

St Mary Riverhead with Dunton Green

3rd November 2019 - Fourth Sunday before Advent

Services Sunday 3rd November - 4th before Advent

Hymns : See Hymn sheet

Readings: Isa 1:10-18, 2 Thess 1:1-12, Luke 19:1-10

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP p236 or p293)

Rev'd Peter Flynn

9.30am Family Service Daphne Harrison

Sunday 3rd November—10th November

Monday 4th November

1.45pm—3.45pm Tots and Toddlers

Thur 7th November

11.00am Holy Communion at Dunton Green Village Hall

Sunday 10th November 3rd before Advent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP p236 or p293)

Rev'd Michael Gentry

9.30am Parish Eucharist Rev'd Michael Gentry

Readings Job 19:23-27a, 2 Thess 2:1-5,13-end, Luke 20:27-38

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO PARTAKE OF COFFEE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AFTER THIS SERVICE

The altar is the "Lord's table" not ours, so all are welcome to receive the sacrament.

However you may wish to receive a Blessing in which case please bring a service booklet with you.

Either way all are welcome

ST LUKES

For the next few Tuesdays at 9;30 I will be offering a time of prayer for our nation followed by coffee and cake if any members wish to join us.

THREE PARISHES PROJECT

A notice giving details of proposed pastoral reorganisation affecting this parish has or will be displayed near the main door and on the Church of England website. This notice includes the last date by which representations regarding the proposed reorganisation may be made to the Church Commissioners

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Shirley Noss, Diane Lang, Linda Mc Keeman, Martyn Berry, Peter Jenner, Helen Hambly, Sarah Seuwing, Tim Callaway, Alf Dellow, Michael Way, James Way, Audrey Baker, Andrew Vincent

If anyone would like a name added or no longer needs a name to be on this list, please let Margaret Nicholas know (457324)

IN MEMORIAM

Hector Ellis

Ernest Baldock

ALL SOULS

This afternoon at 3pm we shall be holding our annual service for All Souls after which tea and cakes will be served in the hall. There is a list at the back of the church for you to write down the names of those you wish to be remembered during this service

C.T.S.D. ANNUAL MEETING

This meeting will be held at St Johns URC on Thursday 14th November at 8.00pm (refreshments served from 7.30pm)

All are welcome - details on the board at the back

FUNERAL OF EDWINA BULL

There will be a private family cremation on 8th November followed by a memorial service in the church at 11.30am. We all send Simon and Alison our sincerest condolences on their sudden loss

TALK ON MAPS TODAY AT 9.30AM

Jenny Endean, Paediatric Specialist Diabetic Nurse, is coming to tell us about the work of MAPS which was the last charity we voted to support at the APCM 2018. MAPS stands for Maidstone and District Parents Support Group and aims to help parents of children with Type 1 Diabetes. This will be instead of a sermon and there will be a retiring collection for MAPS. Please give generously.

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**PRAYER EVENINGS
in support of the proposed Team Ministry**

The evenings start at 7.15 and run for about 30 to 40 mins. Each church takes a turn to host so:

Tuesday 5th Nov	St Mary's Riverhead
Tuesday 12th Nov	St Lukes
Tuesday 19th Nov	St Mary's Kippington
Tuesday 26th Nov	St Mary's Riverhead

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT TALK
on 8th November 2019
in St Luke's Church Hall**

Dear church leaders in Sevenoaks and District - We had an excellent talk and speaker on 4th October but regrettably only 13 people from all the churches in CTSD area took the opportunity to listen and engage.

The next talk addresses an important, topical and complicated subject regarding the position of the LGBTQ community in today's world. The Rev Dr Barbara Glasson – President of the Methodist conference – recently said that to say that something is complicated - not binary, but multifaceted – is to rejoice in a wonderful strength. So I ask you, please, to display and circulate the attached Poster/Handout and the description of the speaker and the talk (below), in the hope that some of your congregations will attend the talk “Today's LGBTQ Challenge” on 8th November 2019 and discuss this subject.

The speaker is Dr Lori Bisbey who is a psychologist and experienced practitioner in helping people understand sexuality and gender issues facing them and their families. The talk will look at the complexities of this subject and the questions held by many of us – such as simple definitions to the difficulties of how to educate our young and the impact of gender dysphoria on the existing sex discrimination law.

Yours faithfully,
Peter Ashwell
St Luke's Mission Outreach and Giving Ctee
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SOMEONE OUT THERE IS LONELY !!

Could YOU brighten their life by becoming a Christian Befriender for one hour per week?

Full training given in a free short course. Details on the notice board at the back of the Church or from Ronnie (458545) or Rosemary (458682). Really enjoyable. Be a new friend today!!

Befrienders: A Sevenoaks Churches Group for Social Concern Initiative

THANK YOU

Geoff and Julia Holland!! wish to to say a very big THANK YOU to every one for their love and support at their wedding. We were so lucky that the good Lord gave us such a lovely days weather and we thought the service was pretty special too! We also thank the combined choir for their lovely singing and the ladies for the spectacular flowers.”

PRAYER DURING INTERREGNUM

GOD Our Father

You have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be His Body in this place;
Send us your Holy Spirit, at this time of uncertainty and change, to fill us with vision, energy, and faithfulness in prayer, that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our communities;
And guide with your heavenly wisdom those who are to choose new Incumbents for our parishes, that those whom we receive may be wise and gentle shepherds of your people: ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith, and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

CHURCH CALENDAR

The 2020 Church Calendar is being printed and will arrive this week! The sample is at the back of the church TODAY. Please pre-order copies for yourself, friends and family. Priced at £7.50, all profits go to St. Mary's. They make lovely Advent Gift

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ENTRIES FOR THE MINIMAG SHOULD REACH ME BY THURSDAY LUNCHTIME