

# Welcome to St. Mary's

## the Parish Church of Shortlands

### Sunday 27 July 2025



#### The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

##### Services today

10.30am **Holy Communion**  
Celebrant - Rev Dave Edmondson  
Reading – Robin Hogg  
Intercessions – Sue Harrison

##### This week

Tue 29 July 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter  
Wed 30 July **10.00am - Holy Communion in the Chapel**  
10.30am - 12.30pm - Community Café

**Sun 3 August The Seventh Sunday after Trinity**  
**10.30am – Holy Communion**

#### The Church is open for

**Weekday Morning Prayer in the Chapel** - Mon, Tue and Thur - 9 - 9.15 am  
**Private prayer** – Mon - Sat - 9am to 12 noon

##### Taketime meditation sessions

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

##### 14 Sept, 12 Oct, 9 Nov

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

**Youth Club** – For Years 6 -13  
from 6.00pm

#### Interested in confirmation?

There are deanery confirmations on the 16th November. For more information and further details please contact Rev Dave.

##### Our Mission of the Month for July is The Mission to Seafarers

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

##### The Fairtrade Stall

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

## **Readings**

### **Collect**

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,  
may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire;  
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: Colossians 2:6-15**

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

8 Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. 11 In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; 12 when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, 14 erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

### **Gospel reading: Luke 11:1-13**

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." 2 So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread. 4 And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

5 And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, 6 for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' 7 And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

9 “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? 12 Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? 13 If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Hymns**

499

Lift high the cross

385

Be thou my guardian and my guide

98

Lord teach us how to pray aright

Comm:607

Thy Kingdom come O God

Anthem:

496

Lead us heavenly father, lead us

### ***Please remember in your prayers this week...***

**The Church:** Erith Deanery. The parishes of Perry Street, Shrone, Erith, Swanscombe, Borstal, and Chatham.

#### **The Community...**

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

#### **The World ...**

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

#### **The Sick ...**

For those who are recently unwell including Ann Parks and Graham Smedley. We continue to pray for Bob Norfolk-Thompson, Rebecca Gowing, Sally Aldred, Angela Ash, and for those who seek our support by bringing these prayers to our church.

#### **The Departed ...**

We pray for those who are grieving and suffering the loss of those whom they loved who have died recently. We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week: Margaret Liley, Maureen Bowen, Ethel Clarke, Laurie Bray, Joan Cobley, Eliza Desbois, Stanley Goodway and John Jackson.

## NOTICES

- **Future Generations Project update** - on Sunday 20th. Rev Dave gave an update on the project there is a written update about the available for you to take away at the back of church or a copy on the relevant notice board.
- **Monday Brownies meet 6.00pm - 7.30pm** - term time. Adults required to keep the unit going and at least one to commit to doing Girlguiding's leadership training. Contact Nicola via [bromleycentral.district@gmail.com](mailto:bromleycentral.district@gmail.com)
- **Junior Church** Is now on it's summer break, it will be back on September 7th. There are some activities and toys at the back of Church and an activity booklet for Children. We love having children and young people as part of our worship Thank you to all of our incredible Junior Church team.
- **Fair Trade Fortnight - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept – 5<sup>th</sup> Oct.** Once again the UK will be celebrating the difference we can all make when we choose Fairtrade and campaign as part of the global fair trade movement. We will have a stall in Church on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> Oct and the Fair Trade Big Brew at the Wednesday café on the 24<sup>th</sup> September.
- **Calamity Jane - 16<sup>th</sup> Sept** at 7.30 pm at The Churchill Theatre. The Friends have reserved 20 seats, our group price is £36.20. Sign up sheet at the back of the church or contact Ann ([ann.dalton53@btinternet.com](mailto:ann.dalton53@btinternet.com))
- **Save the date Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October** - Bring and Share Harvest Lunch will be held in Church after the Family & Parade Service – details to follow.
- **Save the date: Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November** after the 10.30 service. Celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Mary's being reconsecrated, we will raise a glass and have some cake after the service.

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

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

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



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