

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



Sunday 14 July 2024 The Seventh Sunday After Trinity Sea Sunday

Services today may be live streamed

10.30am Holy Communion
Celebrant – Rev Canon Owen Beament
with the Music Group
Reading: 2 Samuel 6. 1 - 5, 12b – 19 – Annette German
Gospel: Mark 6. 14 - 29
Intercessions – Glo Sherman

This week

Tue 16 July 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter
Wed 17 July 10.00am – Holy Communion in the Chapel –
Rev Neil Fairlamb
10.30am - 12.30pm - Community Café
Thu 18 July 10.00am – 2.30pm - Baby and Toddler Party
11.00am - Baby and Toddler Church Service
7.00pm - Junior choir practice
7.30pm - Adult choir practice
Sun 21 July 10.30am - Holy Communion
Celebrant – Rev Jane Peters; Preacher – Tim Aldred
1pm - Baptism of Harry Hay – Rev Jane Peters

Today is the first reading of the Banns of Marriage between

Rachel Elizabeth Dalley and Philip Malcolm Jones



Our Mission of the Month for July is Breathe Arts

There is a display at the back of the Church. Each MOM receives equal donations from the church plus any specific donations by individuals.

Donations for Bromley Foodbank can be left in the church porch

Items currently most needed are:

- Tinned cold & meats ● Tea
- UHT Milk ● Handwash
- Multi-surface wipes/sprays

**The Church is open for private prayer
Monday to Saturday 9am to 12 noon (Thursday in the Chapel)**

Readings for 14 July 2024

Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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: 2 Samuel 6. 1 - 5, 12b - 19

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

It was told King David, 'The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.' So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt-offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt-offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Gospel reading: Mark 6. 14-29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Hymns

444	God is working his purpose out
233	Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
413	Eternal Father strong to save
Comm:305	I come with joy Oh the deep deep love of Jesus
470	I the Lord of sea and sky

Please remember in your prayers this week...

The Church....

Gravesend Deanery. The parishes of Cuxton, Frindsbury, Grain, High Halstow, Hoo St Werburgh and Strood.

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 all the brave men and women who often work in dangerous and lonely conditions at sea to make sure we have all that we need.

The Sick ...

For all who have recently become unwell including Heather Donovan, Alan Roberts and Alison Fraser-Black and continuing prayers for Sally Aldred and Angela Ash. 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: Peter Blyth, Margaret Nelms, Paul Baker, Joan Standley, Ruth Jones, Stuart Anderson, Ivy Burton and John Holt.

NOTICES

- **The Fairtrade Stall: Today** and then **August: Sun 11th & Wed 21st**
- **Wednesday Services at 10am in the Chapel** - Holy Communion dates are 17th July, 21st August, 18th September, 23rd October, 20th November & 18th December. Morning Prayer on the other Wednesdays.
- **Concert in aid of Welcare Bromley, 8pm Wed 17th July** – Concert is by the Newstead Singers at Christ Church URC, Willett Way, Petts Wood, BR5 1LH. Tickets are £8 - pay at the door. All are welcome!
- **20 & 21 July:** The Choir is singing the services at Rochester Cathedral.
- **TakeTime meditation group:** 10.15 – 11am in the chapel on 10th Aug, 14th Sept, 12th Oct, 9th Nov, 14th Dec and 11th Jan.

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