

**ST MARY'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL
4 JULY 2010**

10.00am COME TOGETHER FESTIVAL EUCHARIST
St Mary's Lamberhurst

Please follow the Patronal Festival Service booklet

Ministry of the Word **Revd Mandy Carr**
Celebrant **Revd Roger Bishop**
Preacher **Revd Mandy Carr**
Intercessor **Musgrove-Wethey Family**
Readings:
Isaiah 61: 10 – 11 **Maddy Church**
Gospel: Luke 1: 46 - 55 **Vicky Berry**
Chalice Administrator **Daphne Huggett**
Sylvia Button

Hymns: 634; 67; 182; 631.

We call the Banns of Marriage for the first time today for Oliver George Hough and Charlotte Fenella Blamey. Please pray for them as they prepare for their marriage.

Please stay for coffee after this morning's service

6.30pm Joint PATRONAL FESTIVAL SONGS OF PRAISE

St Mary's, Lamberhurst

Revd Mandy Carr & Revd Roger Bishop

Please stay for a glass of wine after the service

This week:

Tuesday 9.30 – 11.30am Love Matfield Coffee Morning at Cherry Trees Tearoom
4.00pm Prayers for and at Brenchley & Matfield School

Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion, St Luke's
Revd Mandy Carr
11.30am Interment of Ashes, St Luke's
7.30pm Choir Practice, St Mary's
7.45pm Wednesday Group at Sally's

Thursday 10.00 am Holy Communion, St Mary's
Revd Mandy Carr

Friday 10.00am – 11.30am Hospice Coffee Morning, Lamberhurst Memorial Hall
2.00pm Tinies' Church
7.30pm Choir Practice, St Luke's

Saturday 5.45pm Visiting Bell Ringers at St Mary's

NEXT SUNDAY

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9.15am PARISH EUCHARIST with Junior Church & Crèche, St Mary's
10.45pm CoOL Club & The Connection, Matfield Village Hall
11.00am PARISH EUCHARIST with Baptism, St Luke's

Come Together Service - A reminder to those from Matfield this morning that those participating in St Luke's envelope scheme should **NOT** place their weekly envelopes in the collection plate at Lamberhurst today, but keep them until next Sunday's service at Matfield.

A Column of Thanks –

Many thanks for the generous ordination gift from the benefice of a purple stole. Watch out for it at the appropriate times of the year!

Roger

A big thank-you to all of you who shared in giving me this magnificent CD Stereo System as a farewell present to mark my retirement as honorary assistant priest at St Mary's. It was assembled [no problem!] and much enjoyed within an hour or so of getting it home.

And thank you too to those who provided the rather special refreshments after the service.

In case any of you are still puzzled about the reason for this, it seemed to me that the occasion of Roger's ordination to the priesthood was the right time to step aside and take my place solely in the pew rather than the altar or the pulpit. Who knows? – there may be the odd occasion when my help is required, but not with the frequency of the last 12 years when it was gladly given. Again, thank you to everyone, and I'm still here!

John Harris

Grateful thanks are due to all in both villages who contributed so much time and effort in making the visit of our guests from Texas such a resounding success. Those who hosted guests, organised the three parties, provided help, lashings of food, arranged flowers, performed in the Victorian Music Hall concert and acted as couriers deserve our deep gratitude. The Texans were delighted with the reception we gave them and left on Thursday for France, having had a wonderful time revelling in our 'normal' English summer weather.

Roly

To all those who so generously provided food and drink, and to all the many helpers who made the welcome party for the Texans such a great success, a very big 'THANK YOU'

Elizabeth and David

A big thank you to everyone who helped at the Sunday tea party for our Texan visitors, it would not have been such a great success without your help.

Lee

So many people have been involved in making St Mary's Patronal Festival Weekend special. Many thanks to all who helped with the Welcome Party on Friday [especially to the Mugs who sponsored the wine], to Beryl and Patrick for organising yesterday's Coffee Break Concert, to all who helped with the Teddy Bears' Picnic, to Lamberhurst Music Festival for organising last night's concert, to the Flower Guild for the beautiful displays, to Beryl and the Choir, the Bell Ringers, and to everyone who has helped and worked together for Christ and his Church. We hope you will enjoy 'Lamberhurst in Bloom' this afternoon and that you can join us for our special Songs of Praise this evening.

We pray for the Church

For The Church of Pakistan United; The Rt Revd Samuel Azariah, Moderator. (Anglican Cycle of Prayer).

For Reverend Mandy and our ministry leadership team
For all involved in our Patronal Festival, for all who have worked so hard to make a great weekend of celebration, and for all who attended the events.

For closer links between our two parishes.

We pray for the World

For our Texan visitors as they conclude their visit with a few days in France.

For those whose lives are full of fear and loss because of terrorism or civil war.

For the gifts of discernment and integrity among those who govern, advise and lead.

We pray for our Parishes

For the clubs and organisations in our parishes and the contribution they make to village life.

For our village schools, headteachers, governors, staff and pupils.

We pray for the sick

Especially for Bill Mills, Matthew Latter, Bess Graville, Roy Baker, Richard Carter, and Ann Burns.

For all with long standing illnesses, especially those in our church family who are not able to worship with us.

We pray for those who have died

Especially Audrey Knight and Renate Reeves.

For all who mourn.

St Mary's & St Luke's Holiday Clubs

To help us create our **Rumble in the Jungle** theme this year, we would welcome donations of 'jungle-coloured' fabric (green/brown/beige/blue), beads, feathers, braiding, kitchen roll/toilet roll tubes, and anything jungle/safari related that we would be able to borrow to decorate the hall for the week (eg masks/drums/camouflage nets/jungle-animal soft toys). At Matfield we also need some more volunteers to help run the planned activities during the week.

If you are able to help in any way, please contact Sarah Wakeford 01892 832998 or Gill Waite 01622 664957 [St Luke's] and Katie Whittingham 01892 891947 [St Mary's].

A Date for your Diary

We will be holding another Benefice Forum on 'Using our Sacred Spaces and Worship'. This will be on the morning of Saturday 9th October. Please make a note of the date in your diary now.

Mandy & Patrick's 40th Birthday Lunch

We are hosting a lunch at the Vicarage on 25th July at 12.30pm to celebrate our 40th birthdays. There will be a hog roast, and everyone from St Mary's and St Luke's is invited. To give an idea of numbers please add your name[s] to the list at the back of the church today if you'd like to come, and if you're able to bring either a salad/pudding or cake please fill that in as well. Don't worry about main dishes or drinks – those are on us!

Mandy and Patrick

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He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

Luke 1: 51 - 53

Welcome to our Church and fellowship. If you are a newcomer please introduce yourself. We pray that God will bless us in our worship together. Please take this pew notice home with you for your prayers and your reference.

For help or information on any Church matters this week, The Parish Office will be open on Wednesday and Thursday from 9.00am – 5.00pm, 01892 890256
email: daphne@parishoffice.info

Alternatively you may contact the Vicar, Revd Mandy Carr, on 01892 890324, email reverendmandy@btinternet.com
the Curate, Revd Roger Bishop on 01892 833232, email rogerbishop@hotmail.com or one of the Churchwardens, at Matfield David Clarke (822707) or Patricia Stevens (723883) – at Lamberhurst Brian Hilton (890626) or Andrew Kerton (891230).

Please note that the Vicar's day off is Friday and Roger's normal weekday in the Benefice is Thursday.

Enlarged Copies of our morning services and readings are available from the sidesmen. Loop systems are installed in both churches for the hard of hearing.

Please Ensure mobile phones are switched off during services as they interfere with the sound system.

Books and bags of soft toys for small children to play with during the services are available from the sidesmen.

Matfield Village Fete

Please come and support our Fete on **Saturday 17th July** from 12.30pm – 4.00pm. There are forms at the back of the church today to complete for various offers of help – and we do need everyone's help to raise money for our church and to make this a really good and successful day.

Tickets for the Fete Raffle are now on sale and your support is encouraged. The draw will take place at the Fete. Volunteers to help on the day and prizes for the Tombola are also needed.

There will again be a Sunday Market on the green on Sunday 18 July from 11am – 3pm with local produce and a table top sale.

Leviathan with a Fish-hook

Author Sue Russell has written a novel called 'Leviathan with a Fish-hook' and to celebrate this the Diocese will be holding an event at the Baptist Hall, Crow Lane, Rochester, on Saturday 10 July at 7pm. There will be a buffet supper followed by an interview with the author, and a candlelight reading. See the notice on the board today. Tickets at £7.50 are available from the Development Office 01634 810074 / development@rochestercathedral.org or sue-russell@talktalk.net

In support of the Children of Zimbabwe

There is to be a Walk and Cathedral Service in support of the children of Zimbabwe on Saturday 10 July. The UK provides 90% of the funding of the 'Just Children Foundation' and this is their major fund raising event. Walks vary from 1 ½ miles to 21 miles, converging on the cathedral for a service at 5.30pm. Last time there were more than 250 walkers and a packed cathedral. Please see the poster on the notice boards today. Details, routes and registration at www.justchildren.org.uk

Opera in the Open

Book your tickets now for Opera in the Open [£20 or £25 on the night]. This is mini-Glyndebourne in Lamberhurst! Opera Glorioso are experienced young singers singing well known arias in the romantic setting of Bayham Abbey. The floodlit ruins provide a romantic setting, so bring your picnic and chairs and enjoy a memorable evening.

Saturday 7th August at 7.30pm. Doors open 5.30pm. Tickets from Peter Sands Butchers or the Parish Office. Details on www.lamberhurstmusic.co.uk

Congratulations –

To Patrick who celebrated his birthday on Friday

St Mary's Finances

The Finance Committee have put together a leaflet explaining the finances of St Mary's. Although it shows that we are just about keeping our head above water financially, it explains how little help we get in doing so. The Committee felt it was important to share this information with the congregation and other parishioners in order for them to make an informed choice concerning their level of giving. We hope that parishioners will feel able to give something at our Gift Day today in order to support the mission and ministry at St Mary's.

Gift Aid envelopes are at the back of the church. They can be put in the collection or given to one of the churchwardens or to the Parish Office.

Readings Sheet

As we have a special readings sheet for our Patronal Festival service this morning, there are copies of the Redemptorist Sheet for the fifth Sunday after Trinity at the back of both churches for those who would like a copy.

St Mary's Website

St Mary's is currently looking into creating its own website with a link to the village page. This can be found by clicking on its temporary home -

www.student1.putchristbackintochristmas.org.uk

Please note that this site is work in progress and therefore many pages are blank at present.

We would be grateful for your opinions – these can be delivered on line by clicking the button on the front page for submitting feedback.

Pew Notices can now be viewed each week on the Lamberhurst Village website –

www.lamberhurstvillage.co.uk

Click on the Lamberhurst Church page / news from the Parish Office. Matfield's website

www.stlukeschurchmatfield.org

has a link to the pew notice – click on Lamberhurst village.

