

St. Mary's Church

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

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

Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 25th July - The Eight Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our services this week.

This morning we look forward to being able to sing as part of our service. As I said in my letter during the week, for the time being this will be with masks on however it is a step forward whilst recognising the situation we are still in. Let us be confident but cautious as we move forward together.

Our service will continue to be live streamed on Zoom for those who are vulnerable and unable to make it into the building. Please bear with us this week as we attempt to capture the singing from the building.

This week sees that start of the School Summer Holidays. Our Sunday Club has already finished for their Summer Break and many of our groups are taking a well deserved rest during this period.

Please check the events for the week to see what is happening. Let us be praying for each other that we shall be refreshed and renewed over this time.

Andy

Worship This Sunday

8am BCP Said Holy Communion
 Church Only

9:30am Holy Communion

**This service is taking place in church and
live streamed on zoom.**

Meeting ID: 616 146 1466 Password: Shoreham01

6:30pm Evensong

Bible readings: Jeremiah 26:1-15 and Luke 9: 51 - 62

Meeting ID: 814 9810 6394 Passcode: 168200

**(Our service of Evensong takes a break following this Sunday
for August and will resume on the 12th September.)**

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, John Jenkins, Geoff and Julia Holland, the family and friends of Beryl
Houson.

We need you!!

We are rather short of people to undertake roles within our church community at present. In particular we really need sides people. This is an important role in welcoming people and to help with the smooth running of the services. If you think you can serve the church in this way then please do chat with Andy. It is not an onerous role and the more people who volunteer the easier it becomes!

Thank you.

Andy

Other Notices

Walk around the Parishes:

Many thanks to all those who joined the walk around our Parish last Monday evening. It was great to have fellowship together and consider areas of the community which we could be praying for. The final walk will be on the **1st September** around the parish of St Mary's Kippington.

Please come along as we learn about the Parish and pray for the community too. The guide will be each of the Team Vicar's and we will start at the church (parking if needed). We will start at 7pm.

Home Communion

With the lifting of restrictions we are starting to plan Home Communion visits. If you would value communion being brought to you at home then please do get in touch with Andy.

8am service times during clergy holidays.

Please note that with the PCC's approval it was agreed that instead of arranging outside cover for an 8am service when team clergy are away, one of the 8am service times on that Sunday is cancelled. Each church's 8am service time being cancelled on an equal basis.

Please kindly note therefore:

Sunday 8th of August. **No 8am service at St. Luke's** (8am services at St Mary the Virgin and St Mary Kippington as normal)

Sunday 22nd of August. **No 8am service at St. Mary the Virgin** (8am services at St Luke's and St Mary Kippington as normal)

Sunday 29th of August. **No 8am service at St. Mary Kippington** (8am services at St Mary the Virgin and St Luke's as normal)

Compline

Last week saw the last of our Compline meetings before a Summer break. Having reflected on Compline over the last few months I am keen to keep Compline a part of our worship in September. I am conscious however that the timing makes it difficult for me to meet with people. I would like to propose that from September we either move Compline to 7pm OR to 9pm. If you have particular preference or would like to offer any thoughts on this then please let Andy know this week so I can begin planning for September.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Kent Ride & Stride

This fantastic event will take place again this year on Saturday 11th September 2021.

Participants plan their own routes with the assistance of a printed list of churches and chapels [open](#).. There are usually some 700 of these places of worship open, scattered right across this big county, and wherever you go you'll be assured of a warm welcome. Go individually, as a couple, with friends and family, with a cycling club, with your work colleagues, with school friends, with choirs, with a sports team – whoever you wish.

50% of all sponsorship money raised can go to the church or chapel of your choice, with the other 50% going to the Friends of Kent Churches, who distribute it by grant aid to help the most needy churches in the county.

Steve

This September we look forward to Steve and his wife Emma joining the Team as Steve is ordained Deacon and serves his Curacy in the Team. As we prepare for Steve to join us, let us be praying for him. You may wish to use the following prayer.

A prayer for Steve, our Curate coming to join us in September: Grant your grace, O God our Father, to all those in this diocese who will be ordained Deacon this September. We pray for our new Curate Steve, and his wife Emma. Through his curacy with us make him what you would have him to be, so that by your blessing on the formation of his priestly ministry here, he may be made a blessing. May your guidance be upon all those in our Team who will help in Steve's training, and may he know from all of us the gift of our friendship and prayers, as we prepare to welcome him, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Loaves and Fishes

Margaret Holman would like to thank everyone for the massive support which they have been giving to this worthy cause

Events this week

Monday

9:45am NO Bible Study Group – This is now on a summer break and will restart in September.

Tuesday

7:00pm Team Prayers (Entry to zoom from 6:45pm)
Meeting ID: 815 0902 9021
Passcode: 218012

This is the final Team prayers in the current format. From September we will be starting Team Prayers in a new format. Please look out for details.

Wednesday

8:00pm No Compline - Please see the notice above about Compline in September.

Thursday

11:00am Coffee Morning (zoom)
Please contact Daphne for the log in details.
This will be the last Coffee morning before a summer break and will restart in September.

Sunday 1st August

8am BCP Holy Communion
9:30am All-Age Service to include a Baptism

If you need to contact us then please email:

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