

St. Mary's Church

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

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

Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 4th July - The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our services this week.

It is great to join together to worship God, both in person and on zoom. As we have creep ever closer to being able to do church "in a new normal" once restrictions are lifted, it has been great to hear from so many people about what we are looking forward to (Particularly singing!). Can I thank you once again for your participation in the Reflective Process over this week? It has been great to hear, and take on board, the things you have shared. Thank you for taking this opportunity to give your voice to this valuable discussion. If you have not yet been part of this process then can I encourage you to join us on zoom on the evening of the 6th July?

Tonight, some of our older young people are getting together at the Vicarage for Pizza. This will be the first opportunity for many of them to get together since the lockdown and to discuss what they might like to do as a group going forward. Please be praying for this event.

Also, just a reminder that the PCC meets on Monday this week. Please be praying for them as they meet.

Andy

Worship This Sunday

8am	BCP Said Holy Communion Church Only
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9:30am All Age Worship
This service is taking place in church and live streamed on zoom.
Meeting ID: 616 146 1466 Password: Shoreham01

4:30pm Young people meeting for Pizza.

6:30pm Evensong
Bible readings: 1 Samuel 20: 1 - 17 and Acts 14.
Meeting ID: 814 9810 6394 Passcode: 168200

Please join us at any of our services this weekend
The hymns and readings for our 9:30am service can be found below
[Click here to download the hymns/readings](#)
[Click here to find the hymns/readings sheet on our website](#)

Requests for Prayer
Please remember in your prayers:
Cheryl Davies, John Jenkins, Geoff and Julia Holland

We need you!!

We are rather short of people to undertake roles within our church community at present. In particular we really need sides people. This is an important role in welcoming people and to help with the smooth running of the services. If you think you can serve the church in this way then please do chat with Andy. It is not an onerous role and the more people who volunteer the easier it becomes!

Thank you.
Andy

Other Notices

Church Cleaning - This Saturday

There will be church cleaning this coming Saturday, 3 July, from 9.00am; all help will be gratefully received.

The outside of the Church is also in need of a tidy up and any help from people who are able to, would be much appreciated.

Please speak to Barry Sharp who will be there from about 9.00am.

Ronnie Todd

Walk around the Parishes:

Many thanks to those who joined us for the first walk around St Luke's Parish on Wednesday evening. It was a good evening of conversation as we learned about the Parish and prayed for the community. There are two other opportunities to join us on a future walk. The guide will be each of the Team Vicar's and we will start at each church (parking if needed). Each evening will begin at 7pm.

St Mary the Virgin - Monday 19th of July

St Mary - Wednesday 1st of September

Just turn up!

Can you help?

Being part of the church family it is good to be able to use our gifts to help and support each other. As we emerge from lockdown we are conscious that there are areas of our Church life with which we would value the support of congregational members with. We are particularly looking to find help with our Church Buildings and with Finance to support our Treasurer. If you think that you have skills or time to be able to help in this area then please have a chat with Stuart or Andy as we would love for your help in these areas of our church life. Thank you.

Kneelers

As part of our preparation for a Wedding on the 17th July, the Kneelers have been removed from the Side Chapel to make space for the couple to be able to sign the Marriage Document on the day. This is to aid with cleaning that we have to undertake at this time. The hope is that Guidance permitting, following our service on the 19th, the kneelers will return to the pews.

Steve

This September we look forward to Steve and his wife Emma joining the Team as Steve is ordained Deacon and serves his Curacy in the Team. As we prepare for

Steve to join us, let us be praying for him. You may wish to use the following prayer.

A prayer for Steve, our Curate coming to join us in September: Grant your grace, O God our Father, to all those in this diocese who will be ordained Deacon this September. We pray for our new Curate Steve, and his wife Emma. Through his curacy with us make him what you would have him to be, so that by your blessing on the formation of his priestly ministry here, he may be made a blessing. May your guidance be upon all those in our Team who will help in Steve's training, and may he know from all of us the gift of our friendship and prayers, as we prepare to welcome him, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Loaves and Fishes

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

A Reflective Process

As we look towards September and Church Life beginning to return to a new normal, it would be good to have an opportunity to talk and discuss about some of our hopes and fears around returning to Church life and worshipping together. I am conscious that for many of us having been on zoom for the last year will have felt quite a change to where you were as a parish. We have all been changed by the last couple of years – it would be wrong to say otherwise. It would be good to review what God has been teaching us as a church community over the last year and to see what God is asking of us. There will also be the opportunity to pray together. It would be good to ask the following questions.

- As we return what are our fears of returning to Church life?
- What are our expectations of what Church will be like?
- What sort of church is God asking us to be both now and, in the years, to come?

To have the opportunity to share these reflections, I have three opportunities to come together and to share your thoughts.

Please feel free to join me to talk about this on:

29th June between 11 and 12 – in the Church building.

30th June between 2pm and 3pm – a session on zoom.

Meeting ID: 858 4244 6084 Passcode: 432558

6th July between 7:30pm and 8:30pm – a session on zoom.

Meeting ID: 841 2928 0148 Passcode: 433845

If you would like to contribute to this process but are unable to make any of the above sessions then please get in touch with Andy.

Let us be praying as we go through this process together.

Events this week

Monday

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

8:00pm PCC meeting on zoom - Please check your email for the link.

Tuesday

7:30pm Reflective Process - meets on Zoom (see notice for zoom details).

Wednesday

8:00pm Compline

Meeting ID: 616 146 1466 Password: Shoreham01

Thursday

11:00am Coffee Morning (zoom)

Please contact Daphne for the log in details.

Sunday 11th July

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion.

If you need to contact us then please email:

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