



St. Mary's Church
Chiddingfold

17th March 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00am Holy Communion (1662)
10:00am Parish Communion
5:30pm Good News Gang



Welcome to St. Mary's

If you are new, welcome! We'd love to keep in touch. Please email us so we can get to know one another (rector.chiddingfold@gmail.com) and do sign up for our weekly e-newsletter. That way you can receive all the latest news and resources for prayer, worship, and ways of getting involved in this wonderful community.

Collect

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jeremiah 31.31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

John 12.20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

For our Prayers

Church

We pray for Christians throughout the world preparing for Holy Week and Easter: for faithfulness to Christ and willingness to follow him in the way of the cross, and for the living out of the gospel of new life and reconciliation in the world. And we pray for our own response to the love of God shown to us in Christ, that we may know his freedom and grace, and share these gifts with others.

World

We pray for wisdom, courage, goodness and integrity among those who hold authority in the world, that they may act for the common good. We pray for those who live under corrupt or repressive regimes, and for all whose human rights and dignity is denied, that they may find justice.

Our Neighbours

We pray for the ministry and mission of St. Mary's, that in and through the church others may encounter the love and life of God. Within St. Mary's we give thanks and pray for the Friends of St. Mary's.

Those in Need

We ask for healing and strength for all those who are suffering in body, mind or spirit, and especially for any who feel isolated and alone. Especially at this time we pray for Vanessa Crocker, Ken Murray and Tom Markham

The Departed

We pray for those who have died, that they may come to share in Christ's resurrection. We pray for the recently departed, especially at this time for Sal Marks; for our own departed loved ones; for all past worshippers in St. Mary's; and for those whose year's mind falls at this time.

The Week Ahead (18th – 24th March)

Wednesday:	10:30 – 11:15am 8:00 – 9:15pm	Midweek Communion Bellringing Practice; Contact: jj.cowburn@btinternet.com
Thursday:	9:30 – 11:30am	Church Mice
Friday:	7:00 – 8:00pm	Choir Practice
Saturday:	9:00am	Morning Prayer (zoom); please contact: gillbeckwith@me.com for an invite
Sunday:	Sunday 24 th March – Palm Sunday 8:00am 10:00am	Holy Communion (1662) Parish Communion with Palm Procession



Coming Soon...

Monday 25th March:	7:00 – 9:00pm	Lenten Community Supper; the speaker will be Allison Sutcliffe
Tuesday 2nd April:	10am – 12 noon	Hearing Aid Clinic in the Church Room
Saturday 6th April:	9:30am – 12 noon	Churchyard Working Party – all welcome!
Sunday 19th May:	3:00 – 7:00pm	Come and Sing – Fauré Requiem

Notices

Volunteers: We are pleased that volunteers have come forward to form a Treasury team and are grateful that so many share their time, talents and skills to ensure things run smoothly at St. Mary's. We are looking for volunteers who can assist the churchwardens in setting up before services, and if that's something you could help with, please contact Lily Cook or Chris Everett. There are also spaces on PCC for two people to join the leadership team, so if you are interested in contributing to the church's governance, please speak with the Rector.

Easter Lilies: If you would like to donate towards the Easter lilies in memory of a departed loved one, you can tap the card reader at the door in church and let our Treasurer know you've donated to the flower fund. Or you can pay directly into the PCC account: Chiddingfold PCC, account number 00073883, sort code 30-93-49, reference: Lilies. Alternatively, you can pop donations through the door of Mary Doig, Ciss Denyer or Joyce Morgan. Thank you!



Electoral Roll: This year there will be a revision of the Church Electoral Roll of St. Mary's, beginning on **Friday 15th March 2024** and ending on **Monday 8th April 2024**. If you're already on the Electoral Roll and want to remain on it, you don't need to do anything! Anyone wishing to join the Roll of this Church should complete an Application Form, available in Church from Friday 15th March or to download from the E-pistle, and return it to the Electoral Roll Officer, either via stmaryschurchcouncil@outlook.com or by posting it in the Church letterbox (under the noticeboard in the Lychgate). After the revision, a copy of the Roll will be published by the PCC in Church for at least 14 days and a copy of the Roll will be available for inspection on a reasonable request being made to the Council.

Easter Cards: We know you will want to send Easter greetings to our neighbouring churches and the crew of HMS Chiddingfold. There are greeting cards for Chiddingfold Baptist, St. Teresa's and the captain and crew of 'Cheery Chidd' on the sign-up table for you to sign.

Food Banks: Please help support our local Food banks in Haslemere and Godalming, both of which provide emergency food parcels to those experiencing food scarcity in our parish. You can bring donations to St. Mary's Church or to the drop off point in the Roberts Store.

Advice and Support: We're here to help if you are struggling to make ends meet. For confidential advice and support contact: rector.chiddingfold@gmail.com.

Holy Week and Easter

Maundy Thursday:	7:30pm	Parish Communion to commemorate the Last Supper
Good Friday:	10:30am 12 noon	Walk of Witness starting at St. Teresa's and finishing at St. Mary's Meditations on the Cross
Holy Saturday:	10am – 12 noon 7:30pm	Muddy Church: The Story of Easter Easter Eve Service with bonfire
Easter Day:	8:00am 10:00am	Holy Communion (1662) Parish Communion for the Whole Family followed by an Easter Egg Hunt

