



Welcome to St. Mary's Shortlands

20th September 2026

15th Sunday after Trinity

Today

10.30am Holy Communion with Junior Church

Celebrant: Rev. Dave Edmondson

Preaching: Catherine Bingham

Reading: Tim Dawson

Intercessions: Sue Harrison

Hymns

455 Guide me o thou great redeemer

383 Be still for the presence of the Lord

81 Lord for the years

Comm: 284 Bread of heaven

Anthem: A new commandment - Shephard

502 Light's abode celestial salem

6.30pm Choral Evensong

This week

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| Tue 22 Sept | 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter |
| Wed 23 Sept | 10.00am – Morning Prayer in the chapel
10.30am – 12.30pm – Community Café.
9.30am & 12.30pm - Baby and Toddler sessions |
| Thur 24 Sept | 7.00pm - Junior choir practice
7.30pm - Adult choir practice |
| Sun 27 Sept | 8.00am - Holy Communion
10.30am - Holy Communion
4.00pm - Pet & Teddy Bear Blessing Service.
Bring your beloved pet or favourite teddy bear for a short, family-friendly service of thanksgiving & blessing. All are welcome. Refreshments afterwards. |

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.

First reading: Romans 1:18-25

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of those who by their wickedness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made. So they are without excuse; for though they knew God, they did not honour him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their senseless minds were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools; and they exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling a mortal human being or birds or four-footed animals or reptiles.

Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the degrading of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed for ever! Amen.

Gospel reading: Matthew 5:13-16

‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

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.

Please remember in your prayers this week...

The Community...

For the Missionary Societies of the Church, especially those supported by St. Mary's, and our Mission of the Month.

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 and Robert Barnes. We continue to pray for Ian Brentnall, Christine Perzyna, 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 Barry Cooper, Simon Lightbody and Beryl Reed.

We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week; Blanche Penfold, Alec Mezzetti, Bill Pell, Taylor Dodds and Daphne Levett.

NOTICES

- **Friends of Welcare in Bromley** invite you to a Piano Recital by pianist Geoff Mussard. This will be on Sunday 20th September 2026 from 3pm - 5pm at St Francis Church, Ravenswood Ave, West Wickham BR4 0PW. £10 per person on the door. Interval refreshments. The first half of the performance will be popular classics followed by music from the musicals.
- **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.
- **Pet & Teddy Bear Blessing Service, Sunday 27th September.** Bring your beloved pet or favourite teddy bear for a short, family-friendly service of thanksgiving & blessing. All are welcome. Refreshments afterwards.

- **Harvest service 4th October** – Join us at 10.30am for the all age parade service followed by lunch in the church hall. Please sign up on the harvest notice.
- **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.
- **Men's Group:** The first event will be a curry evening and chat at Mount Everest restaurant (by the Swan and Mitre) at 7.15 pm, Wednesday 7th October. Please email David Jefferys if you wish to join/want more details on jefferysconsulting@btinternet.com
- **Christmas card design:** We would love you to design a Christmas card again. The winners will be printed and sold at St Mary's Shortlands. Please can the card depict what Christmas & St Mary's means to you? The design must be A6 and can be designed on a computer, a photo or by hand. There are forms at the back of church. If designed by hand please pop it into church, or email Rev. Dave by Monday 12th October

- **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
- **SAVE THE DATE: Christmas Fair**
Saturday 21st November 2 - 4pm. If you would like to be involved with this event, please contact Gill Dawson: 07767-365318 or email: gill@gill.dawson.name. Time to start sorting out unwanted gifts, jewellery, books, puzzles, bottles etc!
- **Safeguarding Training for All Volunteers**
The Basic Safeguarding Training is designed to give us all a shared understanding of what safeguarding is, why it matters, and how each of us contributes to creating a safe and healthy church environment. It helps us recognise potential concerns and respond appropriately. Please see details at the back of the church.

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.

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

Parish Office

Open 10am–12noon - office@stmaryshortlands.church
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Church Wardens

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