

# Welcome to St. Mary's

## the Parish Church of Shortlands

### Sunday 9 February 2025

### Fourth Sunday before Lent



#### 10.30am Holy Communion

Celebrant and preacher - Reverend Jane Peters  
 Reader - Elizabeth Sartori  
 Intercessions – Susie Shelton  
 Baptism of Elizabeth and Olivia Sartori

#### This week

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

#### Sun, 16 Feb Third Sunday before Lent

##### 10.30am - Holy Communion

Celebrant - Reverend Jane Peters  
 Preaching – Ann-Marie Jefferys

##### 4.00pm Choral Evensong – Led by David Jefferys

#### Wednesday Services at 10.00am in the Chapel

Holy Communion dates are 19th Feb, 19th Mar, 6th April  
 Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes for Ash Wednesday - 5th March  
 We have Morning Prayer on the other Wednesdays.

#### Junior Church

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

#### Feb 9th, March 9th, May 11th 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)**

**Take time meditation sessions**  
 10.15am-11am in the chapel  
 8th Mar, 12th April, 10th May

#### The Fairtrade Stall

**Feb:** Sun 9th, Wed 26th  
**Mar:** Sun 9th, Wed 6th, Sun 30th



## Readings

### Collect

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

### Gospel reading: Luke 5. 1 – 11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the

other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Go before us, Lord, in all we do  
with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help,  
that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you,  
we may glorify your holy name,  
and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Hymns**

165	Christ is the King
523	My God how wonderful thou art
411	Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
Comm : 384	Be Still my Soul
Anthem:	Lead me Lord - Wesley
202	Holy, holy, holy

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

#### **The Church....**

Rochester Archdeaconry. The parishes of Coxheath, East Farleigh, Hunton, West Farleigh, Ditton, Bradbourne Benefice, King's Hill, Kent Downs & Malling, Mereworth, Wateringbury and West Peckham.

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

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

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

For the daily reading of God's word and all Bible Societies and Homegroups.

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

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

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

For those who have recently died, including Lillian (Jessie) Edmonds, and those who mourn their loss. We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week: Paddy Thornley, Bob Barnard, Isabella Clarke, Peter Yeulett, Phyllis Clegg, Thelma Nye and Cecil Raw.

## NOTICES

- **Mission of the Month:** Starting on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 . More details on how you can support them will be given next week and on the Mission table.
- **Join us for Ladies night out - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - 7pm**  
Ask Italian Restaurant, Beckenham. Set Menu - 2 Courses £25, 3 Courses £30 (service included). Does not include drinks. If you would like to join us, please contact Gill Dawson on 07767 365318.
- **The World Day of Prayer service this year is on Friday 7th March 2025**  
at Beckenham Baptist Church, Elm Road. BR3 4JB. The service will be from 3-4.30pm with tea & cake served afterwards in the church hall. The service this year focuses on the Cook Islands with the theme; I made you wonderful. We hope as many people will join us as possible, especially as we are hosting the event next year. The church is opposite Beckenham Spa. Buses which stop nearby are 358,194,227. Please speak to Sue Slaney or Annette German for any further info
- The church has ordered two sets of hymn numbers recently. We are ordering a third and final set, thanks to an anonymous donor. Very much appreciated!

The sign-sheets for the Lenten meals will be posted beginning 16 February. Pick up a host form on the Lent notice board and return before then, if you want your event to be publicised starting 16 February.

### **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 cold meats
  - Tinned tomatoes & tinned potatoes
  - Men's & Women's deodorant

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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