



St. Mary's Church
Chiddingfold

17th September 2023

15th Sunday after Trinity

8:00 am Holy Communion (1662)

10:00 am Parish Communion

12:00 noon Baptism of Grace Smith, Elina Morgan
and Harrison Morgan



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

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalms 103.8-13

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us, neither will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he set our sins from us.

As a father has compassion on his children, so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

Matthew 18.21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

For our Prayers

Church

We give thanks for the generosity of God's love, and pray that it may be visible in the life of the Church. We pray for those who feel far from God and those who have been made to feel excluded from the Church, and we ask for grace to love others as God has loved us. We pray for Grace Smith, Elina Morgan and Harrison Morgan, as they come for baptism, and for their parents and godparents.

World

We give thanks for all who work to report on forgotten conflicts and places from where the world's interest has moved on. We pray for all those caught up in misery, disaster, violence and poverty, and for those working to provide aid and encourage peace. We pray especially for those who have fled their homes, and for a compassionate response to them on the part of the international community.

Our Neighbours

We pray for all those preparing for a new term in colleges and universities, and within the parish for all who work in education. At St. Mary's we give thanks for the church buildings and for all who care for them.

Those in need

We pray for all who suffer from chronic illness, and for those with conditions getting progressively worse. We pray also for any who are fearful, anxious or weary – may they all be sustained and renewed by the Holy Spirit. At this time we pray especially for Ken Murray and Tom Markham.

The departed

We give thanks that Christ opens the kingdom of heaven to those who trust in him, and so we pray for those who have died. We pray for the recently departed, especially at this time for Ted Hobbs and Pamela Kinch; for all our departed relatives and friends; and for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

The Week Ahead (18th – 24th September)

Tuesday:	7:30 – 9:15pm	PCC Meeting in the Church Room
Wednesday:	10:30 – 11:15am	Midweek Communion
	6:00 – 8:00pm	Church Carers' Party
	8:00 – 9:15pm	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); Contact: gillbeckwith@me.com for an invite
Sunday:	Sunday 24 th September	
	8:00am	Holy Communion (1662)
	10:00am	Parish Communion
	5:30 – 6:30pm	Good News Gang

Coming Soon...

Wednesday 27th September:	7:45 – 8:45pm	Compline at Cricket Green Cottage: please contact Jan on jan.fellingham@gmail.com if you would like to attend
Sunday 1st October:	10:00am	Harvest Festival
Tuesday 3rd October:	10:00am – 12noon	Hearing Aid Clinic in the Church Room
Saturday 7th October:	9:30am – 12noon	Churchyard Working Party – all welcome!

Notices

Consecration of the new Bishop of Dorking, The Ven Paul Davies: You are invited to attend a Eucharist with Ordination in Westminster Abbey at 11.00 am on **Friday 29th September 2023** to consecrate the new Bishop of Dorking, The Ven Paul Davies. Register to attend the Eucharist here: <https://tinyurl.com/3z4d456m>. Please then bring the Eventbrite ticket(s) generated following registration or bring an image of the ticket on your phone for admission. Entry will be from 9:45 am at the Abbey's main Great West Doors and all those attending are requested to be seated by 10:45 am. Seating in the Transepts and Nave will be largely unallocated and allow for free general seating with a good view of proceedings, offered on a first-come first-served basis.

Quiet Garden at Hazel Cottage: Lisa and Martin Webb-Salter are delighted to share the news that their garden at Hazel Cottage is now part of the Quiet Garden Movement – a network of outdoor places intentionally set aside as quiet spaces for prayer, silence and spiritual refreshment. They do not have fixed opening times so to arrange a visit, please email Lisa or Martin on: hazelcottagequietgarden@gmail.com.



Food Banks: Please help support our local Food banks 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 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.