

## Please Pray For:

In Anglican Communion: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

In our Church:

### Those facing health concerns:

Vera NG, Caroline Locking, Ann Town, Cyril and Shirley Bishop, Jonathan Dance, Rob Donaldson, Katie Ridley, Rosie Henderson, Richard Bellamy, Mike Silver, Michael, Lynn Maul's son, Jeff Babbs, Leonie, Janet Eaves' daughter and family.

Pray also for people dealing with the long-term effects of Covid-19. Also for the families and friends of those who have died recently.

### Websites and contact details

Church of England: [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org)

Ashford Town Parish: [www.ashfordchurches.co.uk](http://www.ashfordchurches.co.uk)

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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.

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**Next Week:** 20 February, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent: Psalm 37.1-11,40,41, Genesis 45.3-11,15; 1 Corinhtians 15.35-38,42-50; Luke 6.27-38



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent**  
13 February 2022

## Welcome to St Mary's at 10 am

Processional	1751	Thine be the glory	
Communion Setting			EHM
Gradual	79	Blest are the pure	
Offertory	439	Lift up your hearts	
Communion	Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake		Farrant
	737	Thee we adore	
Recessional	32	Alleluia, alleluia	
Voluntary	Toccata		E. Gigout

## Collect

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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:** Psalm 1; Jeremiah 17.5-10; 1 Corinthians 15.12-20; Luke 6.17-26

**EVERY SUNDAY** parish wide zoom services held at 4 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81127584636?pwd=UWZLdFh1OFNwHdBV3BjcDc2ZFh1UT09> 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=NVptbWVLSDgzTVkMWtiK1BTYiZodz09> Meeting ID: 830 0591 5441 Passcode: 190105

Telephone: 0203 481 5237

**PLEASE NOTE: we encourage everyone to wear masks whilst in the church unless they are exempt. Thank you for keeping others safe. It would also be a good thing to keep socially distanced if we possibly can.**

**Healing Prayer** is available during the distribution of Holy Communion.

**Diocesan Prayer for today:** Infinite God, you came to us in Jesus that we may have life in abundance. When we are tempted to narrow the limits of your love, or feel overwhelmed by the needs of our church and world, give us courage to believe in your promises of abundant life. And filled with that life may our generosity be a sign and symbol of the trust you put in us to be as Christ to one another for the good of all those who you call us to serve. **Amen.**

(Prayer request written by Revd Canon Andrew Dodd - Canon Treasurer Canterbury Cathedral)

### **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 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 is progressing more actively now we are in 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.

St Mary's also hosts a series of lunchtime recitals on the second Wednesday of each month.

### **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.

### **Finance:**

A meeting of Parish Finance Representatives is planned for 23 February. With our church buildings and halls closed for such a long time during the pandemic, 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, unless otherwise stated, and are subject to change should circumstances require it. 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.

### **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February – The BIG church clear out**

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

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

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022** – 3 for 3:30pm, '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.

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>