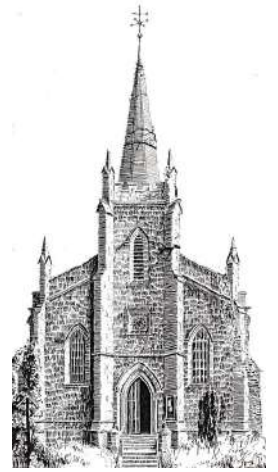


St Mary the Virgin Riverhead with Dunton Green

Sunday 3rd January 2021 - 2nd Sunday of Christmas



Jeremiah 29: 11-13

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Ephesians 1.3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people to the praise of his glory.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 1.[1-9]10-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Services for January at Riverhead

Sunday 3rd January	9.15am	Family Service
Wednesday 6th January	8.00pm	Epiphany Service

Zoom 616 146 1466 password stmarys

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

The festival will continue live online until Tuesday 5th January.

To view the Festival, visit our church website, look for the twinkling tree on the home page, click on the link and enjoy. This year we are raising funds for our local Age UK and the church. Thank you.

Loaves and Fishes Margaret Holman would like to thank everyone for the massive support which they have been giving to this worthy cause Sadly there is probably an even greater need for this service during these very difficult times for us all. If you are shopping for food etc if you can pop something extra into your basket I am sure it would be greatly appreciated. Margaret Holman at 2 Cranmer Road has a basket in her porch into which goods can be placed and she will undertake to deliver them to St John's

Bible Study Our Monday morning group restarts on Monday 4th January when we shall resume our study of 1 Peter. If anyone would like to join us you would be made very welcome. If you are interested please contact "Daphne Harrison" daphneharrison@yahoo.co.uk or "Ronnie Todd" vat.lady@hotmail.co.uk

CHURCH FLOWER CALENDAR 2021

There are still 2021 calendars available and can be delivered to your door If you would like to buy one please contact Christine on 01732 453540 or christineanne.smith@outlook.com. They cost £7.50 each and payment can be made direct to church - PCC Riverhead with Dunton Green, Sort Code 40-52-40, Account number 00024384, or cash/cheque payable to Christine through her door at 26 Woodfields, Chipstead, TN13 2RA. Very many thanks.

Team Rector's Notices

Please note Team Evensong begins again on the 10th of January and Team Prayers on the 12th. Id and passwords out nearer the dates.

Team Vicar Appointments

The Revd Anne Bourne, at present Interim Associate Rector in the West Sevenoaks Team Ministry will become Team Vicar with special responsibility for St Luke's, Sevenoaks and will continue to work on a part-time basis. Anne will be licensed on Tuesday 9th of February at 7pm (*).

The Revd Andy Finn, who currently lives in Southsea, will become Team Vicar, with special responsibility for St Mary the Virgin, Riverhead with Dunton Green working on a full-time basis. Andy will be licensed on Saturday 23rd of January at 2pm (*).

Anne and Andy would very much appreciate our prayers at this time.

(* At this stage we cannot confirm whether such services will be in respective churches or by Zoom).

St Luke's: 'Food for Thought' (Zoom based talk and discussion)

Climate change – Global crisis to local solutions: Mark Johnson of Christian Aid.

7:45pm for an 8pm start. Friday 8th of January. (Finishes between 9:30pm to 9:45pm)

This talk will help us understand some of the biggest dilemmas in play in terms of climate change and encourage us to reflect on how we can change our behaviour so that we can contribute to solutions.

Register with Peter Ashwell at peter.ashwell@btinternet.com or 01732 461087 to be given log in details.

All three churches will be offering worship in January through a variety of ways - On line videos and Zoom. Always check out the web sites for St Mary Kippington, St Mary the Virgin, Riverhead with Dunton Green and St Luke's Sevenoaks for information every week

