



Welcome to

St. Mary's Shortlands

Fourth Sunday before Advent

Sunday 2nd November 2025

Today

10.30am **Holy Communion**

Celebrant - Rev. Dave Edmondson

Preaching – Cathy Myers

Reading – Penny Horsman

Intercessions – Glo Sherman

5.00pm Nachos and Natter in the Chapel

6.30pm **Music Group.** *Theme will be "Joy in times of.....".*

This week

Tue 4 Nov 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter

Wed 5 Nov **10.00am - Holy Communion in the Chapel**

10.30am - 12.30pm - Community Café

Thur 6 Nov 9.30am & 12.30pm - Baby and Toddler sessions

7.00pm - Junior choir practice

7.30pm - Adult choir practice

Sun 9 Nov

Remembrance Sunday

10.00am - Holy Communion

10.45am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

Celebrant and preacher - Rev. Dave Edmondson

9 November

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

Youth Club – For Years 6 -13 from 6.00pm

Junior Church

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

Nov: 16th, 23rd, 30th

Dec: 7th, 14th, 21st

We are celebrating 70 years of St Mary's on Sunday 16th Nov at the 10.30 service. We will be thanking God for all he has done and also raising a glass and sharing some cake after the service. All are welcome.

8am service: We are discerning if there is a need for restarting regular 8am said Holy Communion service on Sunday's. If you or someone you know would like to come to this service please take a letter at the back or a form on the noticeboard and return in before the 23rd November

Readings

Collect

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; 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: Psalm 32: 1 - 8

1 Happy the one whose transgression is forgiven, • and whose sin is covered. 2 Happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, • and in whose spirit there is no guile. 3 For I held my tongue; • my bones wasted away through my groaning all the day long. 4 Your hand was heavy upon me day and night; • my moisture was dried up like the drought in summer. 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you • and my iniquity I did not hide. 6 I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' • and you forgave the guilt of my sin. 7 Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you in time of trouble; • in the great water flood, it shall not reach them. 8 You are a place for me to hide in; you preserve me from trouble; • you surround me with songs of deliverance.

Gospel reading: Luke 19.1-10

1He entered Jericho and was passing through it. 2A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. 3He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. 4So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. 5When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' 6So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. 7All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' 8Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' 9Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. 10For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns

368	All my hope on God if founded
612	We have a Gospel to Proclaim
308	Just as I am
Comm 532	O for a closer walk with God
Anthem	Lord for thy tender mercies sake – Farrant
601	Thou didn't leave thy throne

Please remember in your prayers this week...

The Community...

For the daily reading of God's word. All Bible Societies, Homegroups and their Leaders.

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, including Kathleen Duncan, Bob Friday, Eileen Abbam and Jonathan Collins. We continue to pray for Matthew Swatton 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. We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week: Dick Penfold, Ann Gimson, Charles Martin, Ruth Fox, Chris Gardner and Edna Kentish.

Our Mission of the Month (MOM) for November is

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI)

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

Welcare in Bromley Annual Thanksgiving Service 14th Nov 2025, At 11.30am in Bromley Parish Church, St Peter & St Paul Church, Church Road, off Market Square, Bromley, BR2 0EG. For further information, contact info@welcare.org or speak to Sue Slaney

Sides people christmas

We are very lucky to welcome so many people to Church over Christmas. Would you like to be part of the sides people team at over Christmas and help the fantastic team of sides people. If so please speak to Rev. Dave or Glo Sherman - glowarden@stmaryshortlands.church

NOTICES

- **The Salvation Army in Penge** are appealing for unwrapped new or very good quality second hand toys. Ages required, 0-16yrs and particularly for boys aged 10-14yrs. Please leave toys in the labelled collection box at the back of the church from 3rd Nov - 28th Nov.
- **Confirmation:** Laura Van Tankeren and Freya Myers (from St Mary's) are being confirmed on Sunday 16th November at St Pauls Beckenham at 4pm. You are all invited to support them at this service and please do pray for them in the coming weeks.
- **Christmas Cards:** Would you like to order some Christmas Cards designed by the winners of our Christmas Card design contest? They will be professionally printed! They are selling them £5 for a pack of 5. Please could you return the slip on the notice board via the office or via email vicar@stmaryshortlands.church by the 16th November 2025. If you could please select your designs in multiples of 5. The Cards will come A6 size complete with envelope.
- **Advent courses:** Amid the busyness of Advent, take time to pause and reflect on God's love. Join us this year as we explore the four great songs of Christmas from the Bible: the Benedictus, Magnificat, Gloria, and Nunc Dimittis. The four-week course meets in the chapel on Tuesday 25th November (8–9.30pm) and Wednesday 26th November (11.30am–12.30pm), and online via Zoom from Monday 24th November (7.30pm). Sign up in church for in-person sessions, or for zoom email Ann-Marie at annmarie.jefferys@btinternet.com
- **BIG advent clean up 29 Nov 10am-2pm in the church:** Free soup lunch (with perhaps a cake or two.). Bring your favourite dusting cloth. The church will already be beautifully decorated; we'll add the clean.

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



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

Items most needed are: Tinned cold meats & desserts/pudding, coffee, jam, cooking sauces, bleach, tin openers, sweets/chocolate, carrier bags

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