



St. Mary's Church
Chiddingfold

26 September 2021

St Michael and All Angels

8:00 am Holy Communion (1662)

10:00 am Parish Communion

12:00 am Baptism of Archer Stock-Bristow

1:30 pm Big Questions Event with the Archbishop of Canterbury

5:30 pm Confirmation Course

Welcome

If you are new, welcome! We'd love to keep in touch. Please email us so we can get to know 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

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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.

Revelation 12:7-12

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

'Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Messiah,
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.
But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.
Rejoice then, you heavens
and those who dwell in them!
But woe to the earth and the sea,
for the devil has come down to you
with great wrath,
because he knows that his time is short!'

John 1.47-end

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

For our Prayers

Church

We give thanks for the ministry of the angels, and pray that as they serve God in heaven, so the Church may be faithful in serving God on earth. We pray that Christians may be formed more in the likeness of Christ, and witnesses to his strength and healing in the world. We pray for our Archbishop, Justin, on his visit to our deanery this weekend, and for the grace to recognise where and how God is calling each of us to serve, day by day. We pray also for Archer as he comes to baptism.

World

We pray that the peace of God's kingdom may break through the fears and divisions of the world, and bring healing and reconciliation. We pray for wisdom, integrity and goodness among those who lead, and for strength and justice for all those whose lives are precarious.

Our Neighbours

We pray for the communities of which we are part, and for all those with whom we share our lives, giving thanks for those whose support and love sustains us, and praying that we may be loving, supportive and encouraging. Within the parish we pray for the Good Neighbours scheme, and at St Mary's we give thanks and pray for our safeguarding team.

Those in Need

We pray for God's strength and protection for those who are ill, in pain, distress or trouble, that they will know themselves held in the love of God and know him as their strength and their healer. We pray especially for those who are waiting for test results, for those going through treatment and for any who are struggling to access the care they need. Among those who are ill, we pray for Rita Stevens and Ken Murray.

The Departed

We give thanks for our fellowship with the whole company of heaven, and commend to God's mercy those who have died, praying that they will come to join in the song of the saints and angels around his throne. We pray for the recently departed, for our own departed loved ones, and for those whose year's mind falls this week.

The Week Ahead

Wednesday 10:30 - 11:15 am Midweek Communion
11:15 am Burial of Ashes of Harold Mullard
8:00 - 8.45 pm Bellringing Practice; Contact: jj.cowburn@btinternet.com

Thursday 9:30 - 11:30 am Church Mice; Contact: helengorrod@gmail.com

Friday 7:00 - 8:00 pm Choir Practice; Contact: stmarysorganist@outlook.com

Saturday 9:00 am Morning Prayer (zoom); Contact: gillbeckwith@me.com
9:30 am Church yard Working Party; Contact: chrisjohnneverett@gmail.com
2:30 pm Eco Church meeting in Church Room; Contact: catherine.ogden.celo@gmail.com

Sunday 8:00 am Holy Communion (1662)
10:00 am Parish Communion
12:00 pm Welcome Lunch for new residents
5:30 - 6:30 pm Good News Gang; Contact: rector.chiddingfold@gmail.com
6:30 pm Evensong for the Feast of St. Francis

Notices

We're hiring! St Mary's is recruiting a part-time Children, Youth and Families Worker, and we've extended the application deadline. Key responsibilities include reaching out to families in our locality and engaging with Christian families worshipping at St Mary's. Contact stmarysenquiries@outlook.com for a full job description and application.

From Jane Bradford: “A big thank you to all those who sponsored Clare and myself on our walk from St Ives to Falmouth along the SW Coastal Path and sent messages of encouragement. It was greatly appreciated. The walk was a tough challenge but we covered a total of 117.41 miles, an accumulated elevation of 15,800 feet (equal to almost the base camp at Everest!), and raised over £3,000 for the British Heart Foundation. A fantastic result all round!”

Confirmation: We are very proud to have 12 young adults preparing for confirmation this autumn. These young adults will be exploring how they plan to grow in faith through prayer, reflection, studying the Bible and service. The confirmation course culminates in a service of confirmation led by Bishop Andrew at St Mary’s on Nov. 14th at 6:30 pm (Remembrance Sunday). Please hold these young people in your prayers as that date approaches.

Habit Checker: Now is a great time for a bit of reflection on our new habits (relational, mental, physical and spiritual), to weed out the unhelpful ones and to commit to the healthy ones. We have a handy guide to support you as you reflect on where you are and where you’d like to be. Available on the Food bank table.

Save the date: The Christmas Tree Ball will be held on December 4, 2021. Please contact Lily Cook (684419) or Helen Gorrod (07921 457856) to reserve your tickets.

Finding Hope: Where do you find hope? Where do you see God acting in the world? Here’s a challenge: When you find something that fills you with hope, take a photo and send it to us along with a note of explanation by the end of September: stmarysenquiries@outlook.com.

Big Questions with the Archbishop of Canterbury: Do you have big questions about life and faith? You are warmly invited to put them to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, who is holding a one-hour ‘Big Questions’ event for local people at Prior’s Field School, Godalming as part of his visit to the Diocese of Guildford. The event takes place on Sunday 26 September from 1.30 – 2:30 pm. Everyone is welcome and places are free, but need to be booked at www.BigQuestions-Godalming.eventbrite.co.uk

Sunflower Competition: Please bring your sponsorship forms and money into church so the Treasurer can identify the winner!

Food banks: Donations can be left in church or in the designated drop off point at 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

Public Health Arrangements

Face coverings We recommend that you wear face coverings unless you are exempt or whilst you are taking a leading role in a service.

Track & Trace Visitors and worshippers are still asked to “check in” each time they come to St Mary’s by scanning the NHS QR code via the COVID-19 app or by providing their contact details at the entrance.

Hand Sanitiser Please sanitise your hands upon entering, and before and after receiving communion.

Seating Arrangements Seating is not restricted, you may sit where you are comfortable.

Children’s Corner Children are welcome to explore the themes of the day there.

Passing the Peace We encourage you to share the peace with a friendly nod or wave.

Communion Is offered in one kind, and the presiding priest will place the wafer of bread in your hand.

Parish Breakfast Held on the third Sunday of the month at 8:45 am in the Church Room starting October 17 - a lovely way to get to know people better. We really need your help to offer breakfast, so if you can lend a hand, please let Jan F. know: jan.fellingham@gmail.com