

DIARY

(Services are subject to Coronavirus Regs at the time)

Live-streamed or recorded services of **Holy Communion** from the Straw Chapel of the Annunciation at the Vicarage will continue to be available on Facebook (Send Parish Church page) on Sundays at 9.00am. Occasionally, technical issues may cause disruption.

Morning Prayer is live streamed from the Straw Chapel at 9.00am most days. **Compline (Night Prayer)** is often said after 10.30pm. Other services may take place.

Thursday 21 January

12.00pm Funeral for Hans MEYER (Winds Ridge) in church

Sunday 24th January

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

9.00am Holy Communion from the Straw Chapel on Facebook – live
10.30am Holy Communion in Church

Sunday 31st January

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

9.00am Holy Communion from the Straw Chapel on Facebook – live
10.30am Holy Communion with Christingle in Church

Sunday 7th February

The Second Sunday before Lent

9.00am Holy Communion from the Straw Chapel on Facebook – live
10.30am Holy Communion in Church

CHURCH ROOM

The Church Room will be closed to our regular hirers and to all church groups during the current lockdown.

FACE COVERINGS are mandatory in places of worship from 8th August, including masks for all children aged 11 and above.

TIP: carry your mask in a disposable nappy sack and put the used mask in it – then take it home to wash or put it in a waste bin

FEBRUARY MAGAZINE

It has been decided that, in view of the current lockdown and the inadvisability of asking people to deliver magazines, plus the fact that the school is closed to most pupils, we will not be printing the February issue of the church magazine. It will, of course, still be available online (in colour!!) at sendparishchurch.co.uk/public/mag.pdf and there will be a few printed copies available in the church porch. If you do not have access to the website and would like a printed copy please contact Christine Lavender - 01483 768420 or chris@lavenderfamily.com - and she will arrange to post one to you. Many thanks

Contact Linda Mumford on 225425 or news@sendparishchurch.co.uk with any queries or with news for publication.

Copies of this newsletter can be found on St. Mary's Website www.sendparishchurch.co.uk or you can have a copy emailed to you. If you would like to receive an emailed copy please contact news@sendparishchurch.co.uk

TO DONATE TO OUR RUNNING COSTS OR OUR BUILDING APPEAL PLEASE GO TO OUR JUST GIVING PAGE <https://www.justgiving.com/sendpcc> OR DROP CASH OR CHEQUE TO THE VICARAGE.

Any gifts of money will be gratefully received. If you can sign a Gift Aid declaration as a UK taxpayer, we will receive 25p from the government for every pound given.

NEWS AT ST. MARY'S

Sunday 17th January 2021
The Second Sunday of Epiphany

TODAY'S SERVICE

9.00am Holy Communion from the Straw Chapel on Facebook – live
10.30am Holy Communion in Church

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of
your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

NEWS

VICARAGE VIEWS – 17 January 2021

Singing curtailed

The number of Covid-19 cases in all areas of Surrey appears to have levelled or fallen in the last 7 days. If this trend continues, and widens around the country, we can hope that restrictions will ease in the next few months. Meanwhile earlier this week some tightening of the Government guidance on the safe use of churches was made so that singing is no longer permitted during services other than in exceptional and very limited circumstances. On behalf of the congregation I am thankful to members of our choir and organists for contributing the inspirational melodies of hymns and songs to our worship in recent months. We look forward to being free to reintroduce choral music again.

Repairs progress

We expect our architect, John Bailey, to conduct a site visit on Monday to inspect the progress of the renovations to the tower and stonework. After many difficulties for the contractors and interruptions caused by the pandemic it seems this significant phase of the works has been completed. We will be in conversation with Mr Bailey about the next phases, especially some repairs to the tiles of the nave roof.

Depression comforted

There is an absurd occasion that may be mentioned again tomorrow called Blue Monday. It is a fabrication of a particularly tedious (and perhaps heinous) kind, coined by psychologist Cliff Arnall in 2004, which falls on the third Monday in January. He came up with it after a holiday company asked him for a "scientific formula" for the January blues. There was nothing scientific about it. However, if we can get past its crassness and recover some sincere focus on mental health perhaps it can serve a useful purpose. There is no single or simple solution for the desperation and darkness of depression but there are things we can all do that can help one another, even if only a little. For example, I came across this thought the other day: 'Many people are hanging by the very thinnest of threads. If you treat them well, without knowing you may very well be that thread.' Add it to the mix of your wisdom. No, of course it's not everything, but

sometimes even a little care can make more difference than we might imagine.

In loving memory

I am sad to be conducting the funeral of Hans Meyer on Thursday, especially with the constraints in force. Hans was involved and supportive in the Send community and beyond for many years, and often attended our Coffee Shop. Please pray for Hans's family and friends, especially his daughters Janet Weston and Felicity Meyer.
Tony

CHURCH CLEANING: Whilst St Mary's stays open for services it is important that the building is kept clean and safe for those attending. There are currently just 4 of the congregation available and willing to do this cleaning on a regular basis. If you would be able to help as well, please contact me and I will let you know what is involved and what measures we take to protect those doing the cleaning. The regular cleaning takes place on a Wednesday or Thursday morning and takes about an hour, depending on how many people turn up. The advice is that those who are classified as vulnerable, or have someone in their household who is vulnerable, should not be cleaning. We provide disposable masks and vinyl gloves and always maintain the required social distance. This month the cleaning will take place on: Wednesday 20 and Thursday 28 January.
Sally 01483 223725 harrison.sally@btinternet.com

TRAIDCRAFT: Thank you to everyone who placed an order with me in 2020, supporting our Children and Youth work here at St Mary's and producers in developing countries, whilst shopping ethically and opting to use planet friendly products. Please look online at the range of items that Traidcraft sells. If there is something you would like to order please contact me. I am still taking and delivering orders.
Sally 01483 223725
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SEND SCRUBS: The rise in Coronavirus cases has led to a request for more scrubs from local health care workers and the RHS. Please contact Kathryn Carr via sendcommunityaid@gmail.com or 07401 224609 if you are able to help. She is specifically calling for helpers

to dye fabric (materials provided) and wash and iron fabric, but may need volunteers to cut and sew as well.

SUNDAY CLUB: We are now meeting weekly via Zoom and our next meeting is this Sunday 17 January 2021. This week our title is "Come, see, hear" based on John 1: 43 - 51 and we are making sandwiches for our snacks. There is a link to the story, we assure you. Last week's transformation challenge was to make a pen pot.
Sally sundayclub@sendparishchurch.co.uk

CRADLE COMFORT BAGS

In the January issue of the church magazine there is an article about this initiative at Royal Surrey County Hospital. As promised in the article, there will be a box in the church porch and a box outside 10 Heath Drive throughout January to receive any donations for the bags. Full details are in the magazine, and on the lids of the boxes! Any questions please speak to Christine Lavender 01483 768420 or email to chris@lavenderfamily.com Thank you

Craft'n' Chat

We should have been having a display of our Craft work in the local phone box on the Send parade in January followed by Coffee Shop display at the end of February through until March to celebrate our Birthdays. Because of the situation with lockdown this hasn't been able to happen but I had already collected a few items from some of you plus what I'd done myself during lockdown. I'm hoping if this vaccine gives us a bit more freedom to move about I will be in touch with you all again, in the meantime..... Keep Safe, Take care. Ann

SERVICE COLLECTION MONIES: St. Mary's needs to pay her way in the Guildford Diocese but the pandemic has reduced our income significantly. It is still possible to give and we hope that will remember St Mary's and the length of time we have been without our weekly collections. There are several ways to do this, with many choosing to make a regular gift via standing order. Or you can or to make a one off donation for our ongoing restoration work via our JustGiving page <https://a.justgiving.com/sendpcc>