

St. Mary's Church

*A still point in a
turning world.
T S Eliot*

 THE CHURCH
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The Parish Church of Riverhead with Dunton Green, Kent;
now part of the West Sevenoaks Team Ministry

Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 3rd October

Welcome to our newsletter for the 3rd October.

It was great to be able to worship together across the West Sevenoaks Team last week.

Many thanks to all those who joined the service last Sunday.

This Sunday is our Harvest Festival service at 9:30am. We will be joined by the Scouts and Beavers and it will be great to have them with us.

As part of our Service we will be offering gifts of food which will be donated to Sevenoaks Larder. Please see below for more information about the sorts of food they are looking for.

This Sunday we will be offering Coffee in the Church Hall following the service. You are all welcome to stay for coffee afterwards. We will also be opening up half of the pews in the church for free seating. The back half of the church will remain roped off at the current time to enable those who would prefer more space to sit in this area.

I look forward to celebrating Harvest with you this weekend.

Best wishes,

Andy

Worship This Sunday 3rd October

- 8am** **BCP Said Holy Communion**
Church Only
- 9:30am** **All Age Worship - Harvest Festival**
This service is taking place in church and
live streamed on zoom for those who are vulnerable,
housebound or self-isolating.
Meeting ID: 616 146 1466 Password: Shoreham01
- 2:45pm** **The Gathering**
Dunton Green Primary School, Dunton Green.
- 6:30pm** **Team Evensong.**
Zoom
Meeting ID: 814 9810 6394 Passcode: 168200

Please join us at any of our services this weekend

Please find the readings for our service below. Bibles and Hymn books are available in church, so you only need to print these out if you are joining us by zoom. Hymn words will be displayed on the screen.

[Click here to download the readings for the 3rd October](#)
[Click here for the order of service for Harvest Festival](#)
[Click here to find the hymns/readings sheet on our website](#)

PLEASE NOTE CHURCH CLEANING IS NOT TAKING PLACE THIS SATURDAY

Church cleaning will not take place on this Saturday because the church flower ladies will be in on Saturday for the harvest decorations and it's more sensible to leave it to the following week, Saturday 9th October. We will meet at **9am on Saturday 9th October**. All help would be gratefully recieved.

Many thanks.

Ronnie

This Sunday - DONATIONS TO SEVENOAKS LARDER

During the Harvest Service this week there is the opportunity to bring a gift to support a local organisation from within our community. This year we shall be supporting Sevenoaks Larder who run a branch within our parish on Tuesdays from the Dunton Green Pavilion. They are supporting a number of families from within our parish at this time, providing them with food on a regular basis.

If you wish to bring a gift to the service then Sevenoaks Larder have suggested they are in need of any of the following items:

Tinned tuna, tinned ham, tinned vegetables (but not pulses or beans), jam, peanut butter, honey, savoury crackers, sugar, tea, coffee, long life fruit juice. They DO NOT NEED pasta, baked beans or tinned soup as they have plenty of these at present. All food must be in date.

They would also be grateful to receive any fresh fruit and vegetables which can be distributed straight away amongst their clients.

Following the service Coffee will be served in the Church Hall.

Thanks.

Other Notices

Tots and Toddlers

Our Parent and Toddler group has reopened.

It meets on Mondays from 1:30-3:30pm. They offer a warm welcome to all babies and pre-schoolers, their parents and carers. Come along for a chat and refreshments, craft songs and play. Pre-booking is required. For more information see our website [here](#) or email: stmarystots@gmail.com

Sunday Club

We are looking for two more Parents to be able to help with the running of Sunday Club on a 2nd or 4th Sunday. You would not necessarily have to lead sessions but be there to encourage and help our young people in growing and developing their faith.

If this a way that you think you may be able to help and serve the Church then please have a chat with either Revd. Andy (revandyfinn@outlook.com), or speak to Tamar or Michele after the service as we would be keen to hear from you.

A DBS check would be required but this can be set up for you

ST. LUKE'S BOOK GROUP

With the easing of the Covid restrictions, the Book Group has been able to resume its meetings. We have recently read and discussed Dear England by Stephen Cotterill, the Archbishop of York, and God and Caesar by Shirley Williams. We are particularly fond of reading biographies and our next book is The Bishops by Frank Longford (LordLongford) and we shall be meeting to discuss this at the church on Friday, 5th November at 12 noon. Anyone who would like to join us will be very welcome.

Pastoral Visiting and Home Communion

Following the lifting of restrictions it is possible for us to resume pastoral visiting and Home Communion. If you would value communion being brought to you at home, a home visit or even a zoom call then please do get in touch with Andy and I will arrange for myself or Daphne to visit.

Mothers Union

For many years this church has had a connection with Mother's Union. Before the pandemic there was a group which used to meet. Karen Forster-Pearce is looking at restarting this group with a look to a Team Mother's Union which meets with members from all 3 churches. If you would be interested in being part of this then please have a chat with Karen. Thank you.



West Sevenoaks Team Light Party

Sunday 31st October 3-5-30pm

It would be wonderful to be able to run a simple party across the team as an alternative to Halloween enabling children to hear and learn about Jesus the

Light of the World. This would involve hunting sweets in the dark church, craft, games and with the help of older teenagers carving Jesus pumpkins and concluding with pizza and ice cream.

Could you help run or supervise a simple craft activity, cook and serve refreshments, help to set up and or clear up then please be in touch. Without YOUR help this simply will not happen.

Email rev.annebourne@gmail.com or tel- 07512734224

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2021

At the PCC on Monday Night, the PCC discussed the Christmas Tree Festival for 2021. We really need your help to be able to make sure that the Christmas Tree Festival can happen this year. We need 2 or 3 people to take on the organising of this large event. We also need others to help and support those who are organising.

If you think that you may be able to take on the organisation of this event then please let Andy know by the 10th October. Without your help this event may not be able to run.

Events this week

Monday

9:45am Bible Study Group – Please contact Daphne for more information.

1:30pm Tots and Toddlers

Tuesday

Wednesday

9:00pm Compline

Meeting ID: 616 146 1466 Password: Shoreham01

Thursday

11:00am Coffee Morning (zoom)

Please contact Daphne for the log in details.

Sunday 10th October

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion

2:45pm The Gathering

6:30pm Team Evensong.

If you need to contact us then please email:

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