

Please pray for: The Queen as she reflects on her accession to the throne today, for the first time without the Duke of Edinburgh; the protection of NHS staff; wisdom for the governments of the world as they decide on measures to protect people from Covid; those fleeing their home countries and risking their lives in the process; those who are unwell and waiting for treatment; the homeless and the hungry; victims of domestic violence; and all whose health is compromised.

Those facing health concerns: Vera NG, Caroline Locking, Ann Town, Cyril and Shirley Bishop, Jonathan Dance, Rob Donaldson. Katie Ridley, Callum Horn, Raymond Hannah, Richard Bellamy, Michael, Jeff Babbs, Leonie, Janet and family. Pray also for people dealing with the long-term effects of Covid-19. Also for the families and friends of those who died recently including Richard Gillam and Keith Esau

Websites and contact details

Church of England: www.churchofengland.org

Ashford Town Parish: www.ashfordchurches.co.uk

St Mary's Ashford: www.stmaryashford.org

Team Rector: Reverend Canon Dr Jeremy Worthen

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Priest for the town centre: Reverend Richard Bellamy

Richard's current pattern of reduced hours means that his work at St Mary's is limited to the ministry of word and sacrament on Sundays and associated preparation. While this is the case, please contact the parish office or the Team Rector.

St Mary's Assistant Churchwarden:

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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.

Next Week: 3rd before Lent: Ps 1, Jer 17:5-10, 1 Cor 15:12-20, Lk 6:17-26



4th Sunday before Lent
6th February 2022

Welcome to St Mary's at 10 am

Processional	310	Holy, holy, holy	
Communion Setting			St Cedd
Gradual	798	We have a gospel	
Offertory	834	Will you come	
Communion 1		Holy is the true light	Harris
Communion 2	308	Holy, holy Holy	
Recessional	337	I the Lord of sea	
Voluntary	Imperial March		Sir Edward Elgar

Composed in 1897 for the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria, great-great-grandmother of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip

The Collect

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations: 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 Amen

Bible readings: Ps 138, Is 6:1-8, 1 Cor 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

EVERY SUNDAY parish wide zoom services held at 4 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81127584636?pwd=UWZLdFh1OFNwcHdBV3BjcDc2ZFh1UT09> Meeting ID: 811 2758 4636 Passcode: 742781

Telephone: 0203 481 5237

ALSO Monday – Thursdays Evening Prayer on zoom at 5 pm join

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83005915441?pwd=NVptbWVLSGgzTVkMWtiK1BTYlZodz09> Meeting ID: 830 0591 5441 Passcode: 190105

Telephone: 0203 481 5237

Be cautious! Whilst it is not mandatory to wear masks in church nor to stay socially distanced, some people are still nervous, and we should all be sensitive to one another's opinions and worries.

Healing Prayer during the distribution of Holy Communion is available.

Associate Priest

Revd Bonnie Appleton is on indefinite leave from her responsibilities at St Mary's and in the wider parish. She will be giving priority to care for her mother in the coming weeks. Please hold her in your prayers. Contact about matters relating to St Mary's should be directed to the admin team at the parish office or speak to the Team Rector.

New Assistant Church Wardens needed

Aimee Babbs will be stepping back as Assistant Church Warden from the end of February. Please think and pray who might be the right people to take on this important work. In this year of generosity – think GENEROUSLY.

Putting the Puff back into the Pipes or the organ repair fund.

The Organ Refurbishment Project starts in a far more active way now we have reached the beginning of 2022. Leaflets are available explaining "Why and How to Give" to the fund, and there is also a brochure advertising the first Six Sunday Concerts.

100 Club

We are a little behind with the 100 Club competition for 2021. The final prize winners will be announced over the next couple of weeks. The September and October 100 Club competition winners are below. Congratulations to all!

We will arrange for your prize to make its way to you.
September: 1st: 98 (Alan Jose), 2nd: 34 (Alison Thompson), 3rd: 63 (Christine Lowry).
October: 1st: 72 (Judith Dicken), 2nd: 91 (Lesley Wraxall),
3rd: 50 (Ken Blanshard). Look out for details coming soon of 100 Club for 2022.

What about our finances?

As you can imagine, with closure of our church buildings and halls for such a long time, and no collections taken, finances are very low. Please be aware of the plate at the back of the church during services for money you wish to give to the upkeep of the church or try online giving just click on <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/45e5d497-505c-4b60-8694-a492214ed233>

Alternatively arrange a standing order with your bank. Contact the Parish Office for more details. Thank you kindly for your generosity.

DATES FOR THE DIARY – These events will take place in St Mary's Ashford Church and are subject to change should circumstances require it.

Sunday 6th February

4.00pm Choral Evensong

Saturday 12th February - Chocolate Heaven more details from Caroline Hannah

Saturday 19th February – The BIG church clear out

Keep the date free to help clear away some of the unwanted items cluttering up the church.

Sunday 20th February 2022 – Our speaker at our 10 am service will be from **TEAR Fund**. They have sent some information to look up in advance.

1. **Daily devotionals and challenges:** The most important link is the Daily Challenges hub page that your congregation can use to access the daily devotionals, videos and challenges etc. Please feel welcome to share this link with your Church family: <https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/the-lets-change-the-climate-challenge>. Some of the challenges may take more preparation time than others so please familiarise yourself with them all and encourage your fellow participants to do the same.

2. **Social media promotion:** If your Church also use social media then here is a link to a social media package you can use **during** the challenge (to post each day etc). If you click the link it will download the material ready for you to use: <https://www.tearfund.org/-/media/tearfund/files/campaigns/lets-change-the-climate-challenge/social-media-package-20220128t100049z-001.zip>

Sunday 20th February 2022 - 3 pm there is a concert 'Show Songs and Opera' Helen Bailey and James Clements, two professional and experienced young singers return to give a recital in aid of "Putting the Puff Back into the Pipes". Admission £5 minimum.

Please tell your family and friends about our events and encourage them to join us. Look out for more dates for future events in the coming weeks.