

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



Sunday 24th March 2024 Palm Sunday

Services today

- 10.30am Parish Communion – Rev Jane Kustner
Passion Reading: Isaiah 50. 4-9a - Robin Hogg
Gospel: Mark 11.1-11 and Mark 15.1-39
- 6.30pm The Crucifixion (Stainer) - Sung by St Mary's choir

This week

- 9.00am Morning Prayer: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs, Sat & Sunday
- Tue 26 Mar 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter
- Wed 27 Mar 10.00am - Holy Communion in the Chapel
10.30am - 12.30pm - Community Café
- Thur 28 Mar 9.30am & 12.30pm - Baby and Toddler sessions
7.00pm - Junior choir practice
7.30pm - Adult choir practice



Easter and Holy Week

- Mon, Tue & Thurs – 11.00am - Stations of the Cross (Chapel)
- Thur 28 March - 8.00pm - Maundy Thursday
- Fri 29 March - 2.00-3.00pm - Hour at the Cross
- Sun 31 March - 7.00am - Easter Vigil and New Fire
10.30am - Family Communion

Holy Saturday Come & Decorate the Church for Easter

All are welcome to join us on
Saturday 30 March in the morning
from 10 o'clock to decorate the
church for Easter.

Easter Flowers

If you would like a departed loved
one's name placed on the altar at
Easter, Donations towards the
Easter flowers, can be made via
the office or Cecilia - 07511885941

Readings for 24th March 2024

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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.

Gospel reading: Mark 11.1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." ' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Passion Reading: Isaiah 50. 4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Gospel reading: Mark 15.1-39 (See insert)

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

Hymns

128	All glory, laud and honour
125	We sing the praise of him who died
112	My song is love unknown
Comm: 432	From heaven you came
Anthem:	Ave Verum - Mozart
398	Christ triumphant, ever reigning

Please remember in your prayers this week...

In our Diocese: The parishes of Beckenham. Penge, Shortlands and Bickley.

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. Give thanks for the many and varied gifts amongst God's people. Pray for those training for ministry, Lay and Ordained.

The Sick ...

For all who are unwell, including Mary Thomson Janet Whitlock, Julie Fox, Elizabeth Barnes, Rebecca Gowing, Angela Ash, Sally Aldred, Sheila Dowling, Toby and Emily.

Also, all those who bring their prayers to our Church.

The Departed ...

For those who have recently died and for all who mourn.

We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week: Andrew Degg and Pamela Clark.

NOTICES

- **Craft and Chatter's Easter raffle** to be drawn today. Many thanks for all the support, the total sum raised from raffle tickets and sales of Easter goodies came to £340.50.
- **31 March - Farewell Party for Rev Jane Kustner post service** - we are planning to have some light nibbles and drinks following Jane's last service on Easter Sunday morning. Please sign up for suggested food items on the list which is at the back of church. Food can be brought before the Easter service to the back of church from 9.30am. Everyone is invited to stay for a cup of tea/coffee or glass of Prosecco/fruit punch and a few nibbles. Any queries speak to Sue Slaney.
- **Save the date:** Friends Wine Tasting Saturday 20th April 7pm for 7.30pm start, St Marys Church Hall. Tickets from the Church/Church Office, and the Community Café, £12 per person.

12 May, 9 June

Tea Time Together for children aged 2 – 6 and their families from 4.00pm
Youth Club - years 6 -13 from 6.00 pm

Junior Church

April - 21st, 28th
 May - 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
 Please join us.

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

Items currently most needed are:

- Cooking sauces • Washing up liquid
- Tinned vegetables • UHT milk
- Sponges/pudding/jelly/angel delight

**Our Mission of the Month for
 March is Welcare**

There is a display at the back of the Church. Five per cent of our giving will support this charity and additional gifts may be left on the plate.

The Fairtrade Stall

April: Sun 14th

May: Sun 12th & Wed 29th

June: Sun 9th & Wed 26th



**If you would like to have
 flowers in church at
 any time, in memory
 of a loved-one, please
 contact Cecilia on
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