

Welcome to St. Mary's

the Parish Church of Shortlands

Sunday 23 February 2025

Second Sunday before Lent



10.30am Holy Communion
Celebrant - Reverend Jane Peters
Reader – Craig Myers
Intercessions – Kay Coleman

This week

25 Tues 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter
26 Weds 10.00am – Morning Prayer in the Chapel
10.30am - 12.30pm - Community Café
27 Thurs 9.30am & 12.30pm - Baby and Toddler sessions
7.00pm - Junior choir practice
7.30pm - Adult choir practice

Sun, 2 Mar The Sunday next before Lent
10.30am - Holy Communion
Celebrant and preacher - Reverend George Baisley

Wednesday Services at 10.00am in the Chapel

Holy Communion dates are 19th Mar, 16th April

Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes for Ash Wednesday - 5th March

We have Morning Prayer on the other Wednesdays.

16th March - Choral Evensong at 4.00pm

30 March - Mothering Sunday

9.00am Holy Communion (said) & at 10.30am Family & Parade Service

Junior Church

To which children of all ages are very welcome, will take place in the hall during the morning services on March: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

March 9th, June 8th, July 13th

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

Youth Club – For Years 6 -13 from 6.00pm

The Church is open for private prayer
Mon – Fri - 9am to 12 noon (in the chapel on Thursday)

Readings

Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

First reading: Revelation Chapter 4

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.' And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

Gospel reading: Luke 8. 22 - 25

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

Post-Communion Prayer

God our creator,
by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns

267	Thou whose almighty word
174	Breathe on me breath of God
413	Eternal Father strong to save
Comm:2	Christ whose glory fills the skies
Anthem:	Gaelic Blessing - Rutter
490	Jesus shall reign

Please remember in your prayers this week...

The Church....

Paddock Wood Deanery.

The parishes of Paddock Wood, Pembury, Yalding, Brasted and Chevening.

The Community...

For the many youth organisations, and our engagement with young people in the community.

The World ...

For peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine and other troubled areas of the world.

The Sick ...

For those who are recently unwell Elizabeth Barnes and Barbara Page.
We continue to pray for the health and wellbeing of Louise Bacon, Sally Aldred and Angela Ash, and for those who seek our support by bringing these prayers to our church.

The Departed ...

For those who have recently died, and those who mourn their loss. We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week: Percy Simes, Tom Fox, John Whitaker, Hannah Fearnside-Speed, Gordon Forsyth, Stanley Dodman, Thomas Taylor, Stanley White, Nick Chalk, Edith Jordan and Freda Greenwood.

Lenten Meal sign-up sheets are on the notice board.

Lent Study Groups: We need 2 more to sign up for the Wednesday study group at the church. If you are planning to join one of the Lent study groups, please sign up for those soon in order for the facilitators to prepare.

NOTICES

- **Mission of the Month:** In February Ann-Marie and David Jefferys will walk the 49.5 mile boundary of Bromley to raise funds for the Mayoral Charities and mark the 60th Anniversary of the Borough. To support them, visit www.justgiving.com and search for 'Mayor of Bromley'.
- **Ladies' Night Out - LAST CHANCE** to sign up! If you would like to join over 30 ladies from St Mary's at Ask Italian Restaurant, Beckenham on Tuesday 25th February at 7pm, please see notice at back of church and contact Gill Dawson (07767-365318) TODAY as we need to confirm our final numbers and for ladies joining us, contact Gill to arrange for payment.
- **The World Day of Prayer service Friday 7th March 2025- 3.00 - 4.30pm** at Beckenham Baptist Church, Elm Road. BR3 4JB. The service this year focuses on the Cook Islands with the theme; I made you wonderful. Please speak to Sue Slaney or Annette German for any further info.
- **Bromley Little Theatre** are putting on a special preview of the play, 'Labour of Love' by James Graham. Tickets are in aid of Welcare in Bromley for the performance on Thursday 10th April 2025 at 7.45pm, £12 each. See the notice at back of church or contact Sue Slaney for more info.

Taketime meditation sessions

Second Saturday of each month,
10.15am-11am in the chapel
8th Mar, 12th April, 10th May, 14th
June, 12th July, 13th Sept, 11th Oct
8th Nov & 13th Dec

The Fairtrade Stall



Feb: Wed 26th

Mar: Sun 9th, Wed 6th,
Sun 30th with the guides

April – Sun 13th, Wed 30th

Our Mission of the Month for February is The Mayor of Bromley Charity Appeal 2024-2025

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.

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

Items most needed are:

- Tinned Vegetables • Sugar
- Washing tablets/capsules
 - Men's deodorant
 - Ladies deodorant

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