



Welcome to St. Mary's Shortlands

4th October 2026

Harvest Thanksgiving

Today

- 9.00am** Holy Communion
10.30am Harvest service followed by lunch in hall
Leading and preaching: Rev. Dave Edmondson
Reading and intercessions: Friday Guides
Hymns – Please see Harvest Orders of Service

This week

- Tue 6 Oct 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter
Wed 7 Oct 10.00am - Morning Prayer in the chapel
10.30am - 12.30pm - Community Café.
Thur 8 Oct 9.30am & 12.30pm - Baby & Toddler sessions
7.00pm - Junior choir practice
7.30pm - Adult choir practice
Sat 10 Oct 10.15am-11am - Taketime meditation in the Chapel
- Sun 11 Oct 10.30am – Holy Communion** with Junior Church
Fairtrade stall after 10.30 am service
4.00pm - Tea Time Together - for families with children up to Yr 5
6.00pm - Youth Club - for Years 6 -13

Our Mission of the Month (MOM) for October is Bromley Borough Foodbank

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

Please find the collect and readings in the Harvest Order of Service

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 Elizabeth and Robert Barnes, Jill Glynne, Eileen Abbam, Glo Sherman and Janice Davis.

We continue to pray for Ian Brentnall, Christine Perzyna, Betty Rider, Sally Aldred, Angela Ash and Sheila Dowling.

The Departed ...

We pray for everyone grieving the loss of loved ones, especially the family and friends of Barry Cooper.

We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week; Bill West, Thomas Detheridge, Jenny Loades, Christopher Willatt, Christine Wilson and Win Vickers.

NOTICES

- **Final Reminder:** The Men's Group first event will be at Mount Everest restaurant at 7.15 pm, Wed 7th October. If you are joining us, email David Jefferys by tonight, (jefferysconsulting@btinternet.com), final details to those who are coming.
- **Christmas card design Competition:** Would you like to design a church Christmas Card. The winners will be printed and sold at St Mary's Shortlands. Details are on forms at the back of church. All designs must be handed in by Mon 12th October.
- **Please help on Friday 16th October** in the morning from 9.30am to help take down the harvest festival Flowers.

- **Join the Shortlands Residents Association** for litter-picking around Shortlands Village from 10am-noon on Saturday 17 October, meeting in Shortlands Station Ticket-hall from 9.45am. Litter-picking equipment and bags supplied.
- **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.
- **On 31st October (5.00 - 7.00pm)** we'll be setting up a small gazebo in the churchyard to offer a simple place of welcome and light. We'll be giving out free hot drinks, a sweet treat, a glow stick an invitation to Church activities. If you'd be willing to help for part of the evening, please let Dave know.
- **Service for Departed Loved Ones** Sunday 1st November at 6.30pm: There will be a notebook at the back of the church from 4th October to put the names of those you would like read out in church. Please put names in the book by 30th October.
- **Thursday Club** - We're excited to be launching a new family group, Thursday Club, starting on 5th November. Doors open at 3.30pm, finishing at 4.45pm in church. For primary-aged children and their families, with games, crafts, activities, a Bible story and a snack. We'd also love a few people to help, either as part of the team or by providing refreshments. Please speak to Dave.
- **Streaming Services** - we are looking to be able to stream our services more regularly, to do this we need to expand our team. Speak to Rev. Dave if you would like to join the team.
- **Help is needed at the Thursday afternoon** baby and toddler group (12.30 to 2pm) in term time. Mainly to serve refreshments and some tidying up. For more information contact Sue Harrison email sue@harrisonfamily.me.uk

**Thank you for supporting our raffle stalls and
the Big Brew for Fair Trade Fortnight.**

We raised £275 which will go to Transform Trade helping them to continue to work to making the world a fairer place for the farmers and producers in developing countries.

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
Vegetarian Meals (e.g 3 bean stew,
veggie chili, mac n cheese) & Cold
Meats (e.g ham, corned beef, spam),
Long Life Desserts (e.g sponge
pudding, angel delight), UHT Milk

Parish Office

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