

Welcome to St. Mary's

the Parish Church of Shortlands



Sunday 17 November 2024

10.30am Holy Communion
Celebrant - Rev Jane Peters
Preaching - Catherine Bingham
Reading: Hebrew 10. 11- 25 - Pauline Lambourne
Gospel reading: Mark 13. 1 – 8
Intercessions: Craig Myers
Healing prayers today at the back of church

This week

19 Tue 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter
20 Wed 10.00am - Holy Communion in the Chapel
10.30am - 12.30pm - Community Café.
21 Thur 9.30am & 12.30pm - Baby and Toddler sessions
7.00pm - Junior choir practice
7.30pm - Adult choir practice

Sun 24 Nov Christ the King
10.30am - Holy Communion
Celebrant and preacher - Rev Alison Tyler

Wednesday Services at 10am in the Chapel

Holy Communion dates are 20th Nov, 18th Dec, 22nd Jan, 19th Feb, 5th Mar
We have Morning Prayer on the other Wednesdays.

Sunday 1 December - 6.30pm - Advent Carol Service

Sunday 15 December - 4.00pm - Christingle

Sunday 22nd December - 6.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols

Junior Church

Nov: 17th, 24th

Dec: 1st, 8th, 15th

January: 12th, 19th, 26th

Jan 12th, Feb 9th

Tea Time Together for families with children up to year 5 from 4.00pm.
Youth Club - years 6 -13 from 6.00 pm

Please join one of the work parties scheduled to prepare donation envelopes for Christingle, and to repair hymnals and red books. There will be lots of glue, tape, staples, chatting, and CAKE!!! Thursday, 21 Nov or Friday, 29 Nov from 10-12.

It will be like Community Cafe...but probably messier.

Readings for 17 November 2024

Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First reading: Hebrew 10. 11- 25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds', he also adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.' Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Gospel reading: Mark 13. 1 – 8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then

Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Post-Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Hymns

386	Be thou my vision
547	Oft in danger
390	Blessed assurance
Comm: 246	Christ the fair glory
Anthem	O Lord my God - Wesley.
543	O praise ye the Lord

Please remember in your prayers this week...

The Church....

The Diocese of Rochester

The parishes of Cudham, Farnborough, Keston, Orpington and Petts Wood.

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 all who have recently become unwell and continuing prayers for Chris Peters, Josie Smith, Gill Poulter, Peter Stanford, Sally Aldred, Ann Parks and Angela Ash. Also, all those who bring their prayers to our Church.

The Departed ...

For those who have recently died including Valerie Redman and for all who mourn. We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week: Reg Webber, Jean Luckhurst, Robert Smith, Leslie Ellis, Mike Sherman and Nora Hemsley

The Fairtrade Stall

December: Sun 8th

NOTICES

- **Valerie Redman's** funeral arrangements: see notices at the back of the church.
- **Homeless** - once The Local Authority has found a flat for a homeless person they receive a bunch of keys, a floor, walls and a roof. Please help these folk by contributing to a Starter Pack, which provides, bedding, cooking equipment and other basic items. There is a listing and a donations box in the South Porch.
- **Christmas Toys for Children in Penge:** Sadly, not all families are looking forward to Christmas, as they can barely manage to put food on the table, let alone give Christmas presents to their children. 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 Sunday 3rd Nov - Wednesday 20th Nov. Thank you
- **Christmas Fair** Saturday 23rd November 2 - 4pm. It would be particularly appreciated if you could provide raffle prizes for the choir raffle and some homemade cakes / cookies for the Cake stall. Also requested are bottles, books, gifts, jewellery, plants, soft toys and good quality bric-a-brac. Items may be brought to the Parish Office on weekdays between 9.30 & 12, but please bring cakes and plants on the morning of the Fair. Any questions, please contact Gill Dawson 07767-365318. And do come along and share in the fun on the day! Refreshments, activities and games for children, Father Christmas, mulled wine and so much more.

Taketime meditation

Second Saturday of each month, 10.15am-11am in the chapel. All welcome!
14th Dec, 11th Jan, 8th Feb, 8th Mar

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

Items most needed are:

- Tinned cold meat
- Sweets
- Tinned custard
- Bleach
- Multi-surface wipes/sprays

Our Mission of the Month (MOM) for November is ABCD Bethlehem

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

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