

# Welcome to St. Mary's, the Parish Church of Shortlands

St. Mary's, Shortlands endeavours to bring the love of God into the everyday lives of the people of Shortlands.

We have a hearing loop system in the Church: members of the congregation with hearing aids should switch to 'T' for better reception



## 25 October Last Sunday after Trinity

### Services Today

8.00am	<b>Service of the Word</b> - live streamed only
10.30am	<b>Family Communion</b> - Reverend Jane Peters <b>Address:</b> Reverend Jane Peters <b>The New Testament reading will be:</b> 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 read by Keith Mills <b>The Anthem will be:</b> A new commandment by Shepherd <b>Intercessions:</b> Marion Westropp

### Services and Events this week

Mon 26 Oct	9.00am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> - live streamed only
Tue 27 Oct	9.00am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> - live streamed only
Wed 28 Oct	9.00am 10.30am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> - live streamed only <b>Holy Communion</b> (Common Worship) <b>In main Church</b>
Thu 29 Oct	9.00am 7.00pm	<b>Morning Prayer</b> - live streamed only <b>Choir Practice</b>
Fri 30 Oct	9.00am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> - live streamed only
Sat 31 Oct	9.00am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> - live streamed only

### All Saints Day

Sunday 1 November	8.00am	<b>Service of the Word</b> - live streamed only
	10.30am	<b>Family Communion</b> - Reverend Gary Best
	4.00pm	<b>Service for the Departed</b> - Reverend Beverley Ejimofo

# Last Sunday of Trinity

## Gospel Reading

### Collect

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy Scriptures to be  
written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest  
them  
that, through patience, and the comfort  
of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast  
the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour  
Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Matthew 22.34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'" This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'"? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

### New Testament Reading

#### 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

### Post Communion

God of all grace,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom:  
renew your people with your heavenly  
grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for  
ever.

### Special Prayers today

For Rachel and Grant Holton married  
this weekend in New Zealand

## *Please remember in your prayers this week...*

### **The Church**

**For** the Dean and Cathedral staff of Rochester.

**The Rev Wil North**, Area Dean; Mr Barry Fisher, Lay Chair

**Chatham, St Mary and St John.** Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Carol Morgan

**Bishop's Mission Order: Chatham St John.** Mission Leader: The Rev Martyn Saunders & Captain Stephen Ramshaw

**Chatham, St Paul with All Saints.**

Vicar: The Rev Andrea Ward

**Chatham, St Philip and St James.**

Vicar: The Rev Martyn Saunders

**Chatham, St Stephen.** Vicar: The Rev Barry Linney

**Luton, Christ Church.** Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Andrea Leonard

### **The Sick ...**

**For** all who are unwell, including Sally Aldred; Melanie Jones; Revd Hugh Broadbent; Joan Austen; Paul Corben; Roger Bullen; Ann Dalton; Ann Gramlich; Barbara Skinner.

**For** all those who bring their prayers to our Church.

### **The Departed ...**

**For** those who have recently died including Ralph Lampard, and all who mourn.

**We** also remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week at this time: Tom Pinder; Betty Hales; Rex Nicholls; Gaby Whittaker; Pom Gainsborough; Ann Tarrant; Percy Shelley; Douglas Smith; Daphne Sartin; William Parks; Freda Leitch.

### **The World ...**

**For** the SOS Children's Village in Bethlehem.

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may find comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us  
from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **The Community ...**

**For** the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

**For** Bromley Churches' Housing Association, and for all homeless people and asylum seekers.

**For** family life, those facing stress, unemployment and retirement. For single parents and the bereaved.

**For** former members of St. Mary's now living elsewhere.

**Give** thanks for the many and varied gifts amongst God's people. Pray for those training for ministry, Lay and Ordained.

### **The Anglican Church – Report into Child Sexual Abuse**

This week, you may have heard or read about the report on the Anglican Church in relation to child sexual abuse, with the church found to be negligent in its response to many cases of abuse which took place over many years. Whilst it would be easy to shrug this off as 'historical', the report reminds us that this is not the case and we must all be vigilant in being aware of any form of abuse within the church and within our community. If any of what you have heard or read this week has caused you any anxiety or upset, please contact Kay Coleman, our Safeguarding Officer, who will be able to provide practical and pastoral support. Kay can be contacted on 07879 337567.

Our Mission of the Month for October is:

### **Arthritis Action**

There is a display at the back of the Church. Five per cent of our giving will support the work of this mission, and additional gifts may be given through the plate by the display.

# NOTICES

- ◆ **Revd Gary** is now on annual leave and returns to duties on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November. For all enquiries, please contact the parish office.
- ◆ **Service for the Departed** - on Sunday 1 November at 4pm - A notebook has been placed in the south porch in which you may write the names of those you would like remembered at this service.
- ◆ **Choral Evensong** will be resuming from 8 November at 6.30pm.
- ◆ **Calligrapher** - we are looking to find a talented calligrapher who would be able to enter names into our Book of Remembrance and onto various record boards that we have in church, as and when required. (There is a small remuneration for entries into the Book of Remembrance). If you think that you can help us find someone for this task then please do contact the Parish Office.
- ◆ **Free to a good home.** A riser/incliner electric armchair. Very good condition. Beige/neutral colours. Recent PAT test. For further information please contact Hazel Leech. 09786107343.
- ◆ **Ann-Marie and David** are undertaking a virtual charity walk/run 100 kilometres along the Western Front to be undertaken over October to raise funds for ABF, the Army Benevolent Charity and they have decided to match fund monies raised for several other charities, so for money raised from St Mary's this will be for the Future Generations Project and a local Alzheimer's Project.
- ◆ **Traidcraft** - there will be no more sales in church for the foreseeable future. If you would like to place an order directly with Cecelia Willatt please look through a catalogue in the south porch and call 020 8313 0246.
- ◆ **Biggin Hill Romania Group:** Heartfelt thanks to all those who have supported the BHRG over so many years (20+). The shoe boxes, family boxes and knitted goods have made such a difference to many of those living on the fringes of society in Comanesti. Thank you also to all those who donated clothes, bedding and household items to be sold in the charity's shop. There will no longer be a shoe/family box delivery for Christmas. "MERSI – THANK YOU" from Romania.

Thank you to all of our donors for your amazing support, especially in this current situation



The following are currently in short supply:  
**SMALL BOTTLES OF SQUASH, LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE, INSTANT WHIP, COLD MEAT, CUSTARD, SPONGE PUDDINGS, SWEETS, JELLY, NON-BIO WASHING DETERGENT, SHAVING GEL/RAZORS, CHILDRENS TOOTH-PASTE & TOOTHBRUSHES, CHRISTMAS FOOD DATED 2021 ONWARDS.**

A reminder that we cannot receive fresh goods only long life food.

For information please contact Vici Nightingale.

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## Stay in touch!

To keep up with the latest news from St Mary's, you can 'like' our page on Facebook or follow us on Twitter - search for



**'St Mary's Shortlands'.**

If you're not sure how to do it, ask in the office and they'll put you in touch with someone who can give you an introduction to 'social media'.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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