

# Welcome to St. Mary's

## the Parish Church of Shortlands

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025



#### Services today

10.30am **Holy Communion**  
Celebrant and preacher – Rev. Dave Edmondson  
Reading - Adrian Bingham  
Intercessions – Kay Coleman  
*The Fairtrade Stall*

#### This week

Tue 16 Sept 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter  
Wed 17 Sept **10.00am – Morning Prayer in the Chapel**  
10.30am - 12.30pm - Community Café  
Thur 18 Sept 9.30am & 12.30pm - Baby and Toddler sessions  
**Sun 21 Sept The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
**10.30am - Holy Communion**  
**6.30pm – Choral Evensong**

#### Our Mission of the Month for September is Friends of Griffins

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

#### Junior Church

Takes place in the hall during the morning service. All children of all ages are very welcome.

September: 14th, 21st, 28th  
October: 12th, 19th

#### 14 Sept, 12 Oct, 9 Nov

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

**Youth Club** – For Years 6 -13 from 6.00pm

#### Intercessions Morning Sat 27th September at 10am-11.30am

. If you are part of the intercessions rota or are interested in becoming part of the team please do come along. Please contact Rev. Dave.

#### Youth Alpha – Starting 28th September!

Would you like to explore the big questions of life, Christian faith, and purpose? Course is designed especially for those in secondary school. It's a space to bring your thoughts, doubts, and questions and to share good conversations with others. It will be running once a month and there will be food! For more info contact Rev. Dave

## Readings

### Collect

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### First reading: 1 Peter 4:8-11

<sup>8</sup>Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup>Be hospitable to one another without complaining. <sup>10</sup>Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. <sup>11</sup>Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

### Gospel reading: Matthew 25:14-30

<sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would

have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever.

### **Hymns**

494	King of glory, king of peace
589	The king of love my shepherd is
101	All ye who seek
Comm:391	Blest are the pure in heart
Anthem	The Lord is my shepherd – Goodall
455	Guide me O thou great redeemer

***Please remember in your prayers this week...***

#### **The Community...**

For the many youth organisations, and our engagement with young people in the community.

#### **The World ...**

For family life, those facing stress, unemployment and retirement. For single parents and the bereaved.

#### **The Sick ...**

For those who are recently unwell, including Margaret Lord, Leonie Rhodes and Annette German. We continue to pray for Sally Aldred, Bob Norfolk-Thompson, Graham Smedley, Angela Ash, and for those who seek our support by bringing these prayers to our church.

#### **The Departed ...**

We pray for everyone grieving the loss of loved ones, especially the family and friends of Ann Parks. We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week: Joanna Fraser-Black, Cyril Clarke, Dennis Dowling, Anne Warmsley, Blanche Penfold and Peter Stotesbury.

#### **Taketime meditation sessions**

10.15am -11am in the chapel  
11th Oct, 8th Nov & 13th Dec

All welcome!

#### **The Friends of St Mary's**

RACE NIGHT Sat 11th October  
7 for 7.30pm in St Marys Church Hall  
Tickets £12.50 p/p - .after services,  
Community Café or the Church Office

## NOTICES

- The funeral of Ann Parks will take place at St Marys Church, Shortlands, on Monday Sept 22nd at 12.30pm. All are welcome at a reception at the Bromley Court Hotel, Bromley Hill, BR1 4JD at 2pm to further celebrate Ann's life. For catering purposes, please write your name on the list at the back of church if attending the reception.
- **Interested in confirmation?** There will be deanery confirmations on 16th November. For further details please contact Rev. Dave.
- **Holy Communion for Children** - We'd love to know if any baptised children are interested in joining a course to prepare for Holy Communion. For more information, please speak to Rev. Dave.
- **Decorating the church** Sat 4th October from 9.30 onwards All are welcome, please put your name on the sign up sheet in the porch
- **To Celebrate Fair Trade Fortnight starting on Mon 22nd Sept** we are holding a Big Brew at the café on Wed 24th Sept and an extra Fair Trade stall on Sun 28th Sept. Raffle tickets will be on sale with a chance to win a delicious fair trade hamper, and other prizes.
- **Rev. Ray Shergill** a curate in our Deanery is joining us for four weeks from Wednesday 17th September. Please say hello if you see him and give him the normal warm St Mary's welcome.
- **Asbestos removal work – Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> – Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025**  
Recently at a routine Asbestos survey of our premises some Asbestos was found in the boiler room, which requires removal & a deep clean. There will be use of one toilet in Church House, but only access via the Church. There will be many safety measures inside and outside Church house. The Church will still be open.

**Donations for Bromley Foodbank can be left in the church porch.** Items most needed are:

- Tinned tomatoes • Sugar
- Washing up liquid • Bleach
- Tinned cold meats

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

**Thank you.**



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