

Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 26th September

Welcome to our newsletter for the 26th September.

Just a reminder that there will be an 8 o'clock service at St Mary the Virgin Church this Sunday but NO 9:30am service.

Instead we will be joining together across the Team to celebrate and welcome Rev Stephen Osei-Mensah, Assistant Curate to the benefice of the West Sevenoaks Team Ministry. The service starts at 10am at St Marys Kippington. Masks are required. Please see below for more details.

The following Sunday is our Harvest festival (3rd October) at 9:30am. We look forward to welcoming the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers back to St Marys for a church parade. The service will be live streamed on zoom. We will be taking gifts for the Sevenoaks Larder - please see below for information on the sorts of food they are looking for.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Joint Team Service on Sunday,

Best wishes,

Andy

Worship This Sunday 26th September

8am	BCP Said Holy Communion Church Only
10:00am	Joint Holy Communion Service of Welcome for Steve Including a joint Sunday Club at St Mary's Kippington See details below.
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

THIS SUNDAY!!!!

This Sunday Team Service of Welcome to Rev Stephen Osei-Mensah, Assistant Curate to the benefice of the West Sevenoaks Team Ministry, St Mary Kippington
10am.

All are warmly invited to this special service.

Please note that with the number of people expected we are asking people to wear face masks throughout the service.

We are running Sunday Club and so please bring your children to church and during the first hymn they go over to the Centre for their activities, returning to the Church to present Steve and his wife Emma with a gift just before the Peace.

There will be donation plates at the back of church and the collection taken will be sent to the Mission Aviation Trust of which Steve is a Trustee.

There will be refreshments served in the Centre following worship.

TEAM PRAYERS - THIS TUESDAY

This month Team Prayers will be taking place from St Mary Kippington on Tuesday 28th of September. Physical service in church at 10am, followed by refreshments at 10:45am. At 6:45pm for a 7pm start time there will be Team Prayers via Zoom until 7:30pm.

Meeting ID: 815 0902 9021

Passcode: 218012

Other Notices

CARNIVAL

I would like to say a huge thank you for all the help, efforts and contributions given to make our stall at Riverhead Carnival such a great success. Sarah Allison, Diane Williams, Karen Forster-Pearce, Tess Fox and Sarah Stott all helped in lots of ways so, between us, there was always someone there to look after the customers. The rain held off until almost the end which was great but when the rain did come, we were kept dry by the gazebo kindly lent to us by Warwick & Sue Perry. There were lots of delicious cakes, jams and chutneys which several people had donated. The Sunday club parents and children had made lots of delicious fairy cakes and Sunday Club also organised a ball game with footballs, which was hugely popular and raised lots of money towards church funds. A great idea and huge fun. Ali, Sarah and Lizzie did a great job in overseeing it. Lizzie had also made-up dozens of sweetie bags for us to sell, which must have taken her hours but, suffice it to say, they went down a storm, so definitely worth it. Karen's Tombola also brought in lots of customers, who then, of course, had to buy something from our stall! Great job! All in all, it seemed to be a pretty successful day. I can't say enough thank yous for the hard work given by all the helpers and for all the donations. Well done everyone.

Here's to next year 🍷. Ronnie

Harvest Festival - NEXT SUNDAY 3rd October

As part of our All-Age Service at 9:30am on 3rd October we will celebrate Harvest.

During the service 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.

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

Trinity School

I have received the latest prayer letter for Trinity School. The school asks for prayers for them this month as the Students return. They ask that we pray for:

- Students to settle in and to embed good routines.
- For those new students joining the school to feel welcome.
- For the new staff joining the school.
- That God would be glorified in all that they do.

Sevenoaks Counselling Annual Open Meeting - Wednesday 29th September 2021

Members of the congregation are warmly invited to our Annual Open Meeting on Wednesday 29th September 2021 at 7:30pm. It will take place at St Luke's Church and the guest speaker will be John Ellis.

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.

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

10am Team Prayers at St Mary Kippington

6:45pm Team Prayers on Zoom

Meeting ID: 815 0902 9021 Passcode: 218012

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 3rd October

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am All-Age Service for Harvest.

2:45pm The Gathering

6:30pm Team Evensong.

If you need to contact us then please email:

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