

St. Mary's Church

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

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

Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 7th November

Welcome to our newsletter for Sunday 7th November.

This Sunday at our All Age Service we welcome the families and friends of Eliza and Theo to our 9:30am service where we will be baptising them. As part of the service Theo and Eliza will have godparents who will make promises on their behalf. At our All Age Services for November and December we will think about promises and in particular God's promises.

Please do join us at 8:00 or 9:30am. Our 9:30 service will be live streamed from St Mary's this week.

This afternoon, also sees our commemoration of All Souls Service at 3pm. Do please let me know if you wish to come along to this short service - please see the details below.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday,

Best wishes,

Andy

Worship This Sunday 7th November

8am BCP Said Holy Communion
 Church Only

9:30am All Age Worship with the Baptism of Theo and Eliza

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 Passcode: Shoreham01

2:45pm **The Gathering**
Dunton Green Primary School, Dunton Green.

3:00pm **Commemoration of All Souls**
Please see the information below.

6:30pm **Team Evensong**
Meeting ID: 814 9810 6394 Passcode: 168200

Please join us at any of our services this weekend or next 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 7th November](#)

[Click here to download the baptism order of service for this weekend.](#)

[Click here to find the readings sheet on our website](#)

Notices

Church Cleaning - THIS SATURDAY (6th November)

It's the first Saturday in the month which means it's church cleaning day! All help gratefully received. Many thanks. Ronnie

Commemoration of All Souls - THIS AFTERNOON!

On 7th November we will be holding a short service at 3pm for anyone who wishes to come and remember a loved one and those who have recently died. There will be the opportunity to light a candle in remembrance as part of the service. The

service will be followed by tea and cakes to which you are also invited. To help with the catering, I should be grateful if you would let Andy know.

CHILDREN SOCIETY BOXES

It's that time of year when we open the C/Society Boxes, it doesn't matter how little is in it (every little helps)

You are invited for coffee on Wednesday 17th November @ 10 am bringing your box with you.

Alternatively I am happy to either collect from Church or your home.

Look forward to seeing you. If you want me to collect please ring 01732 450408 or email mazzaholman@gmail.com

Thank You. Margaret Holman.

Coffee Morning and Service at Dunton Green

Following a few weeks of low attendance at Coffee morning on Zoom, we have come to the conclusion that it has run its course. We recognise that although this was really useful during lock down, many people's circumstances have changed.

Some may remember that a physical coffee morning and regular communion service used to take place in Dunton Green. We are ready to start this again and this Thursday (11th November) we will meet in the Village Hall at 10:45am for a short service for Remembrance Day followed by refreshments. Please do feel free to join us.

Zoom Services

Over the coming weeks we have decided as a Team to offer one live streamed service a week from our 3 churches. This will enable us to bring together those of our online communities together to worship whilst ensuring the long term sustainability of zoom services. At present St Mary's Kippington do not have this option but hope to be able to join in offering a provision in the near future. Please see below for a list of the Sundays and where the services will be live streamed from. The link for each service will be made available prior to each service on the newsletter.

7th November - 9:30am St Marys Riverhead

14th November - Both Churches will offer services for Remembrance at 9:30am and 10:15am.

21st November - 9:30am St Marys Riverhead.

28th November - 10:15am St Lukes
5th December - 10:15am St Lukes
12th December - 9:30am St Mary's Riverhead.
19th December - 10:15am St Lukes.

More details will follow about services over the Christmas period.

▲ CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 11-12 DECEMBER ▲

We are delighted to let you know that the Christmas Tree Festival will be back in church this year, with the necessary Covid-19 safeguards. As in past years, we will have a gift stall, so if you have any unwanted Christmas or birthday gifts, please think about donating them to our stall. The more gifts we have to sell, the more money we collect for Age UK, our nominated charity, and the church. A box will be left in the porch for your donations. We would love it if you would also think about displaying a tree. The Festival gives people who wouldn't normally attend, the opportunity to visit our beautiful church. Finally, if you feel able to help, either setting up on the Friday, serving refreshments or meeting and greeting over the weekend, please let one of the committee members know. We will then draw up a timed rota for you to add your name. Many thanks. CTF Committee. (Margaret Holman, Sarah Stott, Sarah Allison, Ronnie Todd)

Church Choir

Our church choir would welcome some more singers. If you enjoy singing, you would be very welcome to come along to a choir practice and give it a try! We'll soon be looking at Christmas music, and it would be lovely to have more voices.

Contact Janet Sharp on 01732 452715 for more details.

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

Julian Group - Meeting at St Lukes

All are warmly invited to join the Julian Meeting at St Luke's. This takes place every Wednesday afternoon from 2pm to 2:30pm in the side chapel at St Luke's Church. It is a time of contemplative prayer with refreshments following. Please see the poster on the noticeboard at the back of Church.

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.

The Children's Society

Margaret Holman and Karen are selling Christmas cards. Karen has a supply which can be bought straight away or, Margaret can take an order from the cards shown on the Church/Children's Society website.



Sunday 28 November 2021
from 3.00–5.00pm
in St Mary's Parish Centre
Kippington Road TN13 2LL



Children's Christmas Craft Afternoon

All children (aged 3–10) are invited
to make Christmas cards, decorations and small presents.
Please can under-fives be accompanied by an adult.



The cost will be £6.00 each
with a family ticket for £15.00
(including light refreshments).



It will be very helpful to know how many children are coming -
so please contact Jean Day on day@kent2.co.uk or 07762 906274

Adults are invited to come for tea from 4.30pm

Events for the next two weeks

Monday 8th November

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

Wednesday 10th November

9:00pm Compline

Meeting ID: 616 146 1466 Password: Shoreham01

Thursday 11th November

10:45am Service of Remembrance followed by Coffee at Dunton Green Village Hall

Sunday 14th November

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion for Remembrance Sunday
followed by an Act of Remembrance at the war memorial in Riverhead.

2:45pm The Gathering

4:30pm St Mary's Youth

6:30pm Team Evensong on Zoom

If you need to contact us then please email:

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