us meet in the church each Monday at 9.45am to say prayers for those who have requested we do so. Following Prayers at 10.15 we have coffee and bible study. If anyone would like to join us for either or both you would find a very warm welcome

## ONE WEEK WITHOUT - 15-22 MARCH 2020

I have now received the resources in support of the Lent fundraiser for the homeless charity Porchlight if you wish; these are available on the table at the back of the church for you to read and take home. I will remind everyone at the beginning of the service on 15 March. Resources are: Sponsorship Forms; Gift Aid Envelopes; Make your own Collection boxes; Pounds 4 Porchlight on ways for children to earn pounds; Put yourself in their shoes Pledge Cards to display on the notice board; and Put yourself in their shoes Explanatory notes; For one week, could you put yourself in the shoes of thousands of people Porchlight supports in Kent each year? Could you give up one or more of your home comforts for just one week? You could even give up looking at social media! By participating, getting sponsored or just donating you will help to change lives here in the Kent community.  
Thank You, Ronnie Todd

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Estonia Visiting Clergy 25th Feb—5th March**  
**St Mark Live Stag Theatre 27th Feb 7.30pm**  
**Lent Lunches - various dates and venues see notice board**  
**Frugal Lunch for Christian Aid - 15th March**  
**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:

Tuesday 25th Feb      St Mary's Riverhead  
Tuesday 3rd March     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](mailto: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/](http://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 started 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**