

Welcome to St. Mary's

the Parish Church of Shortlands

Sunday 29 June 2025

Sea Sunday



Services today

10.30am **Holy Communion**

Celebrant - Rev Dave Edmondson

Preacher – Ven. Dr. Peter Rouch

Reading: Patricia Braithwaite

Intercessions - Craig Myers

Please note there will be the opportunity to receive healing prayer during whilst people receive communion in this service.

This week

Tue 1 July 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter

Wed 2 July **10.00am - Morning Prayer in the Chapel**

10.30am - 12.30pm - Community Café

Thur 3 July 9.30am & 12.30pm - Baby & Toddler sessions

7.00pm - Junior choir practice

7.30pm - Adult choir practice

Sun 6 July The Third Sunday after Trinity

10.30am – Holy Communion & Baptism of Alexander Quinn

Junior Church

To which children of all ages are very welcome, will take place in the hall during the morning services. Next dates:
July: 6th, 13th, 20th

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

Taketime meditation sessions

10.15am-11am in the chapel
12th July, 13th Sept, 11th Oct,
8th Nov & 13th Dec

The Fairtrade Stall

July - Sun 13th
August – Sun 24th
Sept – Sun 14th, Wed 24th
October – Sun 5th, Wed 22nd

Readings

Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First reading: Galatians 5:1, 13–25

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Gospel reading: Luke 9:51-62

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, ⁵³ but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Post-Communion Prayer

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns

413

Eternal Father, Strong to save

487

Jesus good above all other

112

My song is Love Unknown

Comm: 296

Draw Nigh and take

Anthem

They that go down to the sea in ships – Sumsion

411

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

**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.**



Please remember in your prayers this week...

The Community...

For our neighbouring parishes and Churches of other denominations, their priests and ministers. For the work of Churches Together in Beckenham.

The World ...

For peace in Iran, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine and other troubled areas of the world.

The Sick ...

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

The Departed ...

We thank God for those who have recently died, including Fred Page, Helen Crowe and those who mourn their loss. We give thanks to God for those whose anniversaries we keep this week: Alison Barton, Frances Putner, Don Ewen, Pamela Forbes, Robert Catt, George Forsyth, Milly Haywood

NOTICES

- **Our Mission of the Month for June is Welfare**
There is a display at the back of the church. Each Mission for the Month receives equal donations from the church & donations from individuals.
- **St Mary's Pre-school** needs a volunteer Treasurer from September 2025. See details on the notice board. Interested or have any questions, please contact pennyhorsman19@gmail.com
- **Vicarage bring and share picnic on 6th July** after the 10.30 service. Bring some food to share. The 6th July Picnic is now full but please do sign up for the 31st August. Bring a picnic chair or blanket.
- **Weekday Morning Prayer** - Prayer is the foundation to all we do. Every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9am for 15 minutes, Rev. Dave does morning prayer using common worship in the Chapel. All are welcome.

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