

## SHORTLANDS PARISH NEWS

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## Scouting Centenary



Above - 7 year old Beaver Ben Healy proudly wears the Centenary badge that he designed. Every member of the Group is wearing the badge on their uniform this year.

Left - the Scout Group taken in 1920 outside the Church Mission Room

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the 7th Bromley (St. Mary's, Shortlands) Scout Group.

Four years after scouting was founded by Robert Baden-Powell, six boys under the leadership of Mr H W Bothamley met on 6 July 1911 in the Mission Room, Shortlands (demolished in 1980), despite initial opposition from the Vicar, Canon Woolley, who was wary of starting another boys' organisation when the Church Lads' Brigade – under his control – had just failed! By October Mr Bothamley had obtained permission to use Barnfield Wood and 80 acres of Langley Park on Saturday afternoons.

During both World Wars the Scout Troop was run by the then scout leader's sister, Miss Bothamley in the First and Miss Elsie Ramsey in the Second.

In May 1929 Mowgli 'Wolf Cub' Pack was formed. The Scouts and Cubs were based down in Gwydyr Road from 1935 until they moved up to St. Mary's Church Hall in 1971. The present HQ behind the hall was opened in 1973, and in March of that year a second Cub Pack – Kim Pack – was started. Beavers came to St Mary's in 1990 when the Beaver Scout Colony opened.

An article by Gerry Bowyer (who became District Commissioner in 1963) reads "I was invested in the 7th Bromley in February 1922. My first camps in 1922 were at Biggin Hill, to which place we pulled the trek cart loaded with our kit bags, an ex-army bell tent and army dixies etc." These days we have the luxury of cars or minibus! Describing another camp at Langley Park, he writes "One of the men at the camp came back rather the worse for drink, and the Rovers put him on a trestle table top and the bloke slid into the water!"

Today there are 98 boys in the Group with 12 warranted leaders and many regular helpers. Scouting is as strong as ever in Shortlands.

**The centenary will be marked by a special service at 10.30am on Sunday, 12 June which will be followed by the annual parish picnic and barbecue. We hope that as many past and present members of the Group as possible will be able to attend.**

### Parish Picnic & Barbecue, Fun & Games

Sunday, 12 June 2011

in the church grounds, following the 10.30am  
Family and Parade Service in the church.

Bring your own picnic - barbecue food and  
refreshments available to buy.

There will be a toddler play area, and many fun games for  
adults and children.

**Come and enjoy the Shortlands community!**

### Services and Events at St. Mary's

<b>Saturday</b> 14 May	7.30pm	<b>Old Tyme Music Hall</b> Tickets £8 from the Parish Office
<b>Sunday</b> 15 May	6.30pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b> Responses: Radcliffe, Canticles: Dyson in F Anthem: Prayer of Richard of Chichester
<b>Ascension Day</b> <b>Thursday</b> 2 June	8.00pm	<b>Eucharist for Ascension Day</b> followed by drinks and the lighting of the Ascension Day Rocket



## From the Registers

### Holy Baptism

We welcome into God's family:

27 Mar Emilie Attreed

Darcie Attreed

### At Rest

We extend our sympathy to those who loved:

19 Mar Marcel Roberts, aged 89

### Interment of Ashes

23 Mar Dorothy Rankin



## Remembering

### Marcel Roberts

Marcel was born in Wales where he grew up. He was one of three. He had two sisters, Beryl and Mavis, who survive him.

He married Marie and they had a son, James, who died in 2008. Marie died in 2010.

He became a civil servant beginning his career in Porth and then moving to London to work at the Department of Trade and Industry.

During the war he served in the RAF as a wireless operator.

His interests included reading, the opera and swimming. He became Treasurer and later President of the Beckenham Swimming Club. He loved travel and fell in love with cruising, a particular highlight being sailing on the QE2 to New York and returning on Concord.

A Service of Thanksgiving, conducted by Canon Paul Miller, took place at Beckenham Crematorium prior to cremation, at which his daughter-in-law Sheila, grandsons, Paul, Mark and Adam, were joined by other family members and friends.



Thank you to all who contributed for the Easter Flowers and Lilies.

## The Bible in 50 words

God made

Adam bit

Noah arked

Abraham split

Joseph ruled

Jacob fooled

Bush talked

Moses balked

Pharaoh plagued

People walked

Sea divided

Tablets guided

Promise landed

Saul freaked

David peaked

Prophets warned

Jesus born

God walked

Love talked

Anger crucified

Hope died

Love rose

Spirit flamed

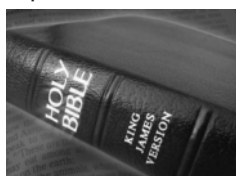
Word spread

God remained.

- anon

## Happy 400th Birthday, King James Bible!

On 2 May it will be exactly 400 years since the King James Version of the Bible was first published. The Authorised Version, as it is also known, has sold more than one billion copies since it was first published in 1611. It is arguable that there has been no more important single publication, as its impact on culture and language over the last 400 years has been huge around the world. Not only has it inspired great art, music and literature, but it has changed lives and shaped whole societies.



# Christian Aid Week

15-21 May

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Christian Aid works with communities to establish their needs and empowering them to make their own visions a reality. Co-operatives thrive in many impoverished areas around the globe and can produce an abundant life for those with meagre resources at their disposal. It's about seeing something achievable beyond oneself and working together to make life better for everyone. It's a bigger world and an unsettling world. But it's a world that allows for transformation in so many ways for those who have so very little compared to us!

Christian Aid Week is a time to celebrate transformation. Please help us and together we'll try to make the impossible happen!

Please contact Sarah or Tricia to offer assistance with this year's Collection.

Sarah Craggs 020 8464 4379

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## 'Pennies from Heaven'

Calling all Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts!

Calling all Mothers and Toddlers, Pre-School, Junior Church and Junior Choir!

Let's see how much we can collect this year for others who have so little.

We hope you will place your coins in an **enormous circle** around the inside of St. Mary's, to remind everyone that we all belong to one big family - rich and poor alike! We've had such fun in previous years, raising hundreds of pounds so far! Congratulations to everyone involved.

Please bring your 'Pennies from Heaven' to Pack Night (or your next meeting) in the week starting 15 May, so that you can place your coins in the circle.

## Safer Neighbourhoods

### Appeal for new Panel Members

Shortlands Safer Neighbourhood Team is looking for residents who live in the ward to come forward and join the Team as a new Panel Member.

This would require attendance at a Panel meeting once every three months at the Team's base in Albemarle Road in Beckenham.

At each meeting you will be given crime figures for the previous three months and you will be given the opportunity to raise issues or concerns that you would like the Team to address.

Attending the meetings also gives you the chance to meet the Shortlands Safer Neighbourhood Team face to face.

If you think this is something you might be interested in, please call a member of the Team on 020 8721 2614 or email [shortlands.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:shortlands.snt@met.police.uk)

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# Bishop appoints Claire to be a Canon!

**The Bishop of Rochester has appointed Claire Tillotson to be an Honorary Lay Canon of Rochester.**

This is to mark the significant work Claire has done in Bethlehem to equip the SOS School and Village with the resources to use music as therapy and in her role to coordinate the training of Basel Zayed, who is currently at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, to be Palestine's first music therapist.

Claire herself is a music therapist and is on the staff of Riverside School, St. Mary Cray. She is the Assistant Organist at St. Mary's where she has responsibility for the Junior Choir. She plays clarinet and saxophone in the Bromley XBY Concert Band where until recently she was the leader. She has worked with Music as Therapy International and the McCabe Educational Trust to set up a structure for music as therapy in the SOS Village and School, and travelled many times to Bethlehem to monitor its progress.

'This appointment is a huge honour for Claire and worthy recognition by the Bishop of her role in the Diocese and in the project in Bethlehem. It is also a notable honour for Shortlands. I believe she will be one of the youngest Honorary Lay Canons ever appointed in Rochester' commented Canon Miller.

There are twenty four Honorary Clergy Canons in the Diocese of Rochester and four Honorary Lay Canons. She will become a member of the College of Canons. Claire will be installed at a special service at Rochester Cathedral in the summer when she will be given her own stall alongside the other Canons.

Arrangements will be made and published in due course for those who wish to go to support Claire on this special occasion.



## Joint award for Chorister of the Year



The annual Paul Baker Chorister of the Year award was this year shared by Oliver Wright-Jones (left) and David Tillotson (right).

The award, nominated by Director of Music, Frank Roddy, and confirmed by the Vicar, Canon Paul Miller, was made at the annual Friends of St. Mary's Choral Evensong in March.

The award is made to the chorister who has made a significant contribution to the Junior Choir. 'David and Oliver have been members of the Junior Choir for some time now,' reported Canon Paul Miller. 'It is also a few years since a boy has won it, and they both thoroughly deserve it.'

A medallion on a ribbon and a cash award were given to both boys.

## Smile lines

### Windy

Three elderly ministers, all hard of hearing, were playing golf one sunny spring morning.

The Methodist minister observed, "Windy, isn't it?" "No", the Baptist pastor said, "It's Thursday." The Anglican vicar agreed: "So am I! Let's go and get a pint."

### Short-staffed

Two men were working for the town council. One would dig a hole and the other would follow behind him and fill the hole in. They worked up one side of the street, then down the other, then moved on to the next street, working furiously all day without rest, one man digging a hole, the other filling it in again.

An onlooker was amazed at their hard work, but couldn't understand what they were doing. So he finally approached the hole digger, "I'm impressed by the effort you two are putting in to your work, but I don't get it - why do you dig a hole, only to have your partner follow behind and fill it up again?"

The hole digger wiped his brow and sighed, "Well, I suppose it probably looks odd because we're normally a three-person team. But today the guy who plants the trees called in sick."

### Golf

Golfer to caddy: "Why didn't you watch where my ball went?"

Caddy to golfer: "I'm so sorry. Your ball doesn't usually go anywhere, and this took me completely by surprise."

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10.30	All Age Eucharist or Parade Service (1st Sunday in the month, term time).
18.30	Evening Service

### 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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