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*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 17th October**

Welcome to our newsletter for the 17th October.

This Sunday we continue thinking about what it means to be church as we look at what it means to be a church of disciples. As we look at the book of Acts - what does it mean for us to be a follower of Jesus? Please do join us at 8:00 or 9:30am as we think about these in the building together. Our 9:30 service will not be livestreamed from St Mary's this week. Instead we are encouraging those on zoom to join with St Lukes for their patronal festival at 10:15am this week. Please see the login details below.

A number of people have raised questions about the offering and how you can give at this time. We as a church are continually grateful for the generosity of those who have continued to give towards the work of the church, particularly during the last couple of years when the building was closed for worship. We give in response to God's generous love for us - that is why we are generous in our response.

It is not possible to pass the offertory bag around at present but we will instead have a plate near the welcome table on the way in for people to give an offering if they wish.

There is also the card reader which will be by the door on the way in and out for people to donate via card if they wish. During the service, the offertory plate will be brought up and received. I recognise that some people may be giving via standing order and so

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when we see the plate brought forward, we remember both those gifts given that day and those given in other ways before God, giving thanks for them.

If you would prefer to give regularly through a standing order then please see Stuart Wigley our treasurer who would be happy to tell you how you can do this.

Finally, can I also just add that as the weather has changed and certain days are getting colder, please ensure that you wrap up warmly for Church services. At present we are advised to keep the doors open for ventilation and this makes keeping the building warm a challenge.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday,

Best wishes,

Andy

## **Worship This Sunday 17th October**

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| <b>8am</b>     | <b>BCP Said Holy Communion<br/>Church Only</b>   |
| <b>9:30am</b>  | <b>Morning Prayer<br/>This service is only taking place in church.</b>   |
| <b>10:15am</b> | <b>Live stream Service from St Lukes<br/>Live streamed on zoom for those who are vulnerable,<br/>housebound or self-isolating.<br/>Meeting ID: 895 5665 4927      Passcode: 450524<br/>Join Zoom Meeting<br/><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89556654927?pwd=bWY5NE9lcG5yVmRYdnBrNVBVUFg5dz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89556654927?pwd=bWY5NE9lcG5yVmRYdnBrNVBVUFg5dz09</a></b> |
| <b>2:45pm</b>  | <b>The Gathering<br/>Dunton Green Primary School, Dunton Green.</b>  |
| <b>6:30pm</b>  | <b>Team Evensong<br/>Meeting ID: 814 9810 6394      Passcode: 168200</b>   |
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**Please join us at any of our services this 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 17th October](#)

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

Notices  
**THIS THURSDAY**

This coming Thursday (21st) there will be a short Communion Service as part of our zoom coffee morning. Please do contact Daphne for details of how to join.

**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.

#### **Team Prayers**

Team Prayers: 2:30pm physical prayers at St Luke's on the 19th of October, or 7pm half hour prayers by Zoom.

Meeting ID: 882 3291 5090

Passcode: 449200

#### **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](mailto: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

### **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**

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.



**West Sevenoaks Team Light Party**

**Sunday 31st October 3-5-30pm**

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

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> October with either

Jean Day, 07762 906274 or [day@kent2.co.uk](mailto:day@kent2.co.uk) or

[rev.annebourne@gmail.com](mailto:rev.annebourne@gmail.com) or 07512 734224

**Events this week**

**Monday**

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

1:30pm Tots and Toddlers

**Tuesday**

2:30pm Team Prayers at St Lukes Church

7:00pm Team Prayers on Zoom (see above for log in details)

**Wednesday**

9:00pm Compline

Meeting ID: 616 146 1466 Password: Shoreham01

**Thursday**

11:00am Coffee Morning to include a short service of Communion (zoom)

Please contact Daphne for the log in details.

**Sunday 24th October**

8am BCP Holy Communion

9:30am Holy Communion - There will be no Sunday Club as it is half term.

2:45pm The Gathering

6:30pm Team Evensong.

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

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