

**St Mary's in Great Chart & Singleton  
with St Francis South Ashford  
in the Parish of Ashford  
Town Team Ministry**  
[www.stmarysgreatchart.org](http://www.stmarysgreatchart.org)



**Notice Sheet Sundays 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

'Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.'

Proverbs 3:27 NIV

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent*

**9:30am** Holy Communion  
at St Mary's Great Chart\*

**11am** Family Service with Groups  
at St Mary's in Singleton

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent*

**9:30am** Morning Prayer  
at St Mary's Great Chart\*

**11am** Family Service with Groups  
at St Mary's in Singleton

**6:15pm** 'The Tent' at St Francis

*\*Please note there are currently no toilets in St Mary's Great Chart,  
but please ask a sides person for more information*

**Leadership Teams: (all include Cathie)**

Great Chart		Singleton		Local Leadership Team	
Pam Davies	Chris Grove	Alan Munday	Sally Gatheren	Jane Appleton	Lin Briscall
Derek Goodwin	Ron Seggie	Greg Allen	Stuart Tanton	Derek Goodwin	Alan Munday
Lin Briscall	Tony Shaw	Nathan Wilson		Chris Grove	

**Pastoral Team Contact details**

If you have or are aware of a pastoral need please phone the Reverend Cathie Aldis-Saunders



@stmarysgcs



St Mary's Church in Great Chart & Singleton

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<http://www.ashfordchurches.co.uk/church-events-2018/>

&

<http://www.ashfordchurches.co.uk/local-events/>

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## What's on during March

### Regular Services & Events:

Monday & Thursday	8:30am-12noon	'Grapevine' Community Café at Singleton Village Hall
Tuesday	12noon	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Holy Communion at St Francis South Ashford
Wednesday	10am	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Holy Communion at St Mary's Great Chart
	10-11.30am	Little Squeakers at St Francis
	7pm – 8.30pm	'Ignite' at St Francis
Friday	7pm	Choir Practice at Tony & Anne's House

### Diary:

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9am	Nathan leading worship at John Wesley Primary School
	12noon	Holy Communion at St Francis
	7pm	Bell Ringing Practice at St Mary's Great Chart
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Little Squeakers at St Francis
	2pm	Service at Askes Court
	7pm	'Ignite' at St Francis
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am	Ashford Town Staff Meeting at St Francis
	2.30pm	Service at Meridian Court
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Holy Communion at St Mary's Great Chart
	10-11.30am	Little Squeakers at St Francis
	7pm	'Ignite' at St Francis
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Charity Yoga/Stretch Class, Cade Road Church-see <i>notice</i>
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Marriage Preparation Morning at John Wesley School
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's Great Chart
Lent 3	11am	Holy Communion with Groups at St Mary's in Singleton
	1.30pm	Baptism at St Mary's Great Chart
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9:30am	Holy Communion at St Mary's, Great Chart
Lent 4	11am	Whole Church Service, preceded by Coffee and Pastries at St Mary's in Singleton
Mothering Sunday		
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Morning Prayer at St Mary's Great Chart
Lent 5	11am	Family Service with Groups at St Mary's in Singleton
Passion Sunday		

### Please remember in your prayers:

Ben Donlan	Graham Jordan	Maria Peacock	Don Temple
Carol Howe	Ron Lee	Maureen Renyard	Sonia Thorpe
Abi Hutter	Jack Naughton	Peter Renyard	Mrs K Watson
Norman Jenkins	Anne Naughton	Doreen Salmon	Carole Wickham

PubTalk meets every month at The Singleton Barn. It's a great chance to meet people; enjoy a drink; and talk about issues around life and faith. It's also a great place to bring a friend who doesn't already attend Church.

Our next PubTalk is on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm**, do come and join us!



### St Francis Kitchen Extension and Refurbishment

The increasing use of the Hall at St Francis by Make Lunch, the Winter Night Shelter and other external bookings has caused us to examine whether it is really fit for purpose. To this end we have started fundraising for its extension and refurbishment. We have received a realistic quote of £30,000 to do this. So far we have received grants of £10k from ABC and £10k from the National Lottery, along with a couple of smaller amounts this means were doing fairly well but there is still about £8k to go. If you would like to contribute to this specific cost, or indeed have any fundraising ideas please talk to Nathan Wilson.

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*The Amazing Ignite at St Francis!*

Join us every **Weds evening** for hot drinks, food, laughter & games, thoughtful bits, fab fun & conversation.

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.  
St Francis Church, Cryol Rd, TN23 5AS

## The Tent



Come and join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 6.30pm for The Tent; a time of informal worship, with a chance to go deeper in God's word, and pray for one another.

We start with refreshments from 6.15pm

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March at St Francis Church**

### Little Squeakers

#### Baby & Toddler Group

Continues at St Francis Church on **Wednesdays 10am until 11:30am.**

It is very popular, and help is needed to run the group. If you can help set up, clear away, wash up, or assist in any other way, (regularly, or just now and again). Please speak to Hannah Morris, or Rose Heder, or just turn up!

### Wanted...

Wool, for a special project to run alongside the Flower Festival next April/May. Please bring to church for collection

## Otoño Quartet & Quintet

*in concert*

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020

St Mary's Great Chart

Tickets £8, under 16's free (includes drinks & nibbles)

Tickets from Eavanne at:

07712 660689 [eavanne@msn.com](mailto:eavanne@msn.com)

## Fundraising for Renew South Africa

### Charity Yoga/Stretch Class

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 6pm-7pm

Church Hall, Cade Road

Class led by AK YOGA

Tickets £6 from

[ashfordrenewfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:ashfordrenewfundraising@gmail.com)

### Ashford Invicta Singers Concert

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 7:30pm

St Mary's Willesborough

Tickets £10 including refreshments

On the door or at,

[ashfordrenewfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:ashfordrenewfundraising@gmail.com)

or from Ellie on 01233 636564

## Children's Society

Anne Shaw is collecting the boxes in from the Children's Society. If you have a box, please can you return it to church as soon as possible. Please don't worry if it's not full, as it all helps with the work that the Children's Society are doing. If you'd like Anne or Tony to call to pick up your box, please phone them on 01233 634355. There are also spare boxes for anyone who'd like to donate in this way.

*Many thanks*

## St Mary's Great Chart Toilet Update

The Development Group have received a realistic estimate of £14,000 for the installation of a temporary toilet facility in the Tower Room and for the Choir robing area to be relocated to the South East corner adjacent to the organ. We are now in a position to apply for a Faculty and funding, unfortunately this is all taking much longer than anticipated so we ask for your patience through this process.

## Items for notice sheet:

Kathryn Salmon

[noticesheet@stmarysgreatchart.org](mailto:noticesheet@stmarysgreatchart.org)

### Prayer Tree, Boards & Boxes

At Great Chart, Singleton & St Francis and in the Grapevine Café for prayer requests.

The boxes are prayed over in the Sunday services, but prayer requests are not read out individually.

*There continue to be prayer request slips at Singleton for specific matters for one week in the intercessions.*

### Team Rector Vacancy

As John Mackenzie moved on from his post of Team Rector in December 2019 we now seek someone to lead the Parish forward and discern a vision for the whole Parish.

A group has been put together to work on the materials needed for an advert for this post and any comments or ideas can be fed to either of our Church Wardens- Derek Goodwin and Jerry Fox.

As we enter this time we pray:

God our Father,

We thank You for the Parish of Ashford Town and for the diversity and richness of our expressions of worship, mission and church life.

In this time of interregnum, we pray for ourselves, that we would unite in supporting and building each other up so that we might discern new ways of being Parish together. In this time of interregnum we pray for the appointment of a new Team Rector. Give wisdom and discernment to those entrusted with the task of appointment. We ask You to prepare our new Team Rector to be ready to serve us with joy and wisdom; to build us up in faith; and to lead us by example in loving obedience to Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen

### Important date for your diary

Flower & Church Mice Festival

*St Mary's Great Chart*

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> July**

To be opened by Bishop Rose on 4<sup>th</sup> July

### Lent 2020

In our services in Lent we will be looking at the book 'Saying Yes to Life' it has been written by Ruth Valerio and commended by Archbishop Justin.

The seven chapters, each focussed on a day of creation, will be the focus for our preaching throughout this season at Singleton.

The book is available to buy from all good book shops and online retailers.

### Ashford Churches Hall Hire

To hire any of the following halls;  
Ashford Parish Room Town Centre,  
Christ Church Community Hall, St Francis Hall,  
St Mary's Community Centre Kennington (Main or small hall), St Mary's Church Hall Kennington

☎ 01233 664820

✉ [hallhire@ashfordchurches.co.uk](mailto:hallhire@ashfordchurches.co.uk)

To give financially to the church

**By cheque** to Ashford Town PCC

**Bank transfer** Barclays Sort Code:20-02-62

**Account number:** 30686611

**Account name:** Ashford Town PCC

*Please note that our old bank account has been closed so any money transferred to it will be lost. Please ensure you use the bank details shown above.*

**Registered Charity No: 1171191**

**Libby Varley**, Administrator for Great Chart, Singleton and St Francis, is based at Kingsnorth Church and is available on a Tuesday and a Thursday  
The **church office** number is **01233 620371**

### Contact us:

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*Vacant*

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