

# 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.



## 19 September Sixteenth after Trinity

### Services Today

**10.30am**  
**Family Communion** - Reverend Gary Best  
**Address:** Conrad Kador  
**The Old Testament reading will be:**  
Exodus 20: 2-17 read by Gill Dawson  
**Intercessions:** Reverend Gary Best  
**Gospel:** Reverend Gary Best

**6.30pm**  
**Choral Evensong**

### Services and Events this week

<b>Mon 20 Sep</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> - live streamed only
<b>Tue 21 Sep</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>2.00pm</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> - live streamed only <b>Mobility Group</b> <b>Evening Prayer</b> - in the Millennium Chapel
<b>Wed 22 Sep</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>11am-1pm</b> <b>8.30pm</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> - live streamed only <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Community Café</b> <b>Compline</b> - live streamed
<b>Thu 23 Sep</b>	<b>9.30am-2pm</b> <b>9.00am</b> <b>7.00pm</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Baby and Toddler sessions</b> at 9.30am and 12.30pm <b>Morning Prayer</b> - live streamed only <b>Junior Choir rehearsal</b> <b>Choir rehearsal</b>
<b>Fri 24 Sep</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> - live streamed only
<b>Sat 25 Sep</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> - live streamed only

### Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

<b>Sunday 26 Sep</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> - Reverend Gary Best
	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Baptism</b> of John Leverett

## Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

### Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers  
of your people who call upon you;  
and grant that they may both perceive and know  
what things they ought to do,  
and also may have grace and power faithfully to  
fulfil them;  
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.

### Old Testament reading

#### Exodus 20: 2 – 17

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of  
Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

"You shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself an image in the  
form of anything in heaven above or on the earth  
beneath or in the waters below. You shall not  
bow down to them or worship them; for I,  
the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing  
the children for the sin of the parents to the third  
and fourth generation of those who hate me, but  
showing love to a thousand generations of those  
who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your  
God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless  
who misuses his name.

"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it  
holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your  
work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to  
the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any  
work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor  
your male or female servant, nor your animals,  
nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in  
six days the Lord made the heavens and the  
earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he  
rested on the seventh day. Therefore  
the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it  
holy.

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you  
may live long in the land the Lord your God is  
giving you.

"You shall not murder.

"You shall not commit adultery.

"You shall not steal.

"You shall not give false testimony against your  
neighbor.

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You  
shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male  
or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything  
that belongs to your neighbor."

### Gospel

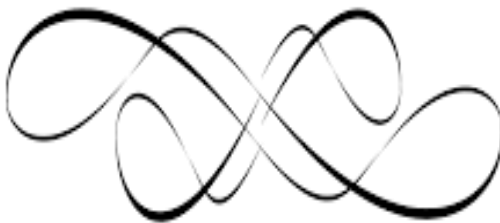
#### John 13: 33 - 35

"My children, I will be with you only a little longer.  
You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews,  
so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot  
come.

"A new command I give you: Love one  
another. As I have loved you, so you must love  
one another. By this everyone will know that you  
are my disciples, if you love one another."

### Post Communion

Almighty God,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law:  
grant that we may love you with our whole heart  
and our neighbours as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



**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 .**



**Traidcraft - the stall will be  
available after the service on  
Sunday 9 October then  
Wednesday 20 October  
during the Community Café.**



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

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

#### **Tonbridge deanery**

The Rev Dr Miriam Barker, Area Dean; Dr Sally Musson, (proxy) Lay Chair

#### **Penge, St John the Evangelist**

#### **Bickley, St George**

#### **Shortlands, St Mary**

Vicar: The Rev Gary Best

#### **Bromley Common, Holy Trinity**

Vicar: The Rev Roger Bristow

#### **Bromley, Christ Church**

Vicar: The Rev Iain Broomfield

#### **Bromley Common, St Augustine with St Luke**

Vicar: The Rev Steve Spencer

### **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.

## **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.

Our Mission of the Month for September is:

### **Street Pastors, Beckenham & Bromley**

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.

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

**For** Churchwardens and Deputies, Sidesmen and Servers. For our Parish Office Administrator.  
**For** our neighbouring parishes and Churches of other denominations, their priests and ministers.  
**For** the work of Churches Together in Beckenham.

**For** Reverend Jane Peters; Catherine Bingham, Sally Aldred, Ann-Marie Jefferys and David Jefferys, our Licensed Lay Ministers; Peter Stotesbury and Stuart Buchanan our Readers. Sue Harrison, Marion Westropp and Debbie Speller our Pastoral Assistants.

**For** The Friends of St. Mary's and the 2WWs Group.

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

**For** Welcare in Bromley

**For** the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

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

**For** all who are unwell, including Brenda Tyndall; Jean Osborne; Alison Thain; Sally Aldred; Melanie Jones; 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 Norman Hillier and for all who mourn.

**We** also remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week at this time: Blanche Penfold; Alec Mezzetti; Bill Pell; Taylor Dobbs; Daphne Levett.

## **Junior Church 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.

# NOTICES

- ◆ **Reminder** - No mobility class on Tuesday 21 September.
- ◆ **Refreshments**. We are planning to return to having tea and coffee after the 10.30 service from the start of September, which will give us more opportunity to meet and talk together. The team of helpers is coming together but we would welcome having a few more volunteers to take a turn. The job is a lot easier now that we have the kitchen at the back of church. If you are able to help with this or would like to find out more, please speak to Sarah, Kate or Jay. Thank you.
- ◆ **Marian Parr** - The Service of Thanksgiving for Marian's life will take place on Friday 29 October at 2pm. Her family would like it known that everyone is welcome to attend.
- ◆ **Appeal for Afghanistan** - Thank you all so much for donations received - we were nearly overwhelmed by the generosity! We no longer need any more donations at this time but shall keep everyone updated of any future requirements. For more information on donating please go to <https://londoncf.org.uk/give/london-refugee-response>.
- ◆ **Quiz Night** - Supporting Welcare in Bromley, Saturday 16 October 2021, 7.00 for 7.30 pm start St Mary's Church Hall. Tickets £7 pp - Raffle - Bring your own refreshments. Come on your own or book a table (6 – 8 per table). Places must be ordered in advance to help with planning (SAE for return of tickets please) or you may pay on the door after ordering first. Tickets from Margaret Bond, 8 Park Avenue, West Wickham, BR4 9JU . Tel: 020 8289 3747, e/m [margaretbond@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:margaretbond@hotmail.co.uk). Cheques made payable to "Welcare".
- ◆ **St Mary's Pre-School Shortlands**, requires a 'hands on', energetic, enthusiastic Deputy Leader for a thriving pre-school open 5 mornings per week, term time only. Hours 8.45am until 12.55pm. The successful candidate must hold a relevant level 3 or above qualification and will be required to obtain an enhanced DBS disclosure and Paediatric first aid training. Duties will include including a commitment to safeguarding as deputy designated safeguarding lead and promoting the welfare of children. Work at home is necessary. Closing date –01/10/2021. The post will ideally commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021. Please contact: Christine Hall for further details and an application form on 02082906704 or Email - [st.marys.preschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:st.marys.preschool@hotmail.co.uk)

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



**UHT MILK (URGENT), LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE (URGENT), 500G BAGS OF RICE, SUGAR FREE SWEETS, SHOWER GELS, SHAMPOOS, SIZE 6 NAPPIES, BABY WIPES**

**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.

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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