

Welcome to St. Mary's

the Parish Church of Shortlands

Sunday 13 July 2025



The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Services today

10.30am **Holy Communion**
 Celebrant - Rev Dave Edmondson
 Preaching – Catherine Bingham
 Reading – Penny Horsman
 Intercessions – Cathy Myers

This week

Tue 15 July 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter
 Wed 16 July **10.00am - Morning Prayer in the Chapel**
 10.30am - 12.30pm - Community Café
 Thur 17 July **10am – 3pm Toddlers' Party**

Families welcome – bring a picnic!

7.00pm - Junior choir practice

7.30pm - Adult choir practice

Sun 20 July

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am – Holy Communion

Friends of St Mary's AGM. Tea/Coffee served from 5.30pm in the hall, followed by the AGM at 6pm

6.30pm Choral Evensong - *Followed by refreshments with the Friends of St Mary's*

Junior Church

To which children of all ages are very welcome, will take place in the hall during the morning services.

Next dates:

July: 13th, 20th

July 13th

Tea Time Together - For families with children up to Yr 5 from 4.00pm

Youth Club – For Years 6 -13 from 6.00pm

The Church is open for

Weekday Morning Prayer - Mon, Tue and Thursday - 9am – 9.15 am

Private prayer – Mon - Sat - 9am to 12 noon (in the chapel on Thursday)

Take time meditation sessions

10.15am-11am in the chapel

13th Sept, 11th Oct, 8th Nov &

13th Dec

The Fairtrade Stall

July - Sun 13th

August – Sun 24th

Sept – Sun 14th, Wed 24th

October – Sun 5th, Wed 22nd

Readings

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First reading: Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.
³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.
⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Gospel reading: Luke 10.25-37

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns

628	Ye that know the Lord is gracious
467	How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
475	Immortal love, for ever full
Comm: 37	The Lord will come
Anthem:	A new commandment - Shephard
182	Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost

Our Mission of the Month for July is The Mission to Seafarers

There is a display at the back of the church. Each Mission for the Month receives equal donations from the church & donations from individuals.

Donations for Bromley Foodbank can be left in the church porch.

- Items most needed are:
- Tinned tomatoes ● Sugar
 - Tinned cold meats
 - Washing up liquid ● Bleach

Please use this QR code to make a donation to St Mary's. Thank you.



Please remember in your prayers this week...

The Church...

Dartford Deanery. The parishes of South Gillingham, Victory, Chalk and Gravesend.

The Community...

For Sunday worship at St. Mary's. For the discernment of vocation in our church family.

The World ...

For peace in Iran, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine and other troubled areas of the world.

The Sick ...

For those who are recently unwell including Graham Smedley.

We continue to pray for Bob Norfolk-Thompson, Rebecca Gowing, Sally Aldred, Angela Ash, and for those who seek our support by bringing these prayers to our church.

The Departed ...

For those who have recently died, including Fred Page, and those who mourn their loss. We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week: Peter Blyth, Margaret Nelms, Paul Baker, Joan Standley, Ruth Jones, Stuart Anderson and Ivy Burton.

NOTICES

- **Monday Brownies meet 6.00pm - 7.30pm** - term time. Adults required to keep the unit going and at least one to commit to doing Girlguiding's leadership training. Contact Nicola via bromleycentral.district@gmail.com
- **Plant Sale:** We are pleased to inform everyone that the sale raised £1,489. Thank you to all who helped.
- **Calamity Jane** – Tues 16th Sept at 7.30 pm at The Churchill Theatre The Friends have reserved 20 seats, our group price is £36.20. Sign up sheet at the back of the church or contact Ann (ann.dalton53@btinternet.com)
- **Save the date: Sunday 16th November** after the 10.30 service. Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of St Mary's being reconsecrated, we will raise a glass and have some cake after the service.

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