

Welcome to St. Mary's

the Parish Church of Shortlands

Sunday 16 March 2025

The Second Sunday of Lent



10.30am Holy Communion *with Music Group*

Celebrant and preacher - Jane Peters

Reader – Adrian Bingham

Intercessions – Kay Coleman

4.00pm Choral Evensong

Leading – Ann - Marie Jefferys

This week

18 Tues 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter

19 Weds 10.00am - Holy Communion in the Chapel

10.30am - 12.30pm - Community Café

20 Thurs 9.30am & 12.30pm - Baby and Toddler sessions

7.00pm - Junior choir practice

7.30pm - Adult choir practice

Sun, 23 Mar The Third Sunday of Lent

10.30am - Holy Communion

Celebrant and preacher - Reverend George Baisley

30th March - Mothering Sunday

9.00am Holy Communion (said) & at 10.30am Family & Parade Service

Cake Sale after 10.30 service in the church hall at 11.30am

for refreshments, home-made cakes, tuck shop, raffle, sale of badges and Fairtrade and Craft & Chatter stalls. Zoe Elliot, Young Leader with Rainbows and Friday Guides, is representing Girlguiding on a service trip to Kenya this summer, please come along & support her fundraising.

Junior Church

To which children of all ages are very welcome, will take place in the hall during the morning services on March: 23rd

June 8th, 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 private prayer
Mon – Fri - 9am to 12 noon (in the chapel on Thursday)

The Fairtrade Stall

March: Wednesday 26th

Sunday 30th with the Guides

Readings

Collect

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First reading: Philippians 3.17 – 4.1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Gospel reading: Luke 13. 31- end

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns (Songs of Praise)

17 Be thou my vision
59 How deep the Father's love for us
96 Meekness and majesty
126 There is a Redeemer

Communion:

64 I will offer up my life
148 You laid aside your majesty

Please remember in your prayers this week...

The Church....

The parishes of Kemsing, Kingsdown, Otford, Platt, Shipbourne with Plaxtol and Shoreham.

The Community...

For our neighbouring parishes and Churches of other denominations, their priests and ministers. For the work of Churches Together in Beckenham.

The World ...

For peace in the Holy Land, Syria and other troubled areas of the world. Pray for those affected by and for all suffering from the effects of climate change and natural disasters.

For Ukraine, for an end to violence and for the well-being of the population.

The Sick ...

For those who are recently unwell Rebecca Gowing, Elizabeth Barnes, Barbara Page, Helen Crowe and Bob Norfolk-Thompson from our Morning Prayer and cafe group. We continue to pray for the health and wellbeing of Sally Aldred and Angela Ash, and for those who seek our support by bringing these prayers to our church.

The Departed ...

For those who have recently died, and those who mourn their loss. We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week: Meg Shepherd, Kit Moore, Agnes Stephen, Betty Lampard, John Westropp and Jess Pell.

Lent

There are free Lenten booklets at the back of the church containing a scripture, something to ponder, and a prayer taken from each of the Rhythm of Life sessions being used in the study groups.

Lenten Meal sign-up sheets are on the notice board. There is a sign-up sheet for the congregational Lent Soup Supper on the Lent board.

Please sign up by 6 April

We will be making the daffodil posies for Mothering Sunday on Saturday 29th of March. Everyone is welcome to come and join us at the back of church at 9:30 to help the guide prepare the poses. There is a signup sheet in the porch, For more information please contact Cecilia on (07511) 885941

NOTICES

APCM Sunday 11th May 2025 after the 10.30am service

Find papers for the meeting at the back of the church and our website at least a week before the meeting.

www.stmarysshortlands.org.uk/news/annual-parochial-church-meeting/

Preparation for New Electoral Roll 2025

Every sixth year, a new church electoral roll has to be prepared in each parish, this means that everyone - new and existing members – **MUST** complete a new form to join our Electoral Roll. **Closing date for receipt of Electoral Roll Forms is 25th April 2025.**

- Paper forms are at the back of the church – send completed forms to secretary@stmarysshortlands.church or drop into the Church House letterbox or post it to the below address to (St Mary's, Church, Shortlands, Church House, 39 Kingswood Road, Bromley, BR2 0HG), **OR**
- Visit our website and complete the online form, **OR**
- Scan the QR Code and complete the online form on your mobile device.



Our Mission of the Month for March is St Christopher's Hospice

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 • Sweets
- Cooking sauces
- Desserts • Squash

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

