

Welcome to St. Mary's, the Parish Church of Shortlands

St. Mary's, Shortlands endeavours to bring
the love of God into the everyday lives
of the people of Shortlands.

We have a hearing loop system in the Church: members of the
congregation with hearing aids should switch to 'T' for better reception.



13 June Second Sunday after Trinity

Services Today

10.30am	Holy Communion - Reverend Gary Best Address: Reverend Gary Best The New Testament reading will be: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17 read by Keith Mills Intercessions: Glo Sherman Gospel: Reverend Gary Best
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Services and Events this week

Mon 14 Jun	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only
Tue 15 Jun	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only
Wed 16 Jun	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only
	10.00am	Holy Communion - in the Millennium Chapel
	8.30pm	Compline - live streamed only
Thu 17 Jun	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only
	7.00pm	Junior Choir rehearsal
	7.30pm	Choir rehearsal
Fri 18 Jun	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only
Sat 19 Jun	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only

Third Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 20 June	10.30am	Holy Communion - Reverend Gary Best
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Junior Church

Junior Church resumes today, all children are welcome.
The children will meet during the main 10.30am service in the church hall,
where activities will be available for all age groups.

Second Sunday after Trinity

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.

New Testament reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.]

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Post Communion

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.

If you would like to read the letter from
Revd Gary sent out with SPAN in June
you can find one at the back of church.

The Choir visit to Bath

Sat 24 July

5.30pm Choral Evensong

Sun 25 July

10.15 Holy Communion

3.30pm Choral Evensong

Please remember in your prayers this week...

The Church ...

Malling deanery

The Rev Wil North, Area Dean; Mr Barry Fisher,
Lay Chair

**Cliffe, St Helen, with Cooling, St James
(redundant)**

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Andy Hobbs

**Cuxton, St Michael and All Angels, with
Halling, St John the Baptist**

Rector: The Rev Roger Knight

**Frindsbury, All Saints, with Upnor, St Philip
and St James, and Chattenden, Bishop
Gundulph**

Vicar: The Rev Nicholas Cooper

**Grain, St James, with Stoke, St Peter and
St Paul**

**High Halstow, St Margaret, with All Hallows,
All Saints, and Hoo St Mary, St Mary
(redundant)**

Rector: The Rev Stephen Gwilt

Higham, St John and St Mary, with Merston

Vicar: The Rev Canon James Southward

The World ...

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your
love in Christ Jesus our Lord.



**Today is the first reading of
the Banns of Marriage
between**

Ian Day and Jacqueline Allen

**If you would like to have
flowers in church at any
time, in memory of a
loved-one, please contact
Cecilia on 020 8313 0246 .**



The Community ...

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

For Schools in the Parish; Highfield Infants' and
Junior School and Head Teacher Alison Morris;
Bishop Challoner and Head Teacher Paula
Anderson; Harris Primary Academy and Principal
Hannah Tryl, for School Governors & Staff.

For our Link Parish in Douai, and the people of
St. Francis of Assisi.

For Sunday worship at St. Mary's. For the
discernment of vocation in our church family.

For the daily reading of God's word. All Bible
Societies, Homegroups and their Leaders.

For the Choir and Junior Choir; for Claire
Tillotson, our Director of Music, and Daniel
Beach, our Assistant Organist. For the music
group; for Graham Leech.

For Churchwardens and Deputies, Sidesmen
and Servers. For our Parish Office Administrator.

The Sick ...

For all who are unwell, including Brenda Tyndall;
Sally Aldred; Melanie Jones; Paul Corben; Ann
Gramlich; Gill Humar; Ron Nowell.

For all those who bring their prayers to our
Church.

The Departed ...

For those who have recently died, including
Gwilym Davies; Joan Austen; and all who mourn.

We also remember those whose anniversaries
we keep this week at this time: Ivy Yeulett;
Lawrie Mann; Hedley Spurdens.

Our Mission of the Month for June is:

The Carers' Trust

There is a display at the back of the Church.
Five per cent of our giving will support the work of
this mission, and additional gifts may be given
through the plate by the display.

NOTICES

Church will be open for private prayer on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10am - 3pm.

- ◆ **Future Generations Project** - as we resume our discussions around the Future Generations Project, I am keen for everyone to have a voice and an opportunity to discuss all matters relating to the project. In view of this, there will be meetings taking place after the 10.30am service on 6th and 13th June when the latest thinking about plans for flooring and seating in church can be discussed. This will be an opportunity to ask questions and to give your views, which will inform our planning going forward. If you have anything that you wish to discuss and not able to attend either of the sessions, then please let myself know, or speak to one of the Churchwardens, Sarah Leonard or Kate Buchanan. Many thanks, Revd Gary.
- ◆ **We are still collecting 'lots' for our silent auction.** Can you sew, sing or garden, could you cook a meal for someone or walk someone's dog? If so please consider donating your time for a lot for our secret auction to help us raise funds for the Future Generation's Project. All visitors to the church can then bid on these lots and the winner will be the highest bid noted down after the parish picnic. The lots are starting to go up around the church already.
- ◆ **A Bible study support group**, led by Hazel, Glo and Sue, will meet in the Millennium Chapel at 8.00pm on June 16th and 30th, and July 7th and 21st. We will be looking at the theme "where is God in a Coronavirus world?" All are welcome.
- ◆ **If you have the time** to help with the Community Café once a quarter please contact Jay Sharma - jay@joelkibazo.com, or phone 07900 971 867.
- ◆ **Cake!** - If you would be happy to donate a cake to the community café once a quarter please also contact Jay Sharma - jay@joelkibazo.com, or phone 07900 971 867.
- ◆ **Walk for Welcare** 21 - 27 June. Help raise much needed funds For Welcare in Bromley by doing any Bromley Circular Walk (www.bromley.gov.uk) or any walk, or just donate. Donating £5 or whatever you wish to the charity. - See noticeboard for more information.

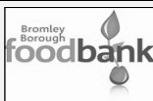
Thank you to all of our donors
for your amazing support,
The following items are in need
at present:

**Tinned Tomatoes; Cold Meat; Desserts;
Tinned Soup; Tinned Fish; Tinned Rice
Pudding; Biscuits; Washing Up Liquid;
Washing Detergent Capsules; Toilet Rolls.**

**All donations of long life and in date food
gratefully received.** Financial donations by
cheque or direct debit only please.

A reminder that we **CANNOT** receive fresh
goods; chilled or frozen goods or baby milk.

For information please contact Vici Nightingale.



Can you help in setting up the café?

Do you have an hour to spare on a
Tuesday evening, perhaps one Tuesday
every month, or couple of months?
If so, could you help set out the table
and chairs for the Community Café that
takes place on Wednesday mornings?
If you feel you could help in some way,
please let Revd Gary know.



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'St Mary's Shortlands'.



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