



Welcome to St. Mary's Shortlands

13th September 2026

15th Sunday after Trinity

Today

10.30am Holy Communion with Junior Church

Celebrant: Rev. Jane Peters

Preaching: Rev. Dave Edmondson

Reading: Helen Bird

Intercessions: Glo Sherman

Hymns

605 - Through the night of doubt and sorrow

385 - Be thou my guardian and my guide

583 - Teach me my God and king

Comm: 334 - Awake, awake, fling off the night

Anthem - Hide not thou thy face - Farrant

555 - Praise my soul the king of heaven

4.00pm Tea Time Together

6.00pm Youth Club

This week

Tue 15 Sept 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter

Wed 16 Sept 10.00am – Morning Prayer in the chapel

10.30am – 12.30pm – Community Café. There will be a workshop at the café on making harvest festival decorations

Thur 16 Sept 9.30am & 12.30pm - Baby and Toddler sessions

7.00pm - Junior choir practice

7.30pm - Adult choir practice

Sun 20 Sept 10.30am - Holy Communion

6.30pm - Choral Evensong

The flowers in church on the main pedestal
is in memory of Ann Gramlich



Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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: Job 37:14-24

'Hear this, O Job; stop and consider the wondrous works of God. Do you know how God lays his command upon them, and causes the lightning of his cloud to shine? Do you know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of the one whose knowledge is perfect, you whose garments are hot when the earth is still because of the south wind? Can you, like him, spread out the skies, unyielding as a cast mirror? Teach us what we shall say to him; we cannot draw up our case because of darkness. Should he be told that I want to speak? Did anyone ever wish to be swallowed up? Now, no one can look on the light when it is bright in the skies, when the wind has passed and cleared them. Out of the north comes golden splendour; around God is awesome majesty. The Almighty - we cannot find him; he is great in power and justice, and abundant righteousness he will not violate. Therefore mortals fear him; he does not regard any who are wise in their own conceit.'

Gospel reading: Matthew 8:23-27

And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. A gale arose on the lake, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, 'Lord, save us! We are perishing!' And he said to them, 'Why are you afraid, you of little faith?' Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, 'What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?'

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers this week...

The Community...

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

The World ...

Pray for those affected by and for all suffering from the effects of climate change and natural disasters.

The Sick ...

For those who are recently unwell or recovering from operations including Glo Sherman, Janice Davis, Ian Brentnall, Christine Perzyna and Robert Barnes. We continue to pray for Betty Rider, Eileen Abbam, Sally Aldred, Angela Ash and Sheila Dowling. We also include in our prayers those whose names are on the leaves of our prayer tree, and their friends and families who bring these prayers to our church.

The Departed ...

We pray for everyone grieving the loss of loved ones, especially the family and friends of Simon Lightbody, Kate Nickalls and Beryl Reed. We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week; June Khan-Panni, Mona Penfold, Joanne Black, Cyril Clarke, Dennis Dowling, Anne Warmasley and Peter Stotesbury.

**Our Mission of the Month (MOM) for September is
Memory Box Cafe**

There is a display at the back of the church. Each MOM receives equal donations from the church & from individuals.

Fairtrade Stall

Sept: Sun 13th, Wed 23rd, Sun 27th
Oct: Sun 11th, Wed 21st
Nov: Sun 1st, Wed 18th

Taketime meditation

10.15am-11am (Chapel)
10th Oct, 14th Nov
12th Dec

Raffle tickets for Fair Trade Fortnight will be sold between 16th – 27th Sept, the raffle will be drawn on the 27th at the fair trade stall after the 10.30am service. Contact Cecilia 7511885941

Big brew for fair trade - 23rd September café with a quiz raffle tickets, stall and videos showing Stories of How fair trade affects the people who work with it.

NOTICES

- **SAVE THE DATE:** Mission of the Month Annual Meeting Straight after 10.30am service Sunday 15th November. Nominations for Missions to be received by 25th October. Full details and announcement in today's service!
- **Save the date :** Wednesday 7th October ,7pm for a curry and chat . Details to follow next week. David Jefferys
- **Streaming Services** - we are looking to be able to stream our services more regularly, to do this we need to expand our team. Interested in being part of the team speak to Rev. Dave
- **Confirmations** -The next Deanery Confirmation is on Sunday 1st Nov,4pm at St John's, Eden Park. If you are interested in exploring confirmation please speak to Rev. Dave

At St Mary's we take our safeguarding responsibilities very seriously: we are committed to ensuring our church and hall buildings are safe places for all. If you have any concerns about safeguarding you can contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer Carlie Cooke on 07810866896 or safeguarding@stmaryshortlands.church



Staying in Touch at St Mary's

If you would like to receive emails from us about news and upcoming events at St Mary's - sign up by completing a short online form using the QR code provided, or by filling in one of the paper forms available at the back of church.

Please use this QR code to make a donation to St Mary's.
Thank you.



Donations for Bromley Foodbank can be left in the church porch.

Items most needed are
Cereals, Long Life Fruit Juice & Desserts (Sponge Pudding), Tinned Cold Meats, Shaving Foam/Gel, Shampoo, Shower Gel & Detergent

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