

St. Mary's Church

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

 THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

 Diocese of
Rochester

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

Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 10th October

Welcome to our newsletter for the 10th October.

Can I start by thanking again those who made last weekends Harvest Festival a lovely celebration? It was great to have the scouts with us and thank you to those who did the flowers as the church looked lovely and served coffee afterwards. Thank you to all those who donated food last weekend. The food was taken to the Sevenoaks Larder on Tuesday morning. They were extremely thankful for all the donations and said that we had collected 74kg worth of food. This will make such a difference to those who are served by this foodbank. Thank you.

It has also been great this week to celebrate Harvest in Riverhead Infant School and Dunton Green Primary (the first time that they had been able to celebrate Harvest in 2 years).

This Sunday we continue our series thinking more about Church for the next couple of weeks. Our Sunday Club also meets on Sunday morning, beginning in Church and then going out to the Church Hall. Both Sunday Club and Church will be thinking around the topic of what does it mean for us to be "one body" as a Church.

Finally tonight sees our youth meeting at the vicarage. Please be praying as this group starts meeting together.

Best wishes,

Andy

Worship This Sunday 10th October

- 8am** **BCP Said Holy Communion**
Church Only
- 9:30am** **Holy Communion**
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
- 9:30am** **Sunday Club meets - Please meet in Church**
and then the Children will leave during the service for their own
activities in the Hall.
- 2:45pm** **The Gathering**
Dunton Green Primary School, Dunton Green.
- 4:30pm** **St Marys Youth (for Yr6 upwards)**
The Vicarage
- 6:30pm** **Please note that there is no Team Evensong this weekend.**
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 10th October](#)

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

CHURCH CLEANING THIS SATURDAY

Church Cleaning will take place at **9am on Saturday 9th October**. All help would be gratefully recieved.

Many thanks.

Ronnie

Other Notices

Team Prayers

Team Prayers: 2:30pm physical prayers at St Luke's on the 19th of October, or 7pm half hour prayers by Zoom.
Meeting ID: 882 3291 5090
Passcode: 449200

Funeral of Barbara Werner

The funeral of the late Barbara Werner will take place in St Marys Church on Thursday 14th October at 2:30pm. The family have invited any who knew or remember Barbara to attend.

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

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 (Lord Longford) 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. Please could you let Anne know this week.

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 17th October

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Morning Prayer

2:45pm The Gathering

6:30pm Team Evensong.

If you need to contact us then please email:

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