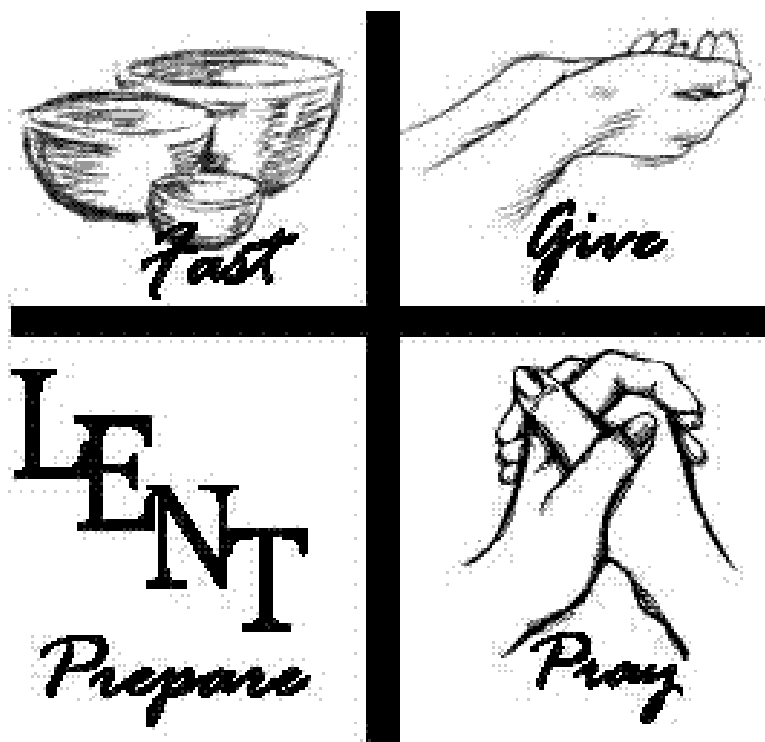


Forward Move

The Parish magazine of
St Mary, Kippington



March 2015

This magazine is free of charge. Do take a copy.

Our mission ...
To be a bridge between God and our community,
sharing the love of Jesus and
growing in worship, welcome and witness

Home groups and prayer opportunities for you to join us

Home Groups:

If you are interested in joining any of the groups listed below, do please phone the designated leader. You are always assured a warm welcome. Please remember that all our groups meet on a fortnightly basis, unless otherwise indicated.



Tuesdays at 10.00am

David Kitley

March 10th

March 24th

Any new members are very welcome

Tuesdays at 8.00pm

Lisa Cornell

March 3rd

Any new members are very welcome.

Wednesdays at 10.00am

Joan Taylor

March 11th & 25th

We would be very pleased to welcome new members, without commitment.

Hour of Prayer at 7.30pm

David Kitley

This will take place on Tuesday 24th March.

We invite you to join us to pray for our church family, that we may grow in faith and love and be an increasing blessing to our neighbourhood and our town.





Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs!

For some time the PCC has been considering supplementing or replacing our present hymn book. When they met in January they discussed the possibility of the new Hymns Ancient and Modern. It was suggested that in March we show this book to the congregation at each of the Sunday services, before the PCC next meet on March 23rd. A very generous church member has offered to buy us an entire set, including music copies!

The new Hymns A and M combines the traditional hymns with some of those composed more recently by hymn-writers such as Bishop Tim Dudley-Smith, John Bell, Graham Kendrick and Stuart Townend.

The phrase 'psalms, hymns and spiritual songs' was coined by St Paul and comes in his letter to the Colossians (3:16). We sing Psalms at Matins, we sing hymns at all our services, but what about 'spiritual songs'? It could well be said that hymns and psalms are also spiritual songs. Many new hymns and songs have been written in the last thirty years. Some of these we are learning at the Family Service, and some are sung during Communion. There is a wealth of material available to us.

In worship we draw closer to God. There are two aspects to this, and both are needed. There is the awe of worshipping God who created all things, who is far above all, and is forever. But with the awe there is also intimacy with the God who took on our nature as Jesus, whose name is Emmanuel, which means 'God with us'. He promised to be with us always, in us, beside us. He is both the 'Most High' and he is our heavenly Father. As the 1662 Book of Common Prayer puts it, he is the 'Almighty and most merciful Father'. In spite of his awesome majesty we can draw near to Him through Christ, who is the Way and opened to door for us all into the very presence of God, the throne room of heaven.

Some of our hymns and songs exalt God's majesty. Others are more intimate and could rightly be described as love songs. As we grow to appreciate his majesty more, we also appreciate more deeply the intimacy that is offered to us by one for whom nothing is impossible, but who also wants to walk beside us through every day we live.

This is why we are considering the new hymn book. I hope it will help us to grow in this understanding of both awe and intimacy in worship. Alongside our continuing use of traditional hymns we shall continue to learn new ones, perhaps using a data projector for when these are not in our books. As one pastor put it, tradition helps to provide a secure basis for worship and faith, whilst contemporary music can help to provide life and relevance for today. If we settle for only one of those we risk missing the richness of God's purposes for us personally and as a church family.

Our church's mission statement includes the words 'Growing in worship'. I am passionate to see us doing so, learning more and more to rejoice in God as both Almighty and Emmanuel.

With love in Christ to you all, as we enter the season of Lent,

David



Notice of APCM - 26 April 2015

Due to existing members having completed their term, we are seeking two new members for PCC. The PCC meets six times a year and is responsible for making decisions regarding the day to day running of our Church. It is important that the PCC reflects the diversity of our congregation and therefore we welcome nominations from anyone who would like to get to know more about how the Church is run. Membership of PCC does not necessarily involve taking on additional duties, but simply attending meetings and having an opinion!

We will also be holding Churchwarden elections at the APCM - if you are interested in learning more about what is involved in becoming a Churchwarden, please speak to David Kitley or Avril Hunter (our current Churchwarden), who will be able to discuss this with you, without commitment.

Nomination forms can be found in the Quiet Corner - please hand completed forms to David Kitley, Stephen Day or Caroline Howe. Nominations must be received by 19 April 2015.

Coffee Rota



Coffee and tea are served after the 10.30am services each Sunday in our church centre, along with drinks and biscuits for the children – and grown-ups! This is a great way for us to get to know one another and to welcome newcomers.

It is staffed by volunteers! Please consider helping, telephoning Caireen with your offers.

With grateful thanks from everybody!

NEW BEGINNINGS IN FEBRUARY Three Funerals



12th Lesley Noakes, aged 92
13th Ernest Trussler, (known as Bertie) aged 93
26th Joan Terry, aged 92



From the Book of Common Prayer

Into thy hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend thy servants Lesley Noakes, Ernest (Bertie) Trussler and Joan Terry. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, sheep of thine own fold, lambs of thine own flock, sinners of thine own redeeming. Receive them into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

Amen

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO CALENDAR FOR MARCH

Sunday 1st March Second Sunday of Lent
8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30am Family Service in the Parish Centre
 Crèche available and coffee afterwards
6.30pm Evening Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)

Tuesday 3rd March
12.30pm Lent Service followed by lunch at St Luke's Church (to be confirmed)

Wednesday 4th March
10.00am St Mary's Monkeys in the Parish Centre
12.30pm Lunch Club with talk by Revd Martin Booth
 '*Script to Scripture a Journey*'
 Remember - there will be a cake stall this month

Thursday 5th March
10.00am Holy Communion
10.45am Coffee in the Parish Centre

Sunday 8th March Third Sunday of Lent
8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30am Holy Communion (Common Worship)
 Youth Group, Sunday Club and Crèche
 Coffee afterwards in the Parish Centre

Wednesday 11th March
10.00am St Mary's Monkeys in the Parish Centre
12.30pm Lent Service location yet to be confirmed

Thursday 12th March
10.00am Holy Communion
10.45am Coffee in the Parish Centre
11.15am Holy Communion Kippington Nursing Home

Saturday 14th March
2.30-4.00pm A craft afternoon for fathers and children in preparation for
 tomorrow, Mothering Sunday, in the Centenary Room



**Sunday 15th March Fourth Sunday of Lent
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

**All collections today will go to The Barnabas Fund for their work amongst
refugee children in The Middle East**

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30am Family Service in church with the distribution of posies
 Our Guest Speaker will be the Revd Penny Stephens
 Crèche available. Coffee afterwards in the Parish Centre
6.30pm No evening service

Wednesday 18th March

10.00am St Mary's Monkeys in the Parish Centre

Thursday 19th March

10.00am **NO** Holy Communion

12.30pm Lent Service followed by lunch at St Mary's, Riverhead – all welcome

Friday 20th March

Deadline for articles for April issue of 'Forward Move'

Sunday 22nd March Fifth Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30am Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)
 Youth Group, Sunday Club and Crèche
 Coffee afterwards in the Parish Centre
1.00pm Christian Aid Frugal Lunch in our Parish Centre

Wednesday 25th March

10.00am St Mary's Monkeys in the Parish Centre – last session before the
Easter Break.

We start back on Wednesday 22nd April

8.00pm 'Living without Worry' – a talk by Dr Tim Lane at St Nicholas Church
– see page 14

Thursday 26th March

10.00am Holy Communion

10.45am Coffee in the Parish Centre

6.00-7.00pm Solefield School Easter Service for boys and parents at Kippington

Friday 27th March

12.30pm Lent Service and lunch is still to be confirmed. All welcome.

Saturday 28th March

**BRITISH SUMMER TIME STARTS TOMORROW –
PUT YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR TONIGHT!!**



Sunday 29th March

PALM SUNDAY

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30am Holy Communion (Common Worship) with the distribution of Palms
(made by a Tanzanian Church)
Dramatised reading of Mark: 14-15
Youth Group, Sunday Club and Crèche
Coffee afterwards in the Parish Centre

CALENDAR FOR APRIL

- Thursday 2nd April **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
10.00am **NO** Holy Communion Service today (**see service tonight**)
11.15am Holy Communion at Kippington Nursing Home
7.30pm Maundy Thursday Evening Service in the Parish Centre – a service
that moves through The Jewish Passover to the Last Supper



Friday 3rd April

GOOD FRIDAY

- 10.00am Family Service at The Drive Methodist Church followed at
10.45am by **WALK OF WITNESS to Bligh's Meadow**
- 12.00 noon '*Around the Cross*' service at Kippington with pictures of the
Stations of the Cross from the Cathedral of Harare, Zimbabwe
- During this service, there will be activities for the children and young
people in The Parish Centre in preparation for Easter.
We will be making bread and an Easter Garden, together with other
creative activities. Call Jean Day on 01732-461894 for further
details.
- 7.30pm 'Good Friday Music' at Christ Church United Reformed Church,
Littlecourt Road.
This service is made up of music and readings with a choir from the
Sevenoaks Churches – all welcome!

Sunday 5th April EASTER SUNDAY



**ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

6.30am Sunrise Communion followed by
breakfast in The Centre
8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30am Easter Family Holy Communion in church with Easter Egg Hunt
Crèche available. Coffee afterwards in The Parish Centre
6.30pm **NO** Evening Service

Thursday 9th April

10.00am Holy Communion
10.45am Coffee in the Parish Centre

Forthcoming dates, events! For your diary or your iPad!

Sunday 15th March, Mothering Sunday: The Revd Penny Stephens to be guest preacher. This will be a Family Service in church. Penny Stephens used to be Rector of Brasted, now lives in Tonbridge, and has a family of her own. We plan to hold a special collection that day for the needs of children in the refugee camps in the Middle East and will channel our gifts through the Barnabas Fund. Do look up their website – and give generously!

Sunday 29th March, Palm Sunday

A dramatized reading of the Passion of Christ at the 10.30am service.

Sunday 26th April, After the 10.30 service, our Annual Church Meeting.

10th – 16th May - Christian Aid Week

Sunday 17th May – A visit to church by our CMS mission partners Kylie and Bhim, with a ‘bring and share’ lunch

Sunday 24th May - At 2pm, one of our famous plant sales!

In the Parish Centre. This is the first weekend of half term. The plant sale is designed to raise the remaining £2,000 needed for restoring the Madonna painting.

Sunday 14th June - Our church birthday; the speaker at both morning services will be Chris Moffett from “Sovereign World Trust”.

20th – 21st June - Flower festival!

This will be themed ‘Joy to the World’. This is excellently planned to coincide with the annual Sevenoaks Festival, and with Sevenoaks Flower Club who will be holding a display in our Parish Centre. On Saturday 20th, there will be music in church, with we hope numerous visitors from the Flower Club!

Saturday October 3rd – Harvest Supper

20th – 22nd November - Parish weekend away at ‘The Oasts’.

We will produce a leaflet for this in due course. In the meantime, do book it in your diaries.

Frugal Lunch



Sunday 22nd March, 12.30pm

**St Mary's Church Centre,
Kippington Road, TN13 2LL**

Join us for the annual Christian Aid Frugal Lunch.

Come along and enjoy a basic lunch with new and old friends. There is no charge but we ask you to give as a donation the amount of money you would normally spend on a Sunday lunch.

www.christianaid.org.uk/southeast



**To all Dads and others, and Children
(No Mums)**

Please come to the Mother's Day Craft Afternoon
in the Centenary Room
on Saturday, 14th March
2.30 - 4.00pm.



Craft Activities with tea and cake.

We'd love you to join us in Church on Sunday 15th at 10.30am

LIVING WITHOUT WORRY

An evening with **Dr Tim Lane** on
how to replace anxiety with peace

Wednesday 25th March at 8.00pm (refreshments from 7.45pm)
St Nicholas Church, Rectory Lane, Sevenoaks TN13 1JA

Worry is an extremely common yet unchallenged problem, and many of us don't know how to practically stop worrying, even when we know we need to. Yet in Matthew 6, Jesus commands us not to worry! Join **Dr Tim Lane** as he points us to scripture and helps us think about how we can give our concerns to the Lord and replace our anxiety with peace.



Dr. Tim Lane is President of the Institute for Pastoral Care, which assists churches with their discipling and counselling ministry. He speaks on pastoral care all over the world and is also a Presbyterian minister. His many pastoral books include *How People Change* and his latest title "Living Without Worry".

Tim and his wife, Barbara, live in Atlanta, GA. They have four children.
Follow him on Twitter [@timlane](https://twitter.com/timlane) or his blog at www.timlane.org.

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St Nicholas
Sevenoaks



READERS AND INTERCESSIONS FOR MARCH

Sunday 1st March – Second Sunday in Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Colossians 2:13-23
Mark 8:31-end

10.30am Family Service Colossians 2:13-23 and
Intercessions: The Tappenden Family

Sunday 8th March – Third Sunday in Lent

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Colossians 3:1-14
John 2:13-22

10.30am Holy Communion (CW) Colossians 3:1-14 Sharon Fishwick
John 2:13-22 Helen Lawson
Intercessions: Richard Reves

Sunday 15th March – Fourth Sunday in Lent – Mothering Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Colossians 3:15-25
Luke 2:33-35

10.30am Family Service Colossians 3:15-25 Avril Hunter
Intercessions: Sally Munro

Sunday 22nd March – Fifth Sunday in Lent – Passion Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Colossians 1:1-18
John 12:20-26

10.30am Morning Prayer (BCP) Colossians 1:1-18 Stephen Day
John 12:20-26 Janet Eilbeck
Intercessions: Stephen Day

Sunday 29th March – Palm Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (CW) Zechariah 9:9-12
Mark 14 and 15

10.30am Holy Communion (CW) Zechariah 9:9-12 Alan Chart
Mark 14 and 15 Dramatised Reading
Intercessions: Ed Daniels



On the perils of parking near church

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I cannot be wholly sympathetic because your church car park is now inadequate, only having space for 100 cars. Your solution of advising members of the congregation to park in the adjoining supermarket car park may not have been wise. The maximum time people can stop there is 90 minutes, and as your sermons alone often reach that length, returning to find their cars clamped may not make you universally popular – although it may give your congregation the opportunity of practising Christian forgiveness.

Since the medieval architect who built St. James the Least was not overly concerned with car parking, the only space we have is along the road by the church. Inevitably, it gets blocked, which causes us all immense satisfaction when those not attending church but intending to have a morning shopping, find themselves unable to get out of the village until Mattins is over.

I did once encourage people to walk to church across the fields, but when the present Earl of Stowe started to get his staff to lay waterproof sheeting along the paths so he could avoid getting mud on his shoes, I decided the idea was best dropped.

For most, the inconvenience of parking only makes attending church more of a pleasurable challenge; we so enjoy having something to complain about. Major Hastings, however, who has complained endlessly about parking problems, made a point last Christmas by leaving his car in the middle of the vicarage lawn. I was so pleased he happened to park just where I had had a garden pond filled in only the previous week. He returned to find that the car had sunk up to the windscreen and needed a crane to remove it. And it would have made a charming garden feature; I could even picture it with garden gnomes on its roof.

For weddings, a farmer allows us to use the field adjoining the church. While he rarely attends church on Sundays, he is always there the week before – I suspect praying for heavy rain, so he can make a fortune charging to tow out with his tractor those who have got stuck. Perhaps the greatest act of witness your church could perform would be to get everyone attending church to park on the ring road, bringing the entire town to a halt until your three hour Sunday morning Service is over.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Winchester Cathedral

We were greeted by a huge bronze statue of King Alfred the Great, standing tall on his plinth, as we entered the city. The cathedral stands in the old part close to the river Itchen. The first minster was built more or less on the site of the present building in 648. It soon became a cathedral and was improved/rebuilt over the centuries. Part of the roof is being rebuilt at the moment and some £18m has come from the lottery and public fund raising.

There are some wonderful tomb-effigies to past bishops to view together with a magnificent, and heavy, 12th century black Tournai marble font, depicting 2 miracles carved around the sides. The grave of Jane Austen rests on the north side of the nave. We had already seen the outside of the house she lived in for 6 weeks prior to her death.

Ian and I attended an early morning service, a small gathering of 8, possibly because it was a very cold and frosty day. We were taken under the wing of one of the congregation who kindly showed us the frescos found under a layer of paint some 100 years ago. She mentioned that she had waited some time to buy a house near to the cathedral and asked when we were moving to the area!

Winchester offers many interesting and historic places to visit, including Winchester College, The Close and the Great Hall. It deserves another visit.

I am showing my age once again – does anyone remember the song 'Winchester Cathedral' by the New Vaudeville Band?



Pat Campbell



PRAYERS TO SHARE

Be still then, and know that I am God

Almost all of March is in Lent this year and as we contemplate how best to use this time, and our need to continue to pray for Peace, these words come to mind:-

*“Drop thy still dews of quietness till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess,
the beauty of thy Peace.”*

This verse, from the hymn ‘Dear Lord and Father of Mankind’ is a prayer that we may find stillness – quietness – peace; a space in which to spend time with God. It is not easy to find real stillness in this noisy, busy world, but we need to try. In the Bible we read that Jesus often went away by himself, often into the hills, wanting time to be alone, time to pray. Once, immediately after his Baptism, when he had heard the voice from heaven proclaiming who he was, he went into the desert for a long time, to *“the calm of hills above, where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity.....”*

About four years ago I quoted Dr Donald Coggan, who was Archbishop of Canterbury from 1974 – 1980, writing:-

“Jesus needed that long, lonely spell with God to clarify in his own mind the meaning of his baptismal call to Sonship and Servanthood, to understand those two apparent opposites could be held together in a creative tension, to wrestle with the temptation to pursue an easier way, to steal himself for the immense cost which obedience to his call would involve. Only then, with that behind him, would he go, as Luke says he did, “armed with the power of the Spirit to Galilee.”

So Jesus went back into the world to face his mighty task of Sonship and Servanthood, strengthened for it by the Holy Spirit. And we, as we travel through Lent towards whatever challenges await us, we will search for a few minutes of silence and stillness, here and there, in which to be calm, to pray for Peace, to listen for that still, small voice and to feel the strength in us of the Love of God. Here is a little prayer from Japan:-

*“O make my heart so still, so still
When I am deep in prayer,
That I might hear the white mist-wreaths
Losing themselves in air.”*

D.M.A.

Church Trail

Recent Church stories:

Plans to transform the Church of England were announced by the Archbishop of Canterbury. He detailed a number of reforms, warning: "We can't simply go on as we are if we are to flourish and grow. Our call is not to manage decline."

The ultimate proof that women have made it to the top of the Church: Dawn French's TV vicar is consecrated as the Bishop of Dibley.

Village primary schools may consider teaching pupils by video link and allowing buildings to be used as post offices or community centres to stave off closure. Radical action is needed to prevent many of the 2,222 small Anglican schools, teaching almost 230,000 pupils, from being shut.

More than 176,000 people described their religion as 'Jedi Knight' in the last census. The largest religion was Christian, selected by 33.2 million people, or 59 per cent of the population.

Churches are among the few places in the UK that successfully bring together people from different ethnic backgrounds, and from different financial circumstances, research suggests. Attending football matches also ranked highly for bringing together people of different ages.

An umpire was banned from refereeing a cricket match between the Church of England and the Vatican over fears he might be biased as his great-great grandfather was an Anglican bishop.

A priest from Wiltshire has performed a dramatised reading of St Mark's gospel, reciting the 11,000 words from memory. Canon Gerald Osborne had never even performed in a school play before.

If you're applying for a new job, it may be best to leave religion off your resume, according to a study. Job applicants who mentioned any form of faith affiliation on their resumes were 26% less likely to be contacted by employers. Muslim, pagan and atheist job applicants were the least likely to get callbacks from potential employers.

The Pope has disclosed that he prays, every day, the prayer of St Thomas More which begins: "Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest..."



Ian Campbell

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