

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 24th and 31st October

Welcome to our newsletter which this week covers the 24th and the 31st October due to it being Half Term.

This Sunday we conclude our series on what it means to be church as we look at what it means for us to be a sign to those around us. Please do join us at 8:00 or 9:30am. Our 9:30 service will be live streamed from St Mary's this week.

Next Sunday (31st October) we will be celebrating Morning Prayer and the 10:15am Service will be live streamed on zoom from St Luke's Church.

Finally, as we have heard more reports about Covid this week, please can I remind us of where we are currently as a church?

Although our front pews have been un-roped, the back half of the church remains with alternate pews ropes for those who would appreciate more space. We are encouraging the wearing of face masks for moving around and for singing. The doors will remain open for venilation. With this in mind, do please bring a coat as it may get cold.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday,

Best wishes,

Andy

Worship This Sunday 24th 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 Passcode: Shoreham01
- 2:45pm** **The Gathering**
Dunton Green Primary School, Dunton Green.
- 6:30pm** **Team Evensong**
Meeting ID: 814 9810 6394 Passcode: 168200

Worship For Sunday 31st October

- 8am** **BCP Said Holy Communion**
Church Only
- 9:30am** **Morning Prayer**
This service is only taking place in church.
- 10:15am** **Live stream Service from St Lukes**
Live streamed on zoom for those who are vulnerable, housebound or self-isolating.
Meeting ID 814 4958 9444 Passcode: 294315
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81449589444?pwd=cTRzNk52R0loQWN2Wkg0SIRuTm56UT09>
- 2:45pm** **The Gathering**
Dunton Green Primary School, Dunton Green.
- 6:30pm** **Team Evensong**
There will be no Team Evensong this week due to the Bright Light Party taking place at St Lukes.

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 24th October](#)

[Click here to download the readings for the 31st October](#)

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

Notices

Coffee Morning

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. It is looking likely that this may start at the beginning of November. I will make details available as soon as things have been confirmed.

Sunday Club

Please note that there is no Sunday Club this Sunday (24th October) due to it being half term. We look forward to welcoming you at our All-Age Service on the 7th November and then for Sunday Club in the Hall on the 14th November.

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.

17th October - 10:15am St Lukes
24th October - 9:30am St Marys Riverhead
31st October - 10:15am St Lukes
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.

Commemoration of All Souls

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 RSVP to Rev'd Andy Finn on (01732) 669454.

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.

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 (LordLongford) 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

Rochester Diocese Mothers' Union Autumn Members' Meeting is being held on Saturday 30 October 2021 9.30 am - 2.30 pm at Christ Church Centre, Charterhouse Road, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9EP This meeting is open to Members and Non-Members who maybe interested in finding out more about their Aims and Objectives. Please see Karen for more details.

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.



West Sevenoaks Team Light Party

Sunday 31st October 3-5-30pm

PLEASE REGISTER BY THIS WEEKEND!

We are inviting you to a children's Light Party:

Sunday 31st October 3.30-5.30pm

Our alternative to Halloween

With St Luke's, St Mary's Riverhead & St Mary's Kippington.

This will involve hunting sweets in the dark church, crafts, games and carving Jesus pumpkins. Concluding with pizza and ice cream.

At St Luke's Church Hall, Eardley Road for £2.00 per child. Please bring a torch.

Do come and bring your friends, but register by 24th October with either

Jean Day, 07762 906274 or day@kent2.co.uk or

rev.annebourne@gmail.com or 07512 734224

Events for the next two weeks

Monday 25th October

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

Wednesday 27th October

9:00pm Compline

Meeting ID: 616 146 1466 Password: Shoreham01

Sunday 31st October

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Morning Prayer

10:15am Zoom Service from St Lukes

2:45pm The Gathering

6:30pm NO TEAM EVENSONG

Monday 1st November

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

1:30pm Tots and Toddlers

Wednesday 3rd November

9:00pm Compline

Meeting ID: 616 146 1466 Password: Shoreham01

Sunday 7th November

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am All Age Worship

2:45pm The Gathering

3:00pm All Souls Service

6:30pm Team Evensong.

If you need to contact us then please email:

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