**Prayer Matters**

Those whose names are in the book placed on the Lady Chapel altar during services.

Please pray for Marion Lamb continuing to recover from her radiotherapy

treatment and Ann Gubby recovering from a shoulder operation.

*May the healing presence of the Holy Spirit*

*be with them.*

Parish - those living in Thanet Road, Thomas Shearley Court.

Diocese -Tunbridge Wells deanery: The Rev Douglas Wren, Area Dean; Dr Mike Lawes, Lay Chair

Christians who are persecuted for their faith.

For those living in poverty, and the Food Banks and other support agencies trying to help.

**Dates ahead**.

**30th Oct** 7.00 for 7.30 pm BTM joint clergy and wardens meeting

**2nd Nov** 9.30 am BTM Intercessions Master Class at St. Barnabas with Rev’d Ren Harding

**6th Nov** 10.00 am ‘Centering prayer’ at West Malling Abbey – see

**7th Nov** 10.00 am Standing Committee meeting at 43 Wansunt Road

**8th Nov** 10.00 am Friends of St. Mary’s committee at 43, Wansunt Road

2.00 pm Extension committee meeting in church

**17th Nov** 3.30 pm Memorial service followed by refreshments in church hall

**22nd Nov** 10.30 am Hall Committee meeting in Church Hall office

**St. Mary the Virgin, Bexley**

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**The Bexley Team Ministry**

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**Welcome to the Parish Church of**

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**SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER**

**THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**8.30 am** Holy Communion – BCP

Readings: Genesis 32: 22-31, Luke 18:1-8

**10.00 am** Holy Communion - CW

Readings: Genesis 32: 22-31, 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4:5, Luke 18:1-8

Both services followed by refreshments.

**12.15 pm** Bexley Team Ministry lunch at King’s Head- all welcome

*2 Timothy 4 v1,2*

*In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you; proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.*

**COLLECT**

Almighty and everlasting God,

increase in us your gift of faith

that, forsaking what lies behind

and reaching out to that which is before,

we may run the way of your commandments

and win the crown of everlasting joy;

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.

**The week ahead**

**Tues 22nd** 3.00 pm Outreach Committee meeting at 6, Clarendon Mews.

**Wed 23rd** 10.00 am Holy Communion-CW

Readings: Romans 6:12-18, Luke 12:39-48

3.00 pm House group at 6, Clarendon Mews, contact Revd Gladys Atfield 551741

No ‘Bible for everyone’ this week…half term

**Fri 25th** No choir practice

Remember – Clocks go back by one hour Saturday night!

Wedding Anniversary: Nicholas and Katherine Lloyd

Anniversary of Death: Wilfred Hallett

**NEXT SUNDAY 27th OCTOBER**

**THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**BIBLE SUNDAY**

**8.30 am** Holy Communion – BCP

Readings: Isaiah 45:22-end, Luke 4:16-24

**10.00 am** Family Service including the baptism of Jacob George Martin and Phoebe Jess Martin

Reading: Luke 4:16-24

**12.30 pm** Baptism of Grace Vivienne Armitage

**3.30 pm** Holy Communion (CW) in Lady Chapel followed by refreshments.

**Safeguarding Review**

We are committed to making our church a safe space for all. Churches across the Diocese of Rochester are currently undertaking a comprehensive safeguarding review to establish that all known past cases of concern relating to church abuse have been considered and dealt with appropriately. If you are concerned about something you have experienced in a church, now or in the past, or you are worried about another person - perhaps a vulnerable adult or a child – there are people you can talk to and you will be taken seriously. Anyone who needs to come forward with information or make any disclosures regarding church related abuse are encouraged to make direct contact with the Diocese of Rochester’s Safeguarding team on: 01634 560000 or visit: www.rochester.anglican.org/safeguarding/ Recognising that this may not feel safe for those with a lived experience of abuse from within the church, a dedicated telephone helpline, operated independently from the church, by the NSPCC, is available. Calls can be made free on 0800 80 20 20

**Harvest giving**

At our Harvest celebrations as well as the donations of goods, £55 was given to Bexley Women’s Aid and £163 to the Poverty and Hope Appeal. Thank you to all who were able to support this.

**Memorial service**

The annual Memorial Service will be held on 17th November at 3.30pm. You are invited to come and remember your loved ones and light a candle and to join us for refreshments afterwards in the church hall.

**Intercessions Master Class**

If you feel called to pray for the world and perhaps even lead intercessions in church, there will be an ‘Intercessions Master Class’ at St Barnabas Church on Saturday 2nd November from 9.30 am. -11.00am.Please let Clive know if you would like to explore this further.

**Centering Prayer**

There will be a morning on ‘Centering Prayer’ held at West Malling Abbey on Wednesday 6th November. This is a time to learn to quieten and prepare yourself for listening to God. Speak to Chris Wood if you are interested in going.

**Jobs vacant page** Churchwarden, gardeners, first aider,crucifer, candle filler

**Pastoral visits and Home Communion**

Please let the Vicar or Christine Wood (LLM) know if you or someone you know would like a pastoral visit or would welcome a visit to receive Holy Communion.

From **December** there will be a new pattern of Wednesday Holy Communion services; they will all be at **10.00 am**

1st Wednesday in the month at St John’s.

2nd Wednesday in the month at St. Mary’s.

3rd Wednesday in the month at St. John’s.

4th Wednesday in the month at St. Mary’s.

5th Wednesday in the month at St.James’.