

Welcome to St. Mary's

the Parish Church of Shortlands

Sunday 24th August 2025



The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Services today

10.30am **Holy Communion**

Celebrant and preacher - Rev Dave Edmondson

Reading - Adrian Lambourne

Intercessions - Craig Myers

This week

Tue 26 Aug 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter

Wed 27 Aug **10.00am - Holy Communion in the Chapel**

10.30am - 12.30pm - Community Café

Sun 31 Aug The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10.30am - Holy Communion

Our Mission of the Month for August is

Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust Home Treatment Team

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

For more information, please visit www.oxleas.nhs.uk

Junior Church

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

September: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

October: 12th, 19th

14 Sept, 12 Oct, 9 Nov

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

Youth Club – For Years 6 -13 from 6.00pm

Intercessions Morning Sat 27th September at 10am-11.30am

Intercessions are a vital part of our weekly worship, and we are very grateful for those who lead us in these. We shall be thinking about how we do intercessions at St Mary's, reflect together and pray together. If you are part of the intercessions rota or are interested in becoming part of the team please do come along. Please contact Rev Dave.

Interested in confirmation?

There will be deanery confirmations on 16th November. For further details please contact Rev Dave.

Future Generations Project

copies of updates are available at the back of the church, and also on the right-hand notice board.

Readings

Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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 71:1 – 6

- 1 In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
 - 2 In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.
 - 3 Be to me a rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.
 - 4 Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.
 - 5 For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, from my youth.
 - 6 From my birth I have leaned upon you,
my protector since my mother's womb.
- My praise is continually of you.

Gospel reading: Luke 13.10 – 17

10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 11 And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." 13 When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. 14 But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." 15 But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? 16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for

eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" 17 When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

Post-Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns

383 Be still for the presence of the Lord
475 Immortal love
468 I danced in the morning
418 Father Lord of all creation

Please remember in your prayers this week...

The Church...

Malling Deanery. The parishes of Barming, Burham, Coxheath, Ditton, Bradbourne and King's Hill.

The Community...

For the witness of St. Mary's in the community, the outreach through SPAN, the production and distribution teams.

The World ...

Pray for those affected by and for all suffering from conflict, oppression and the change effects of climate change and natural disasters.

The Sick ...

For those who are recently unwell, including Annette German. We continue to pray for Graham Smedley and Bob Norfolk-Thompson, Sally Aldred, 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, especially the family and friends of Rebecca Gowing and Ann Parks. We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week: Mary Newland, Archie Brown, Bill Petty, Isabel Calderon, Philip Cooper, Jane Green, Robert Gras and Brian Rider.

NOTICES

- **Prayers for Rebecca Gowing's family** - Rebecca's funeral is happening Thursday 28th August at 3pm at a crematorium. Rev. Dave and others are meeting in our chapel at 3 pm to pray for Kay and the wider family. You are welcome to join.
- **Calamity Jane - 16th Sept** at 7.30 pm at The Churchill Theatre at £36.20 p/p. Sign up sheets on notice boards or contact ann.dalton53@btinternet.com
- **Youth Alpha - Starting September!** Would you like to explore the big questions of life, Christian faith, and purpose? We're starting a Youth Alpha course on the 28th September, designed especially for those in secondary school. It's a space to bring your thoughts, doubts, and questions and to share good conversations with others. It will be running once a month and there will be food! For more info contact Rev. Dave
- **Holy Communion for Children** - We'd love to know if any baptised children are interested in joining a course to prepare for Holy Communion. If you are interested in your child taking part, or would like more information, please speak to Rev. Dave.

The Fairtrade Stall

August – Sun 31st
Sept – Sun 14th and Wed 24th for
Fair Trade Big Brew
October – Sun 5th, Wed 22nd

Taketime meditation sessions

10.15am -11am in the chapel
13th Sept, 11th Oct,
8th Nov & 13th Dec
All welcome!

Donations for Bromley Foodbank can be left in the church porch. Items most needed are:

- Tinned tomatoes • Sugar
- Washing up liquid • Bleach
- Tinned cold meats

Please use this QR code to make a
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