

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



**Sunday 19 January 2025**

## The Second Sunday of Epiphany

**10.30am Holy Communion**

Celebrant - The Reverend Jane Peters

Address - David Jefferys

Reader – Gill Dawson

Intercessor - Craig Myers

Healing prayers today at the back of church

**4.00pm Choral Evensong** - led by Catherine Bingham

### This week

21 Tues 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter

22 Weds 10.00am - Holy Communion in the Chapel

10.30am - 12.30pm - Community Café

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

7.00pm - Junior choir practice

7.30pm - Adult choir practice

**Sun, 26 Jan The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

**10.30am - Holy Communion**

Celebrant and preacher - The Reverend Jane Peters

### Wednesday Services at 10.00am in the Chapel

Holy Communion dates are 22nd Jan, 19th Feb, 19th Mar, 16th April

We have Morning Prayer on the other Wednesdays.

#### Junior Church

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

January: 19th, 26th

February: 2nd, 9th, 16th

March: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

#### Tea Time Together

For families with children up to Year 5 from 4.00pm

**Feb 9th, March 9th, May 11th**

also on these dates

#### Youth Club

from 6.00pm for Years 6 -13

**The Church is open for private prayer**

**Mon – Fri - 9am to 12 noon (in the chapel on Thursday)**

## Readings for 19 January 2025

### Collect

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory;  
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.

### First reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

### Gospel reading: John 2. 1- 11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Hymns**

165	Christ is the King
497	Let all the world
305	I come with joy
Comm: 295	Deck myself
Anthem:	O taste and see - Vaughn Williams
585	The Church's one foundation

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

#### **The Church....**

Gillingham Deanery  
The parishes of Chatham, Luton, Princes Park and Rochester.

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

For residents and staff of Durham House, Blenheim Court, Franklin House and Merlin Court.  
For local hospitals and St. Christopher's Hospice, Sloane Hospital, Medical and Social Services in the Borough.

#### **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.

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

For those who are recently unwell or recovering from operations, including Estelle Cox. We continue to pray for the health and wellbeing of Sally Aldred, Angela Ash and Josie Smith. We pray for those whose names appear on our prayer tree, and for those who seek our support by bringing these prayers to our church.

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

For those who have recently died, including Lillian (Jessie) Edmonds, Mary Sutherland and Joan Slaney, and those who mourn their loss.  
We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week: William Penfold, Kenneth Lowe, Winifred Dalton, Michael Ring, Janice Swatton, John Tout and Patricia Grey.

## NOTICES

- **Decorating the church with flowers for Easter And VE Day:** There will be a meeting on the 20th of January at 10 am in the Friends room, for anyone who would like to be involved with decorating the church.
- **Come Holy Spirit** will be on Sunday, 2nd Feb, with the theme Waiting for the Light.
- **Fairtrade Product recall:** please look on the noticeboard at the back of church for updates on this.
- There is a box at the back of church in which you can put any red service books or hymn books which are in need of repair; please put into this any books in need of attention, and they will be mended. Thank you.
- **Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF)** at St. Mary's for BRF Bible reading notes. These are published three times a year, in January, May and September. The cost is around £15 for three publications, and the next order will go in early February for May 2024. If you are interested, please contact Val Mills on 0783 329 1885.
- **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 18th – 25th January 2025**  
For more information see fliers on the notice boards at the back of the church or visit [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - CTBI](#)

### The Fairtrade Stall

**Jan:** Wed 29th

**Feb:** Sun 9<sup>th</sup>, Wed 26th

**Mar:** Sun 9<sup>th</sup>, Wed 6th and  
Sun 30th with the guides



### Taketime meditation sessions

Second Saturday of each month,  
10.15am-11am in the chapel  
8th Feb, 8th Mar, 12th April, 10th  
May, 14th June, 12th July  
. All welcome!

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

Items most needed are:

- Cereals • Cooking sauces
- Squash • Sugar
- Multi-surface wipes/sprays

### Our Mission of the Month for January is The Leprosy Mission

There is a display at the back of the Church. Each Mission for the month receives equal donations from the church plus donations from individuals.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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