



Welcome to St. Mary's Shortlands

21st June 2026 - 3rd Sunday after Trinity

Today

10.30am Holy Communion with Junior Church and baptism of Beatrice Moreton

Celebrant & preaching: Rev. Dave Edmondson

Reading: Nick Thorne

Intercessions: Sue Harrison

Hymns

232 - For all the saints

423 - Fight the good fight

557- Praise to the holiest in the height

Comm:137- Alleluia, Alleluia

Anthem - God so loved the world - Stainer

558 - Praise to the Lord

6.30pm - Choral Evensong

This week

- Tue 23 June 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter
- Wed 24 June 10.00am – Holy Communion in the chapel
10.30am – 12.30pm – Community Café
- Thur 25 June 9.30am & 12.30pm - Baby and Toddler sessions
7.00pm – Junior choir practice
7.30pm – Adult choir practice
- Sun 28 June** 8.00am - Holy Communion
10.30am - All Age Parade Service followed by Parish Picnic.

Collect

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.

Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and for ever.

First Reading: Genesis 21.8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned.

But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring."

So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and

the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Gospel reading: Matthew 10.24-39

"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-

law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Post-Communion Prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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 ...

All areas of conflict and those suffering from disasters.

The Sick ...

For those who are recently unwell, including Peggy Duffin, Janice Davis, Sheila Dowling, Christine Perzyna and Robert Barnes. We continue to pray for Eileen Abbam, Sally Aldred, Angela Ash, and for those who seek our support by bringing these prayers to our church.

The Departed ...

We pray for everyone grieving the loss of loved ones, especially the family and friends of Heather Donovan and Regina Claiborne-Dixon.

We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week: Monica McKinnon, Eleanora Glover, Kitty French, Alice Davis, Michele Dennis, John Watts, Marjorie Sisman and Carol Walklin.

NOTICES

- **Saturday 27th June** we are having a tidy of the Church grounds at 9.30am. All help welcome. Tools provided
- **Parish Picnic Sunday 28th June:** all age Parade Service starts at 10.30 with Picnic following. Homemade baking contest, all are welcome to enter, please drop off entries in church before the service. Bouncy castle (for all ages!), BBQ food for sale or bring your own picnic, ice creams, tuck shop, donation bar, activities, fun & games for all the family.
- **Parish Picnic Bouncy Castle Supervisor Slots** - If you are able to sign up to supervise the bouncy castle on the Parish Picnic for 30mins. There is a sign up sheet on the notice board at the back of Church. Thank you.
- **Heather Donovan's memorial service - Tuesday 30th June - 2pm.** The family have requested if possible to wear bright colours. There will be some refreshments after the service and there is a sign up sheet on the noticeboard in Church. Please could you sign up if you are planning on coming so family know for catering purposes.
- **Regina Claiborne-Dixon Memorial service** at St Mary's on Saturday 4th July at 11am.
- **Informal Evening Service with the Music Group Sunday 5th July 6.30pm:** Come and celebrate the quiet beauty of "Ordinary Time" in the church calendar. Reflections, songs, prayers and an activity. Everyone welcome!

- **Churches Together in Beckenham** – Summer Picnic Sunday 5th July. All are warmly invited at St Paul's, in Beckenham. An informal start time after Sunday services. Bring your own picnic and picnic blanket or seat.
- **You are warmly invited to a Gala Fundraising Dinner at St Mary's Shortlands on Sat 18 July, 7–10pm**, featuring fine dining 3 course meal, wine, and a special guest speaker, the Governor of the Bank of England in support of our Future Generations Project. Tickets £100 per person, to book email fundraising@stmaryshortlands.church
- **The choir are singing for a service for ABCD's 40th anniversary on Thur 16th July at 6.30pm at St. Botolph's** in London (near Liverpool St. station). All are welcome – please see Claire if you wish to attend.
- **The choir is singing on the 1st and 2 August at 5.15pm and Mattins at 10.45 am 2 August at St. George's Windsor.** All are welcome to attend the services.



Staying in Touch at St Mary's

We are beginning to use our email list to share news and information about upcoming events at St Mary's. If you would like to receive emails from us, you can 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.

- **Safeguarding Training for All Volunteers**

Due to Church of England safeguarding requirements, that everyone involved in any church rota now has to complete the Church of England's Basic Safeguarding Training. 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. Even for those who have served faithfully for many years, it provides a helpful common foundation. How to complete the training:

- **Online:** A simple course which can be completed individually. Please create an account and complete the Basic Safeguarding Course using the Church of England training portal: safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org . Or
- **In person:** For those who prefer to do this training in person in groups we have some planed dates
Wednesday 8th July - Midday
Sunday 26th July - Midday
Saturday 12th September - 10am
Sunday 18th October - Midday

There is a sign up sheet at the back of Church or email Dave. Thank you for your help and support.

Safeguarding is a vital part of our shared ministry, helping us ensure that St Mary's remains a safe and welcoming church for all.

Junior Church

Takes place in the hall during the morning service. All children of all ages are very welcome.

June - 21st

July – 5th, 12th, 19th

Tea Time Together at 4.00pm
for families with children upto Yr 5

Youth Club from 6.00pm

for Years 6 -13

July 12th, Sept 13th, Oct 11th

Fairtrade Dates

June -, Wed 24th

July - Sun 12th, Wed 22nd

Taketime meditation

10.15am-11am (chapel)

11th July, 12th Sept

Our Mission of the Month (MOM) for June is RAMP (Accessibility in Beckenham)

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 Pauline Lambourne on 020 8658 0470 or safeguarding@stmaryshortlands.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 tinned fruit, cold meats & puddings, coffee, long life fruit juice, UHT milk, laundry detergent & ladies deodorant

Parish Office

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