

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 20th June - The Third Sunday after Trinity

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 we had the news that the Lockdown restrictions were not going to be lifted as expected on the 21st June. Let us keep in prayer those for whom this news will bring sadness, disappointment and anxiety. We particularly remember and hold in prayer those due to be married in the coming weeks.

As we move towards September, hopeful that many of us may be able to return to in-person worship we are going to begin a process of reflection as a church. Please read below about ways in which we can meet together to reflect on what God is saying to us as a Church and be praying as we begin this process.

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 **Team Evensong by Zoom (Open from 6:15pm)**
Bible readings: 1 Samuel 2:1-10 and Matthew 5:1-12.
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,

Other Notices

THIS SUNDAY 20th JUNE - Meelis Suld

This Sunday we will be joined at our 9:30 service by Meelis Suld. Some of you may recall that St Marys had a link with the Harju -Risit Congregation in Estonia. Meelis is from Estonia and is spending several months over here, working in a parish in London. Barry and Janet Sharp met him when they were in Estonia in 2019, at a reunion with our link parish of Harju-Risti, as he is a member of their congregation. Meelis is an Ordinand and Assistant to the Bishop, Lutheran Church in Great Britain.

He is also a Journalist-Producer with Estonian Public Broadcasting.

Please come along and make him welcome during our service.

Invitation to any from the three churches for a walk around each of our respective parishes:

We felt it would be a good idea to have an opportunity to walk around our parish boundaries to enable as many in our congregations to have an enjoyable stroll; enjoy fellowship and to get to know each other's parishes better. 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 Luke's - Wednesday 30th of June

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.

Retirement of Bishop James

Bishop James, our diocesan Bishop is retiring at the end of July 2021 having been our diocesan Bishop for over ten years. There will be a special service of farewell which will take place on July 3rd in Rochester Cathedral. The diocese is planning to make a gift to Bishop James at that service on the 3rd July. If you would like to contribute to a gift for Bishop James then the church has set up a giving page to make this possible. Please click here to find out how you can donate to this gift.

[Donate for a gift to Bishop James](#)

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.

Tuesday

7:00pm Team Prayers

Meeting ID: 815 0902 9021; Passcode: 218012.

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 27th June

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion and Sunday Club.

If you need to contact us then please email:

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