



The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Westerham

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News from St Mary's: 8th to 14th January 2023

Sunday 8th January, Epiphany

8.00am, Holy Communion: a said service in traditional language

10.30am, Holy Communion: in modern language with hymns. Join us for refreshments and a chat afterwards

Readings: Ephesians 3.1-12 Matthew 2.1-12

Children are very welcome at every service. **Look** activity sheets are available, with things to do and think about based on the readings of the day, and there's a colouring table set up, too.

Sunday Link is available on the website and in church.

Whether you come to church or not, we wish you every blessing over Christmas and the New Year. Whoever you are, and whatever your situation, St Mary's is your church. You are welcome to every service and we are here for you in good times and bad.

Streamed services: *We are moving forward!* The **live-streaming project** is now moving apace, and we have done some test recordings. We hope, this weekend, to finally resolve the sound issues for that we can put our Christmas services online! **Would you be able to help us on an occasional basis?** The basics are easy to learn, the results are good, and you will be helping St Mary's to reach out to people who can't get to church. Please speak to Revd Dave if you think you may be interested.

The Pastoral Care Team is here to help you (or someone you know). If you are unable to come to church and would like Holy Communion, need a visit or would like the prayer team - in confidence - to pray for you or somebody you know, please call the Parish Office on 01959 561330 or Barbara on 01959 561 809.

Good News! The John Fryth Room is currently being redecorated and use is somewhat limited. Coffee Time on Tuesday morning will continue, but the **Warm Space** will be suspended until Tuesday 25th January. Choir Practice will take place as usual.

For your diary and prayers

Tuesday to Saturday	9.00 - 9.30am	Morning Prayer , usually in the Resurrection Chapel; a short service of prayer and readings.
Tuesday	10am – 3pm	Coffee Time in the John Fryth Room. Enjoy friendly conversation over cake and snacks or even a game of table tennis! It's all free, just make a contribution if you can afford to. All welcome!
		No Warm Space until 25th January.
	7.45pm	Bell ringing practice
Wednesday	10.30am to 12 noon	Flower Guild AGM in the John Fryth Room - open to anybody who has an interest in arranging flowers in church
Friday	7.00pm	Choir practice in the John Fryth Room

Sunday 15th January, Second Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am, Holy Communion: a said service in traditional language

10.30am, Holy Communion: in modern language with hymns. Join us for refreshments and a chat afterwards

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9 John 1.29-42

Other News

The next meeting of the **Parochial Church Council** will take place on **Thursday 26 January at 7.30pm** in the John Fryth Room. If you have any agenda items, please send them to the Parish Office **by Monday 16 January**. Thank you.

ACTS 435: We are now partners with ACTS 435, a Christian charity that enables donors to directly help people in need by helping to provide grants of up to £150; it's very like crowdfunding. If you, or somebody you know, is in particular financial need, we may be able to help by making an anonymous appeal to the Acts donors. If you would like to find out more, and perhaps support somebody in crisis, visit the website: www.acts435.org.uk For more information, **contact Revd Dave**.

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Sunday 12th February at 4pm

Winter afternoon concert in aid of UKRAINE



Ensemble Cabrera

play

Mozart, Brahms and Elgar

Tickets £10 to include mulled wine or fruit cup

Seating unreserved in Choir and Nave

All monies to UKRAINE RELIEF GROUP, Tunbridge Wells

Details and advance booking at

www.visitwesterham.org.uk/ukraine-concert

A Westerham Town Partnership Event

More information: call Stuart on 01959 563296

Thrift Sale, Saturday 11th February, 10am – 3pm: Have you started your pre-Christmas declutter yet and aren't sure what to do with the things you'd like to part with? Have some old toys, clothes or books in good condition that you've been meaning to re-home for a while? If so, we would love them for our Thrift Sale event in the church. All funds raised will be split between the Church and the Churchill Primary School PTA. If you have donations, please contact us at stmarytreasurer@outlook.com. Thank you, **St Mary's and the Churchill Primary School PTA**

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today,
 We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
 We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
 We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
 Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.
 We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen
 Archbishop Justin Welby and Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

Contact Us	
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Sue Leather, Ordinand Please contact via the Parish Office	Parish Office 01959 561330 westerhamchurch@gmail.com Open Mon-Fri, 9.00am - 1.00pm

For weddings, funerals and baptisms,
 please contact the Priest in Charge or Parish Office.

St Mary's is *your* church. Everybody is entitled to have their baptism and funeral in the parish church where they live.

Deadline for newsletter contributions: 1pm on Wednesday