

Welcome to St. Mary's, the Parish Church of Shortlands

St. Mary's, Shortlands endeavours to bring
the love of God into the everyday lives
of the people of Shortlands.

We have a hearing loop system in the Church: members of the
congregation with hearing aids should switch to 'T' for better reception



20 September Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Services Today

8.00am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) - live streamed only
10.30am	Family Communion - Reverend Gary Best Address: Reverend Gary Best The New Testament reading will be: Philippians 1:21-end read by Jan Boam The Anthem will be: Locus Iste by Bruckner Intercessions: Graham Leech

Services and Events this week

Mon 21 Sep	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only
Tue 22 Sep	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only
Wed 23 Sep	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only
Thu 24 Sep	9.00am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer - live streamed only Choir Practice
Fri 25 Sep	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only
Sat 26 Sep	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 27 Sep	8.00am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) - live streamed only
	10.30am	Family Communion - Reverend Gary Best <i>Welcome and Licencing of our new Curate, Beverley Ejimofo</i>

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

New Testament Reading

Philippians 1.21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of your destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20.1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Please remember in your prayers this week...

The World ...

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your
love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Community ...

For our neighbouring parishes and Churches of
other denominations, their priests and ministers.

For the work of Churches Together in
Beckenham.

For Catherine Bingham, Sally Aldred, Ann-Marie
Jefferys and David Jefferys, our Licensed Lay
Ministers; Peter Stotesbury and Stuart
Buchanan our Readers. Sue Harrison, Marion
Westropp and Debbie Speller our Pastoral
Assistants.

For The Friends of St. Mary's and the 2WWs
Group.

For peace in the Holy Land, Syria and other
troubled areas of the world.

For Welcare in Bromley

For the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. The
Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

For Bromley Churches' Housing Association, and
for all homeless people and asylum seekers.

The Sick ...

For all who are unwell, including Melanie
Jones; Revd Hugh Broadbent; Joan Austen; Paul
Corben; Roger Bullen; Ann Dalton; Eric Wills;
Ann Gramlich; Barbara Skinner; Margaret
Sinclair.

For all those whose names appear on the Prayer
Tree, and for those who bring their prayers to our
Church.

The Departed ...

For those who have recently died and all who
mourn: Jane Green.

We also remember those whose anniversaries we
keep this week at this time: Blanche Penfold; Alec
Mezzetti; Bill Pell; Taylor Dodds; Daphne Levett .



Funeral Service of Jane Green 23rd September, 1.45pm.

Due to current restrictions, the funeral of Jane
Green will be attended by family only. However,
Jane's family have very kindly provided the
following details for people to access the online
streaming of the funeral service.

To gain access to the online service:

Website: <https://www.obitus.com/>

Username: Huta3683

Password: 596151

APCM

A date can now be confirmed for the 2019 APCM, as **Sunday 4th October**,
taking place at 11.45am.

The meeting will take place in the main church building and will be an open
meeting for people to attend in church, following the established social distancing
and hygiene guidelines, as well as accessing the meeting via Zoom.

If you wish to attend via Zoom, please inform Nicola in the parish office, so that
the Zoom link can be sent to you nearer to the date.

All paperwork relating to the APCM will be available online, through the
St. Mary's website.

Parish Office e-mail: office@stmaryshortlands.church

Website: www.stmarysshortlands.org.uk

If you have any questions relating to the APCM, please contact the parish office.

NOTICES

- ◆ **Harvest Festival** this year will be held on Sunday 11 October. Donations presented shall all be passed on to Bromley Foodbank for distribution and can be donated in the usual way. You also have a choice, if you prefer, to donate supermarket gift vouchers which will also be sent to Bromley Foodbank.
- ◆ **Traidcraft** - there will be no more sales in church for the foreseeable future. If you would like to place an order directly with Cecelia Willatt please look through a catalogue in the south porch and call 020 8313 0246



Thank you to all of our donors for your amazing support, especially in this current situation



The following are currently in short supply:

SHAMPOO (very urgent), COLD MEAT, SMALL BOTTLES OF SQUASH, PACKETS OF MASHED POTATOES, INSTANT WHIP, COLD MEAT, CUSTARD, COFFEE, JAM, WASHING DETERGENT, SHAVING GEL, CHILDRENS TOOTHPASTE & TOOTHBRUSHES, ADULT TOOTHBRUSHES

A reminder that we cannot receive fresh goods only long life food.

For information please contact Vici Nightingale.

Our Mission of the Month for September is:

Deaf Aid

There is a display at the back of the Church. Five per cent of our giving will support the work of this mission, and additional gifts may be given through the plate by the display.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CURATE



We welcome our new Curate, **Beverley Ejimofe**, on **Sunday 27th September**, at the **10.30am service**.

Please join us as we welcome Beverley to the church family here at St. Mary's, where Beverley will serve as a Curate for 3-4 years.



Stay in touch!

To keep up with the latest news from St Mary's, you can 'like' our page on Facebook or follow us on Twitter - search for '**St Mary's Shortlands**'.



If you're not sure how to do it, ask in the office and they'll put you in touch with someone who can give you an introduction to 'social media'.



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