

*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 16th May - The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Please find below the weekly newsletter which has details of our services this week and upcoming events.

If you have any event or prayer request which you would like included in upcoming newsletters then please let Andy have any items by lunchtime on Thursday.

This week there is the opportunity to gather as a team to pray for Thy Kingdom Come and those in our community we know to come to know Jesus. During the 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost we read in Acts how the disciples joined together in Prayer as they awaited the Holy Spirit which Jesus promised. Thy Kingdom Come gives us the opportunity to join with Christian brothers and sisters around the world praying for more people to know Jesus.

Next week is Pentecost Sunday as we gather to celebrate what has been called the Birthday of the Church and the day when those first disciples encountered the Holy Spirit. The following week is a Fifth Sunday and is Trinity Sunday. On this Sunday we shall have an All-Age communion service as explore together God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Finally, please see details at the bottom of this Newsletter of the Bible Course to be held on Zoom in June. This course by the Bible Society will help us think more about Gods Big Story. I would really encourage you to come and find out more.

Andy

## Worship This Sunday

- 8am**            **BCP Said Holy Communion  
Church Only**
- 9:30am**        **Morning Prayer**  
**This service is taking place in church and  
live streamed on zoom.**  
**Meeting ID: 616 146 1466 Password: Shoreham01**
- 6:30pm**        **Please note there is no Team Evensong this week.**

**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](#)

### Events this week

#### Monday

9:45am Bible Study Group – Please contact Daphne for more information.  
7:00pm Evening Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come.  
Meeting ID: 815 0902 9021; Passcode: 218012

#### Tuesday

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#### Wednesday

7:00pm Evening Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come.  
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#### Thursday

11:00am Coffee Morning (zoom)

Please contact Daphne for the log in details.

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### Friday

7:00pm Evening Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come.

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## Other Notices

### **Thy Kingdom Come - 13th May to 23rd May - Team Evening Prayer this week!!**

At our Team Service for Ascension Day I encouraged us to think of 5 people who we know that don't know Jesus and to pray for them for 10 days. Our prayers join with many other Christians around the world as we pray for more people to come to know Jesus. Please don't worry if you can't think of 5 - just praying for 1 person makes a difference.

This Week Between May 17th and May 21st there is the opportunity to meet together on zoom each night at 7pm to pray Evening Prayer together and to pray for the 5 people we have chosen. (Meeting ID: 815 0902 9021; Passcode: 218012)  
Please be praying for our community and those we know for opportunities to share more about Jesus with them as we pray this week.

I also have some resources to help us pray during this period. Some of you picked these up from Church last week.

For Families there is a prayer adventure map - designed for families it uses your phone to have stories, videos and games to help your family pray through Thy Kingdom Come.

There are also copies of a Prayer journal which has a short reflection written by the Archbishop of York to pray and reflect upon, each of the 10 days from Ascension to Pentecost.

Copies are available in Church this week - if you would like one delivered then please let Andy know.

### **Thank you**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Concert last Sunday afternoon. It was a great event on Zoom and lovely to hear some live music performed by 4 wonderful performers. Can I thank the events committee for putting on the event and the performers for giving their time.

Andy


### **Note from Anne Blakeley**

Dear All

I completed the 100km in 21days and so far have raised £350 . There is still time to donate please get any donations to me before 13th May .

Please either email your pledges to [anne@straight.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:anne@straight.eclipse.co.uk) or pop an envelope through my door (please email for address) or donate using the Facebook fundraising page

[https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=892371708230894&substory\\_index=0&id=100023742186560](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=892371708230894&substory_index=0&id=100023742186560)

 From 8th March The UK Government is going to be DOUBLING every one of your donations, meaning that the challenge will have TWICE the impact.

How your fundraising will be

used. <https://business.facebook.com/TraidcraftExchange/videos/249797840020433/>

Thank you to those who have donated so far.

Anne

### **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 Items particularly requested at present are:- Chicken in White Sauce, Tuna, Tinned Ham, Custard, and Tinned Fruit

# The Bible Course



## The Bible Course

The Bible Course is a course designed by the Bible Society to help us  
Explore the BIG story.

If you have never looked at the Bible before or you would like to go deeper, the Bible Course shows you how the key books, famous characters and epic events form one BIG story, from Genesis to Revelation.

You will also learn skills to help you apply the Bible to everyday life. Starting on Sunday June 6th, meeting weekly for 8 evenings at 7:30pm I invite you to join a small group on Zoom to look at the Bible together.

Each session will last just over an hour and has a video, content to read and discuss.

If you would like to join then please let Andy know on  
revandyfinn@outlook.com.

[For an overview of the course or to find out more please watch the video on our website](#)

*If you need to contact us then please email:*

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