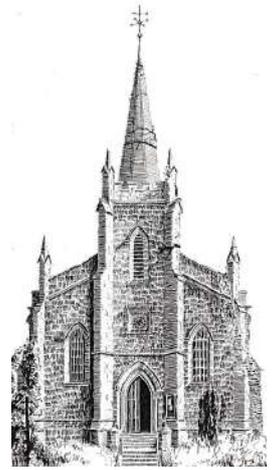


St Mary the Virgin Riverhead with Dunton Green



Sunday 24th January 2021 - 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Genesis 14.17-20

After Abram's return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Revelation 19.6-10

I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure' – for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 2.1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Services for January at Riverhead

We would like to confirm that 24 and 31 January 9.15am services will be on Zoom. There will not be an 8am Communion, but our Team churches at St Mary Kippington and St Lukes will be holding services, please consult their websites for details.

You might also like to join

Compline on Wednesday evenings at 7.45 for 8.00pm

and the **Coffee Morning** on Thursdays at 11.00am

Link has been sent separately

A message from the Vicar (elect)

Dear all,

This Saturday sees the start of my licensed ministry here as part of the West Sevenoaks Team. Can I thank you all for your warm welcome that Tamar, Reuben, Caleb, Esther and myself have had since arriving here in Riverhead shortly before Christmas. Thank you all for the kind gifts, cards and messages that you have given us. I am very much looking forward to starting my ministry here and joining you on the journey as we seek God for his plans for this Team and joining in with his work here in this community.

I am conscious that it is always hard to get to know everybody at the start of a new ministry and that this is made even harder when we cannot meet together physically in a church building. Unfortunately, this Sunday I am required to be at St Mary's Kippington for their service at 10:30 so will not be able to stay long after our morning communion service. I am planning to ensure that I stay for longer after the next service I take and hoping to be part of the coffee morning on Thursday.

If you would like to arrange a time to meet on zoom or a phone call then please do contact me and I will make time to do this. I know that meeting in this way is not the same as being able to meet in person but during this difficult time it can enable me to begin to meet some of you.

Thank you again and I look forward to seeing you on Sunday,

Andy

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Loaves and Fishes Margaret Holman would like to thank everyone for the massive support which they have been giving to this worthy cause Sadly 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

Bible Study Our group has restarted on Mondays at 9.45am when we are currently studying 1 Peter. If anyone would like to join us you would be made very welcome. If you are interested please contact "Daphne Harrison" daphneharrison@yahoo.co.uk or "Ronnie Todd" vat.lady@hotmail.co.uk

Prayer List Please remember in your prayers: Sarah Suewing, Cheryl Davies, Denis and Diane Williams and family, Judy Borrowman, and Karen Smith

If you would like a friend or member of your family added to this list please let me know. Margaret N.

Fly Tipping A big thank you to whoever cleared the rubbish in the car park. We are very grateful
The Churchwardens

Webinar on Monday 1st February at 11.00am

We are privileged to be joined by Hannah Rich, Senior Researcher at Theos and the author of the report Growing Good: Growth, Social Action and Discipleship in the Church of England (2020).

This report, the fruit of extensive on the ground research on behalf of Church Urban Fund and Theos, explores the intimate relationship between social action, growth and discipleship. Each of these commitments have a key role in our calling and the report shows their inseparability.

If you are able, I would encourage you to attend this to hear Hannah first hand and to give space for questioning and debate.

One small additional plus: there won't be any awkward break out rooms to negotiate.

Details for signing up can be accessed here: <https://bit.ly/2VtpB7L>

Team Rector's Notices

6:30pm Sunday 24th Team Evensong (Open from 6:15pm for fellowship before worship begins)

Meeting ID: 814 9810 6394

Passcode: 168200

(Please note this is now the same id and passcode)

Tuesday 26th – Team Prayers (Open from 6:45pm) 7pm to 7:30pm

Meeting ID: 815 0902 9021

Passcode: 218012

(Please note this is now the same id and passcode)

Team Vicar Appointments

The Revd Anne Bourne, at present Interim Associate Rector in the West Sevenoaks Team Ministry will become Team Vicar with special responsibility for St Luke's, Sevenoaks and will continue to work on a part-time basis. Anne will be licensed on Tuesday 9th of February at 7pm (*).

Anne would very much appreciate our prayers at this time.

(* At this stage we cannot confirm whether this service will be at St Lukes or by Zoom).

All three churches will be offering worship in January through a variety of ways - On line videos and Zoom. Always check out the web sites for St Mary Kippington, St Mary the Virgin, Riverhead with Dunton Green and St Luke's Sevenoaks for information every week

Sunday Night Prayer and Reflections - 'Living with shadows'

Every Sunday evening in Lent (by Zoom) there will be a service of Night Prayer concluding with a reflection focusing on living with shadows. As Jesus walked with the shadow of the cross around him, so we acknowledge shadows that people walk with today. People can depart following the end of the service and reflection, or can stay for a time of discussion.

6:30pm service time (opens at 6:15pm). Login details available nearer the time.

21st of February - living with dementia; 28th of February - living with body image; 7th of March - living with mental health; 14th of March - living with addictions; 21st of March - living with loneliness.

Team Ash Wednesday service

8pm 17th of February at St Luke's. Our intention is for a public act of worship that will be live streamed.

