

# 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.



## 21 November Christ the King

### Services Today

<b>10.30am</b>	<p><b>Family Communion</b> - Reverend Jane Kustner  <b>Address:</b> Reverend Jane Kustner  <b>The New Testament reading will be:</b>  Revelations 1:4b-8 read by Reverend Jane Peters  <b>Gospel reading</b> by Philippa Shelton  <b>Intercessions:</b> Glo Sherman</p>
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### Services and Events this week

<b>Mon 22 Nov</b>	<p><b>9.00am</b> Morning Prayer - live streamed only  <b>11.00am</b> Thanksgiving Service for the Life of David Deagle  <b>5.00pm</b> Evening Prayer - in the Millennium Chapel</p>
<b>Tue 23 Nov</b>	<p><b>9.00am</b> Morning Prayer - live streamed only  <b>9.30 -11.30am</b> School visits</p>
<b>Wed 24 Nov</b>	<p><b>9.00am</b> Morning Prayer - live streamed only  <b>10.00am</b> Holy Communion - in the Millennium Chapel  <b>11am-1pm</b> Community Café  <b>2.30pm</b> Preparations for Decorating Church for Christmas  <b>8.30pm</b> Compline - live streamed only</p>
<b>Thu 25 Nov</b>	<p><b>9.00am</b> Morning Prayer - live streamed only  <b>9.30-2.00pm</b> Baby and Toddlers - sessions at 9.30am &amp; 12.30pm  <b>7.00 &amp; 7.30pm</b> Junior Choir &amp; Choir rehearsal</p>
<b>Fri 26 Nov</b>	<p><b>9.00am</b> Morning Prayer - live streamed only</p>
<b>Sat 27 Nov</b>	<p><b>9.00am</b> Morning Prayer - live streamed only  <b>2.00-4.00pm</b> Christmas Fair</p>

### First Sunday of Advent

<b>Sunday 28 Nov</b>	<p><b>10.30am</b> Family Communion  <b>6.30pm</b> Advent Carol Service</p>
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# Christ the King

Gospel

Collect

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne  
of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and  
King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at  
his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

New Testament reading

**Revelations 1:4b-8**

Grace to you and peace from him who is and  
who was and who is to come, and from the  
seven spirits who are before his throne, and from  
Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of  
the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins  
by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom,  
priests serving his God and Father, to him be  
glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth  
will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord  
God, who is and who was and who is to come,  
the Almighty.

**John 18:33-37**

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again,  
summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the  
King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask  
this on your own, or did others tell you about  
me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your  
own nation and the chief priests have handed  
you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus  
answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If  
my kingdom were from this world, my followers  
would be fighting to keep me from being handed  
over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not  
from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?'  
Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For  
this I was born, and for this I came into the world,  
to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to  
the truth listens to my voice.'

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of  
good works, may by you be plenteously reward-  
ed;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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



**COOKING SAUCES, TINNED FISH, TINNED  
POTATOES SIZE 5 AND 5+ NAPPIES.**

We are also looking for:

**Christmas Sweets, especially for Children;  
Mince Pies and Yule Logs ; Small Christmas  
cakes, Christmas biscuits, Christmas pud-  
dings.** (These must be dated 26th December)

**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.

**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 .**



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

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

#### **Cobham deanery**

The Rev Canon Alyson Davie, Area Dean; Miss Pauline Foster, Lay Chair

#### **Crockenhill, All Souls**

Vicar: The Rev Jenny Petersen

#### **Darent Valley: Darent, St Margaret of Antioch; Horton Kirby, St Mary; and Sutton-at-Hone, St John the Baptist**

Vicar: The Rev Emma Young

#### **Dartford, Christ Church**

Vicar: The Rev Dr Richard Mortimer

#### **Dartford, Holy Trinity**

Vicar: The Rev Martin Henwood

#### **Dartford, St Alban**

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Mandy Young

#### **Dartford, St Edmund King and Martyr**

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Mandy Young

### **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.

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

**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.

**For** Bromley Churches' Housing Association, and for all homeless people and asylum seekers.

**For** family life, those facing stress, unemployment and retirement. For single parents and the bereaved.

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

**For** all who are unwell, including Sylvie Cleaver; Brenda Tyndall; Janet Nicholls; Jean Osborne; Sally Aldred; Melanie Jones.

**For** all those who bring their prayers to our Church.

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

**For** those who have recently died, Alison Thain and for all who mourn.

**We** also remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week at this time: Leslie Ellis; Nora Hemsley; Joyce Luetchford;

## **St Mary's Church Christmas Fair**

**Saturday 27th November  
from 2-4pm**

**in the Church and Grounds**

*with Bouncy Castle for children*

Gifts \* Crafts & Cakes

Fairtrade Stall \* Christmas Cards

Bottle Tombola \* Raffle

Mulled Wine & Chestnuts

Community Café



*Christmas Carols in Church*

***Come and share in the fun!***



Our Mission of the Month for November is:

### **Home for Good**

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 is open for private prayer on  
Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 10-2pm; Tue 10-12pm; Thu 10-2pm (Chapel)**

- ◆ **Decorating the church for Christmas** - there are two dates which you can sign up for to help in preparing the church for Christmas : Wednesday 24 November from 2.30pm doing preparatory work, and Friday 3 December from 10.00am for the installation. There are sign up sheets at the back of church for you to add your name to if you would like to help.
- ◆ **Mission to Seafarers** - a box is located at the back of church into which you may donate your cards to Seafarers. Please donate all cards by 28 November.
- ◆ **Foodbank volunteers** - we are looking for volunteers to help deliver our collected donations to the central hub. You will need to be able to collect, carry and drive the donations to their destination approx once a fortnight. Please contact Vici Nightingale.
- ◆ **The choir** shall be singing at St Georges, Bloomsbury on Friday 10 December from 6.30pm to raise funds for ABCDbethlehem. Ticket details can be found online at [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) searching for "ABCD 2021 Carol Concert"
- ◆ **A Winter Concert** - A French Horn recital featuring David Tillotson Date: Friday 17th December Time: 13:15pm Location: St Marys Church, Shortlands £5 Tickets (on entry) Light refreshments to follow All proceeds will go to



## **St Mary's Christmas Fair NEXT Saturday**

**(27th November, 2-4pm)**

*Can you help by donating any of the following?*

Homemade cakes – for cutting or individual cakes

Full bottles (of anything!) for the Bottle Tombola

Candles, toiletries etc for the Gift Stall; Any raffle prizes.

Items can be left in the parish office any weekday morning.

Thank You.

## **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.

**Traidcraft** - the stall will be available at the Christmas Fair and after the Sunday service on 5 December.



## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **Parish Office**

Open 9.30am-12.30pm

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### **Website**

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