

Please Pray for: Refugees re-settling in other countries and for the peoples of Syria and Yemen in severe crisis; for peace and reconciliation in the Middle East; those who are experiencing homelessness and everyone supporting them; the Covid-19 worldwide pandemic; those seeking employment as we emerge from successive lockdowns; all our NHS hospitals and staff facing a huge backlog of postponed operations and treatment; all who provide care to the sick; for St Mary's Church of England Primary School; Ashford School; our Mission link with Cameroon; Ashford Family Foodbank and Food Share; Christians Against Poverty; those working at Sevington Inland Border Facility and the lorry drivers that pass through. Give thanks that the William Harvey Hospital now has no Covid-19 cases; and continue to thank God for the remarkable progress of the mass vaccination programme.

Those facing health concerns: Jenny Moules, Caroline Locking, Sharon Geggus, Ann Town, Cyril and Shirley Bishop, Jonathan Dance, Rob Donaldson, and all who are recovering from Covid-19, especially those dealing with long-term effects.

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Online giving: just click on <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/45e5d497-505c-4b60-8694-a492214ed233> before or after the service. Thank you kindly for your generosity.

3rd after Trinity: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-end



2nd Sunday after Trinity

13 June 2021

Welcome to St Mary's

As Trinity season, stretches out ahead of us, this is a good opportunity to spend time in St Mark's gospel. We began again with Mark on Advent Sunday and the gospel in his name will feature on Many Sundays through Trinity season. A theology teacher once explained to me that she had "learned to use the time between things." Waiting in queue, or for an appointment, or with a few minutes because something has been delayed, we can reach for a pocket edition of Mark's gospel and prayerfully read a few lines, turning it over in our mind and so listen to God speaking to us. In previous years we have provided pocket editions of the gospels. They are inexpensive and easily acquired. If this isn't a habit yet, why not give it a try? May God bless our prayerful meditation of holy Scripture. Reverend Richard

To join St Mary's services from home using Zoom, click this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86201334657?pwd=M3ZwQmxFS3ZYUVhaUnVSaG9uMTV4UT09> Meeting ID: 862 0133 4657 Passcode: 012918

Or to join by phone, dial: 0203 481 5240

The Collect

**Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Bible readings: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-end; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 Mark 4:26-34

Parish Mission Action Planning (MAP) meeting

Please continue to pray that God will lead us and guide us into his will as we seek to discern his purposes for us as one Parish with local expressions.

Community Café – re-opening soon

We plan to reopen our Community Café at the end of June, when all legal restrictions are lifted, beginning on Saturdays. Please contact Lesley or Janet if you can join the team offering this much valued service.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) – 7:30pm Tuesday 15 June. ONLINE

I would like to encourage as many of us as possible to attend the APCM this year. This will be a special opportunity to come together as one parish to ensure we contribute to the emerging vision for the parish under the leadership of Reverend Canon Dr Jeremy Worthen, since he was licenced as our Team Rector back in October. Zoom details to follow. Reverend Richard

The Tent is back! - Next meeting: Sunday 4 July at 4:30pm

The Tent is our monthly informal Parish service on a Sunday evening at 4:30pm, We will be outside at St Francis Church, Cryol Road. Come and praise God by singing, praying, reading scripture and learning together. Bring your own chair, refreshments AND bring others with you. Next meeting will be Sunday 1 August at 4.30 pm.

Ashford Youth Jazz Orchestra (AYJO) – 7:30pm Saturday 10 July at St Mary's

Please put this revised date in your diary! A really enjoyable evening of Jazz is in prospect to help showcase the musical talent of students and staff of Ashford School and to help raise funds for Ashford Town Parish, with a contribution to AYJO. Further details to follow. Tickets just £6:00. Encourage your friends and neighbours to come along and enjoy live entertainment again. Please contact Helen West.

Ashford Family Foodbank

The Foodbank team is asking for donations of tinned meat, tinned fruit and vegetables, but if you would rather give a donation their details are: Family Foodbank Account No: 23659130 Sort Code: 60-19-04. Please use the reference: Covid-19 (Your name/Organisation). The address for cheques to be posted is: Unit 4, St Johns Court, Foster Road, Ashford Business Park, Ashford,

Kent TN24 0S. Thank you for helping to care for so many families in our community struggling to provide daily necessities.

Ashford Parish Mission Enabler

Reverend Jeremy Worthen writes: 'We are pleased to announce that Sophie Carnaby, currently Family and Community Worker in South West Cumbria has been appointed to the post of Ashford Parish Mission Enabler. The licensing service will be on 1st September at 7pm and will comply with government guidelines for social distancing restrictions at the time.'

The baptism of Henry Wraxall-Smith

Having postponed Henry's baptism twice because of strict Covid-19 restrictions, we are very much looking forward to our morning service at 10am on Sunday 27 June. We will not know until mid-month if all restrictions will be lifted, so please do contact Helen West if you would like to attend this service.

Make Lunch volunteers needed

Reverend Cathie Aldis-Saunders writes: Now that the kitchen refurbishment is well underway at St Francis, we are turning our thinking to Make Lunch this summer. Please contact Libby Varley if you would be willing to serve as a volunteer. Libby.varley@ashfordchurches.co.uk There will be three teams: 1) Welcome 2) Craft and games activities 3) Cooking and kitchen duties.

We will be running two training sessions in July, one during the day and one in the evening. As usual, we will be running Make Lunch on Tuesdays and Fridays right through the summer holidays - this equates to ten sessions. This has been a very well supported project in previous years and we are now keen to rebuild the team, especially since we will have a brand-new commercial standard kitchen! We cannot run this much needed activity without volunteers, so please can contact us if you can support this vital initiative.

New ministry

Please pray for our new curate Geoff Abasolo-Munnery, together with wife Theresa and daughter Frida who have now moved into the Ashford Town Parish. Pray for Geoff as he prepares to begin his ministry in the Parish early next month.