

Welcome to St. Mary's

the Parish Church of Shortlands

19th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 26th October 2025



Services today

10.30am **Holy Communion**

Celebrant - Rev. Dave Edmondson

Preaching – Catherine Bingham

Reading – Helen Bird

6.30pm **Service for Departed Loved Ones**

Celebrant and preacher - Rev. Dave Edmondson

This week

Tue 28 Oct 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter

Wed 29 Oct **10.00am - Holy Communion in the Chapel**

10.30am - 12.30pm - Community Café

Service for Departed Loved Ones: 26 Oct at 6.30pm

There is a notebook at the back of the church to print the names of those for whom you would wish to light a candle during the service.

9 November

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

Youth Club – For Years 6 -13 from 6.00pm

Junior Church

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

November: 16th, 23rd, 30th

December: 7th, 14th, 21st

Our Mission of the Month (MOM) for October is The McCabe Educational Trust

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

Mission of the Month – the AGM of MOM

will take place at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 28th October in the Choir Vestry. To nominate a charity, see noticeboard at the back of church.

Readings

Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First reading: 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

6 As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come.

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

8 From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

16 At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!

17 But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Luke 18.9-14

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:

10 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector.

11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector.

12 I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income."

13 But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"

14I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

Post-Communion Prayer

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Hymns

232	For all the saints
391	Blest are the pure in heart
594	The Lord's my Shepherd
Comm 329	Thee we adore
Anthem:	Blest are the pure in heart – Walford Davies
230	Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Please remember in your prayers this week...

The Community...

For those to be baptised, confirmed and married this year.

The World ...

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

The Sick ...

For those who are recently unwell, including Kathleen Duncan, Bob Friday, Eileen Abbam and Jonathan Collins. We continue to pray for Matthew Swatton Sally Aldred, Bob Norfolk-Thompson, Graham Smedley, Angela Ash, Leonie Rhodes, 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 Margaret Lord. We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week: Tom Pinder, Betty Hales. Rex Nicholls, Gaby Whittaker, Pom Gainsborough, Ann Tarrant, Percy Shelly, Douglas Smith, Daphne Sartin, William Parks, Freda Leitch, Molly Thornley, Gimme Gimson and Valerie Redman.

NOTICES

- **Everyone is invited to join in the next Music Group informal worship service at 6.30 pm on Sunday 2 Nov.** The theme will be "Joy in times of". We will be exploring how it is possible to find joy again during or after times of sadness in our lives.
- **SAVE THE DATE: BIG advent clean up.** Join us as we work together to get the church spic and span for Advent. Free soup lunch (with perhaps a cake or two.) 29 Nov 10-2. Bring your favourite dusting cloth. The church will already be beautifully decorated; we'll add the clean.
- **Welcare in Bromley Annual Thanksgiving Service 14th Nov 2025, At 11.30am in Bromley Parish Church, St Peter & St Paul Church, Church Road, off Market Square, Bromley, BR2 0EG.** The service is a very special occasion, celebrating the work of Welcare in Bromley & giving thanks for the hard work of our loyal supporters and dedicated Welcare team. All are warmly welcome to the service and delicious buffet lunch afterwards. Any queries or
- further information, please email info@welcare.org or speak to Sue Slaney

Taketime meditation sessions

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

The Fairtrade Stall

November- Sun 16th, Wed 19th
Christmas Fair – Sat 22nd November
All welcome!

**Please use this QR code to make
a donation to St Mary's.
Thank you.**



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

Items most needed are: Tinned cold meats & desserts/pudding, coffee, jam, cooking sauces, bleach, tin openers, sweets/chocolate, carrier bags

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