



Pilgrim News

Sunday 28th July 2024

Trinity 9

Welcome

A warm welcome to our services today. If you are new or visiting please introduce yourself and also fill in a 'Welcome to St Mary's Card', giving it to one of the welcome team.

Psalm

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; will glorify your name forever.

Psalm 86, verses 11-12 (NIV)

A Prayer for 9th Sunday after Trinity

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Services Today

9.30am Holy Communion – 2 Kings 4:42-44, Ephesians 3:14-21, John 6:1-21

11.00am Morning Worship - Ephesians 3:14-21, John 6:1-21

Prayers for peace and hope...

O God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world. We pray for an end to violence and warfare so that the challenging work of rebuilding may begin. Help us, O Lord, to affirm our common humanity so that in our differences we may build together for justice and peace. In Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Please Pray For ...

- Ukraine: Malling Deanery
- God's World: Jordan
- Rochester: Gravesend Deanery
- The Bereaved: The family & friends of John Quenby



Diocesan Calendar of Intercessions

July - August 2024 available online:

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Visit - <https://www.rochester.anglican.org/>



Regular and other events this week

Monday

9.45am Open Door - St Edith small hall (**Last one till 2nd Sept**)

Tuesday

2.00pm Craft Group – Kemsing Library

8.00pm Bell Ringing Practice at Kemsing Church

Wednesday

12.15pm Lunch Club – St Edith Small Hall (**Last one till 4th Sept**)

Saturday

1.45pm Rambling Ringers - Kemsing Church (until 2.15pm)

Services Sunday 4th August – Trinity 10

8.00am Holy Communion – Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35

9.30am Holy Communion – Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15, Eph 4:1-16, John 6:24-35

11.00am All Age Worship - John 6:24-35

Diary (Looking ahead)

Loaves and Fishes – 4th August

All donations will be gratefully received. They particularly need: rice and pasta sauces, tinned tomatoes, vegetarian meals, instant coffee, milk, gluten free items, vegetable oil, ham/spam, fish not tuna together with shower gel, washing up liquid and sanitary towels. Please drop off donations in the box in church or at 23 Park Lane before **Thursday 8th August**. Thank you!

September 'Three Peaks Challenge' – Tamara Maretlane

Tamara has been inspired to raise money for 'Safe Lives' by taking on the Three Peaks Challenge, between **6th-8th September**, starting Ben Nevis at 5.30am, Scarfell Pike at 8pm and Snowdon 7.30am on Sunday morning! 'Safe Lives' is a charity dedicated to ending domestic abuse through supporting individuals as well as providing resources, training and support to agencies and professionals. Tamara would really appreciate any sponsorship to help her with this challenge - Her just giving page is

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/tamara-maretlane?utm_term=3Npme7G3N



Ride and Stride – Saturday 14th September

Ride and Stride will take place from 10am until 6pm where riders/walkers will be visiting churches and raising funds. For more info www.kentrideandstride.co.uk or Jean Walker.

'Connect' – Monthly Parish Prayers



An opportunity to come together to 'connect with God', particularly seeking God's guidance as important decisions are made. Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians, leading

into prayer for the Parish, these monthly one-hour gatherings will continue in St Mary's, Kemsing, at **1.30pm**, on the following Thursdays: **8 Aug**, 12 Sep, 10 Oct, 14 Nov, 12 Dec. Please put the dates in your diaries – 'Connect' Prayer leaflets are available in Church, via email and on the parish website: www.kemsingandwoodlands.org

Other Notices

Laura Shield – Bishop's Certificate Course

Starting in September, Laura has been accepted onto *The Bishop's Certificate in Christian Ministry* course, to gain knowledge and skills as a foundation for Christian ministry within the church, and specifically in our Parish. Please pray for Laura as she begins the course and seeks God's guidance for the future. Many thanks.

Please Pray – *Is God calling you to serve Him?*

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responding to God's love

Following on from our Lent Studies, thank you to those who returned their 'Skills/Time' sheets, which have been collated. Those who offered to be involved in the wide range of church activities will be contacted over the coming weeks.

God calls each of us to use the gifts we have been given for the benefit of everyone else in the life of the church. Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to use your gifts, especially **Bible Readings, Prayers of Intercession, Sunday Special, Sidesmen, Choir, Post Service Refreshments**, to name a few! Please contact Mike Lodge (07484 245993) if you would like to talk this through... Many thanks

Projector Team – Sunday 11.00am Worship

We are looking to reintroduce the projector at the 11.00am service from September. To this end we need to assemble a team of people who will be able to help with set up and running the projector. If you feel you would be able to offer help with this please get in contact with John Mason (07734 810528 - jmason@argonet.co.uk).

Parish Profile Writing Group – *Please Pray*

Church Group leaders are invited to supply digital photographs of their activities. Please send to ven.mikelodge@btinternet.com.

Do continue to pray for this group as it undertakes this important task: Martin Brightman, Ros McLarney, Guy Morrell, and Elizabeth Waters, together with Mike Lodge. Many thanks

Payaz Digital Giving Station – In Church

We have a 'Digital Giving Station' installed at the back of Church, which enables 'Card' Donations to be made simply and easily. This is particularly useful for visitors to the church as well as regular members of the congregations. More information from our Churchwardens, Peter and Trevor.



Offertory – Weekly Collection

For the work and ministry of Kemsing and Woodlands Parish there is a plate by the main door of the church. Donation and Gift Aid Forms and Envelopes are also available. Thank you for your prayerful response.

Planned New Vicarage and Church Hall – Appeal Decision

Notification has been received from the Planning Inspectorate, stating ***'The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted for a new vicarage and car-port with access through the village car-park at land adjoining the Church Hall'***.

Thankful that the decision has been made, please continue to pray for all who are making pivotal decisions, including ongoing discussions with the key Diocesan Officers in light of this news, including the building of the new Vicarage and completion of the Church Hall. Many thanks. *Mike*

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