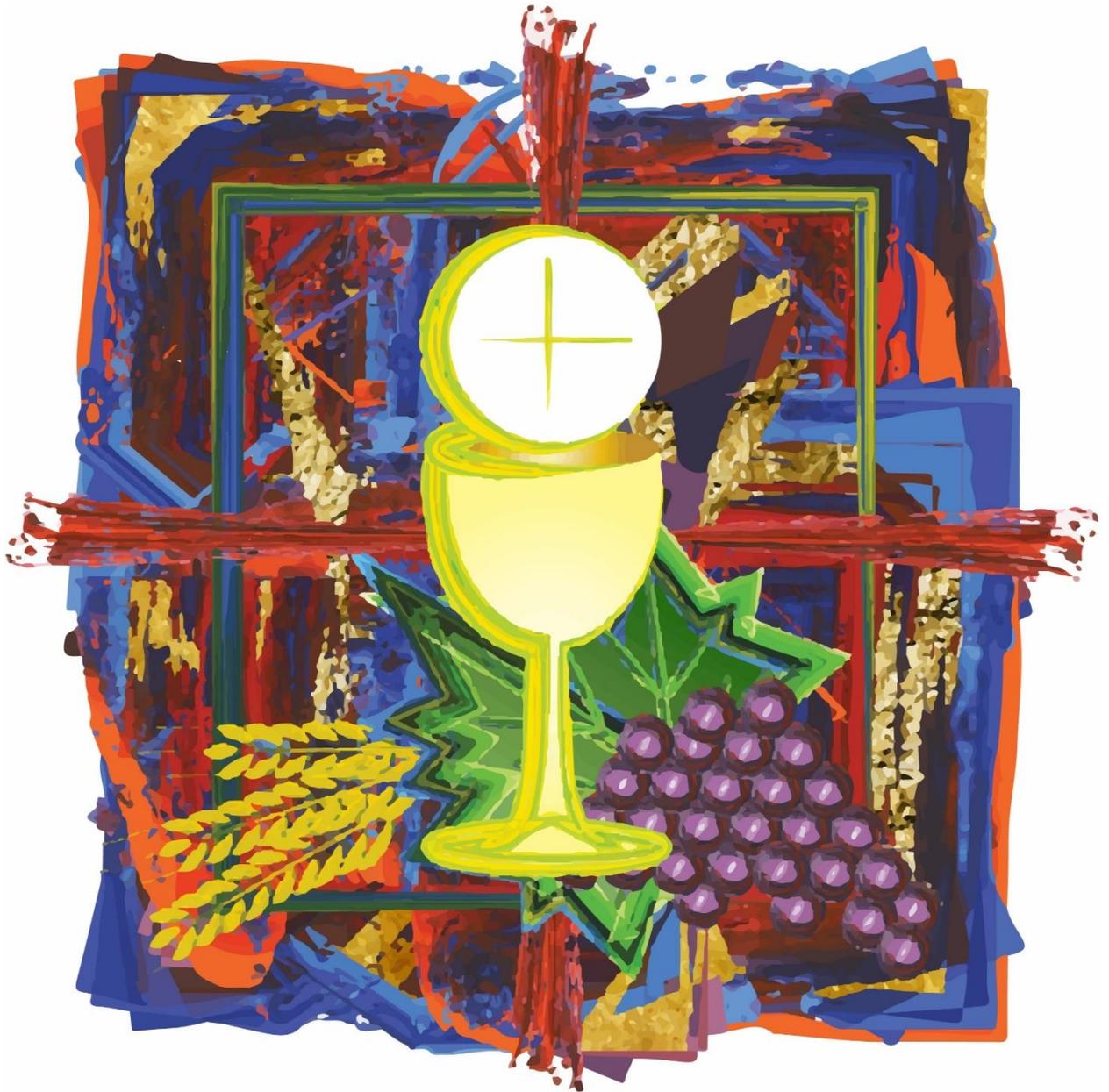


# The Parish Church of St. Mary, Shortlands



Order of Service for  
**Holy Communion**

## **Opening Hymn** - *sung by the choir only*

### **The Greeting**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

### **Prayer of Preparation**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**Almighty God, our heavenly father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.**

**Amen.**

### *Absolution*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis** – *sung by the choir only*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## The Collect

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Readings

One reading from scripture precedes the Gospel reading.

At the end the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader says:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end of the Gospel reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Address

## **The Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from  
Light, true God from true God, begotten not made,  
of one being with the Father;

through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the  
scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right  
hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the  
world to come.

**Amen.**

# Prayers of Intercession

*The following responses may be used:*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*or*

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

*And at the end:*

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

Christ is our peace.

He has reconciled us to God

in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us acknowledge one another with a sign of peace.

*Note: There is to be no physical contact in the sharing of the peace.*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great  
and glorious name for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to  
your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the  
body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and  
looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you  
for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve  
you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in  
your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we in the company of St. Mary and all the saints,

may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour be yours,  
almighty father,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## **The Agnus Dei** – *sung by the choir only*

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Note: Please wait until you are invited by a sides-person to move forward  
to receive Communion.*

**Anthem** - *sung by the choir only*

## **Prayer after Communion**

## **NOTICES**

## **The Dismissal**

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ  
our Lord;

and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

**Final Hymn** – *sung by the choir only*

*Note: Please wait until you are invited by a sides-person to leave.*

## Regular Services

### Morning Prayer

**Monday-Saturday, 9am**

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarysshortlands/>

If you do not have a Facebook account, please access our services through our website -

<https://www.stmarysshortlands.org.uk/>

### Holy Communion

**Every Sunday, 8am** – non-congregational and streamed via:

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarysshortlands/>

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**Every Sunday, 10.30am**

Services held in church – not streamed

**Every Wednesday, 10.30am**

(from 16<sup>th</sup> September)

Services held in church – not streamed

## Special Events & Services

### Church Opening

The church will be open on the following days:

Monday / Wednesday / Saturday – 10am-3pm

The opening of the church will be for personal prayer and reflection only.

**Parish Office Hours** All week days, Monday-Friday – 9.30am-12.30pm.

## **Stewardship**

Thank you to everyone who has been able to make a stewardship contribution to St. Mary's during the past few months as we have lived through the impact of coronavirus, a virus that has affected each and every one of us. Whether through an increase in monthly giving, as a new donor, or as a one-off payment, your generosity has been received with sincere thanks, generosity that greatly helps in keeping your church alive.

Restrictions on access to the church have now been lifted, which is wonderful news for us all, but we are still a long way off from 'normal service' being resumed. Because of this, I would respectfully ask that if you are able, please could you consider how you might be able to continue in financially helping St. Mary's, perhaps as a new donor through a standing order, or through increasing your current giving. Christian giving is part of our discipleship, a response to God's love and today, like no other time, the life of the church continues even through these exceptionally challenging times. Many people are working tirelessly, learning new skills and adapting how worship is presented and it is through all of this, that the love of God continues to radiate through our community.

If you are considering joining the stewardship scheme at St. Mary's, please fill in a stewardship scheme form, and set up a standing order with your bank, using the following details: Nat West Bank sort code 60-04-02, Account Number 42417112 (or you can use a standing order form). Forms are available through the Parish Office, or to download from our website.

If you pay tax, please do also complete and return a gift aid form - this allows us to reclaim tax on your donation at no cost to you.

If you wish to give a one-off payment, you can access the St. Mary's, Shortlands, **Just Giving** page via our website, [www.stmaryshortlands.org.uk](http://www.stmaryshortlands.org.uk). where you will find the following button to click on to gain access to the Just Giving page:



Donate with **JustGiving**

If you wish to make a donation with a cheque, please make the cheque out to St Mary Shortlands PCC, which can be dropped off at the vicarage as part of your daily exercise regime.

Also, a further way of supporting the Church is by leaving a bequest in your will. If you would like to understand more about leaving a bequest, please contact the Treasurer, Tim Dawson, [treasurer@stmaryshortlands.church](mailto:treasurer@stmaryshortlands.church).

Please contact the Parish Office for forms to be sent to you, or they can be downloaded from our website. If you wish to discuss any financial issues further, please contact Tim Dawson, Treasurer, [treasurer@stmaryshortlands.church](mailto:treasurer@stmaryshortlands.church), or Revd Gary Best, [vicar@stmaryshortlands.church](mailto:vicar@stmaryshortlands.church).

Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary's and ensuring that we continue to share the love of God within our community.

*Love and Blessings, Revd Gary Best.*