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Sacred Space

I am often asked to talk to our school groups and our uniformed organisation groups about St Mary's Church. This involves a tour, an explanation of its history and usually a 'hands on' experience of what goes on in the church!

One of the facts I usually share with my young listeners is that they are either looking at (if they are outside) or standing in (if they are inside) the largest building in Shortlands!

I like to call what we find inside our Parish Church - sacred space. Those of you who have never been inside the Church might be surprised to know that there is hardly an hour goes past (except of course when we are all in bed!) when there is not someone inside it.

That's why we keep it open as much as we can.

Our major services - Remembrance Sunday drew 465 - attract many. But what I find so interesting (and encouraging!) is who I find inside the church when nothing organised is going on. For often as I pass through the building there is someone inside, often just sitting, sometimes praying, perhaps writing something to put on our Prayer Tree. There is something that connects which says we need space and sometimes we want to very definitely acknowledge God in some particular way.

In Shortlands, our Parish Church is for everyone. We are here to celebrate the beginning of life when parents bring their children for



baptism, we are here to stand with couples as they say their marriage vows, and we are here to support people in bereavement when we come to our earthly partings with those we love. We are here to celebrate Christian faith in our Sunday and Wednesday services, to offer prayer for those who request our support and to be a Christian presence in a busy and vibrant community. The

Church is of course people but the building provides sacred space for all who need it.

As we begin the year may I take this opportunity to assure you that whatever it brings St. Mary's is here for you. May God bless you and all those you love during this coming year.

by Canon Paul Miller



Photo: Mark Faulkner

418 people packed into St. Mary's for the Annual Christingle service in which many of the young people of Shortlands took part. The service supports the work of the Children's Society. The Junior Choir sang a song called 'Starlight' and the Monday Cubs performed on the hand bells 'Jingle Bells' and 'Good King Wenceslas'. Every child present received a Christingle. Photographed above are Jessica and Daisy Faulkner with their Christingles in front of the Christmas Tree.

Special Services for January

Sunday, 8 January - Confirmation

10.30am - Confirmation Service

President and Preacher

- The Bishop of Tonbridge
The Rt. Rev. Dr. Brian Castle
will visit Shortlands
for the Annual Service of
Confirmation.

Sunday, 22 January - Bible Sunday

10.30am - Family Communion

There will be a display of
bibles for sale

Sunday, 29 January

**6.30pm - Choral Evensong
for Candlemas**

**The conclusion of the
Christmas season**

Preacher: Fr. Leon Carberry,
Deputy Area Dean of Beckenham

Responses: Radcliffe

Canticles: Stanford in G

Anthem: When to the temple

Mary went (Eccard)

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS!



From the Registers

At Rest

We extend our sympathy to those who loved:
29 Oct Allan Lewis, aged 66



Remembering

Allan Lewis

Allan Lewis was born in Surrey, both with his elder sister Carol, the family soon moved to Herne Hill. Allen went to the Archbishop Tennison's School at the Oval before joining Prudential Insurance in a life long career. Here Allan met his future wife Dot; marrying in 1967 they had a son Robert, a daughter Emma and later their grandchild Ruby. Coming to live in Whitcroft Way, Allan & Dot made many new friends, as well as Allan keeping up friendships from school and work and from membership of Beckenham Cricket Club. For Allan was a very gifted athlete and sportsman excelling at all kinds of sport, but with a highly competitive spirit. A man principle and forthright in his opinions - Allan was not one to suffer fools gladly. A devoted family man Allan and Dot enjoyed socialising and travelling and eating out until the tragedy of Dot's early death two years ago. Sadly, earlier this year Allan, too, was diagnosed with cancer and died peacefully on 29 October, aged 66. A large congregation of family, friends and neighbours came to celebrate Allan's life at a funeral service held 10 November at Beckenham Crematorium conducted by Mrs Ann Gimson.



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Queen Elizabeth II came to the throne on 6 February 1952. The only other British monarch to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee was Queen Victoria in 1897!

There will be many celebrations throughout 2012 culminating in four days of festivity from 2 June to 5 June.

Canon Paul, as one of Her Majesty's Chaplains, has been invited to a day of celebration on 6 February at St. James's Palace and Buckingham Palace.

In Shortlands on Sunday, 20 May at 6.30pm there will be a special Choral Evensong to which the community will be invited. The preacher at the service will be Prebendary Bill Scott, Sub Dean to Her Majesty's Chapels Royal and Domestic Chaplain to the Queen.

Then on Sunday, 3 June St. Mary's will be joining in the National Big Lunch. It will take the form of a street party within the grounds of the Church and Hall. This will be a ticketed event. Besides lunch there will be various attractions for all ages, an exhibition by local Associations in the church and an opportunity to watch in church the Thames Pageant in London.

It will be a wonderful occasion and a fitting community celebration so please put the date in your diaries now.

Foot in mouth

The vet in a small town was also in charge of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Late one night the phone rang, and his wife answered. An agitated voice inquired, "Is your husband there?"

"Do you require his services as a neighbourhood watch, or as a vet?" she asked. "Both!" was the reply. "We can't get our dog's mouth open, and there's an intruder in it."

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Jack Campion and Cheri Anderson were married at St. Mary's, Shortlands at the beginning of November. Canon Paul Miller officiated. Jack and Cheri have a daughter, Betsy. The family has recently moved to Paris.

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Mission of the Month

Welcare in Bromley

Welcare in Bromley is a local charity supporting local families.

The Welcare social work team works with parents and children up to 19 years where needs have been identified. The social workers help families gain an understanding of their problems, find solutions and effect positive and sustained change.

Welcare offers family support including direct help and group activities for families affected by domestic abuse, parenting problems and isolation.

Welcare also works with local churches, charities and supporters to provide small items of furniture, emergency food parcels and good quality, second-hand clothes.

If you would like further details as to how to help, possibly by becoming a Friend of Welcare in Bromley, please contact Marion Westropp 020 8650 5178, the Welcare in Bromley office 020 466 0399, or pick up a leaflet at the back of the church during the month of January.

Welcare in Bromley is St. Mary's Mission for the Month of January. There will be a display on the Missions notice board during January and further information can be found on www.welcare.org

New Year's Message from Douai

I have been touched during my time in Douai by the warmth of the welcome I received into the close friendship of the twinning between St Mary's Shortlands and St Francis of Assisi in Douai. Our two communities are quite different due to our national history and the religious intractability which in one way or another we have inherited. Yet the mutual affection and encouragement are there for all to see.

Along with other Christians of the Western World, we share the joy of Christmas, which has both a divine and family dimension. The Christ child is a sign of eternal love. Peace on earth is God's greatest

wish for mankind. But darkness and danger are all around us, the stars fall, world and national powers are shaken. In the face of natural disasters and social upheaval, the poor and the downtrodden are victims, and those who stand up for justice and truth are persecuted. It would be easy to become disheartened, but the Word of God is there to lighten our path. The Babe of Bethlehem is God who comes to live among us, he triumphs over death and hell, he is the friend of the vulnerable and those who suffer.

We share our firm faith in Christ Jesus, our Saviour. He came down to earth for us and shows us the way to Heaven. We have not been

abandoned by God, but are required to help bring about a world of reconciliation, in the freedom of love and the hope of eternal life.

Along with our Twinning Committee and all the parishioners here in Douai, I wish you a happy and courageous New Year! May the light of Bethlehem and the maternal vigilance of St Mary guide your steps. I will be leaving Douai in February to serve God in a manner more fitting to my 75 years, but I am looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you again when we visit at the beginning of May.

Michel Rimaux

Priest of the Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Douai



Fun of the Fayre



St. Mary's held its Annual Christmas Fayre at the end of November to raise funds for Welcare in Bromley and St. Mary's Church.

Hundreds of people attended the Fayre which had an Edwardian theme. Over £2,800 was raised. 'It was a wonderfully happy occasion which the photos confirm!' reported Canon Paul Miller



**The Parish Church
of St. Mary,
Shortlands**

Link Parish

St. Francis of
Assisi, Douai, France



WORSHIP

Every Sunday

- 08.00 Holy Communion
- 10.30 Family Communion, except the first Sunday in the month in term time. During term time there are separate groups in the Church Hall for children aged 0-18.
- 10.30 All Age Eucharist or Parade Service (1st Sunday in the month, term time).
- 18.30 Choral Evensong (3rd Sunday in the month)

Every Monday

- 17.00 Evening Prayers

Every Wednesday

- 10.00 Holy Communion

Further information about all services can be obtained from the Parish Office.

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