

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



22 November Sermon Series - Mary

Services Today

10.30am	Communion Service - live streamed only Sermon Series - The Characters of the Nativity Week 1 - Mary - led by David Jefferys The New Testament reading will be: Romans 16: 25-27 read by Helen Bird Intercessions: Reverend Gary Best
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Services and Events this week

Mon 23 Nov	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only
Tue 24 Nov	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only
Wed 25 Nov	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only
Thu 26 Nov	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only
Fri 27 Nov	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only
Sat 28 Nov	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 29 November	10.30am	Communion Service - live streamed only - Reverend Gary Best
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Sermon Series - Mary

Collect

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to
the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as
Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the
Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to
worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

New Testament Reading

Romans 16: 25-27

Now to God who is able to
strengthen you according to my
gospel and the proclamation of
Jesus Christ, according to the
revelation of the mystery that was
kept secret for long ages but is now
disclosed, and through the
prophetic writings is made known
to all the Gentiles, according to the
command of the eternal God, to
bring about the obedience of faith -
to the only wise God, through
Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory
forever! Amen.

The angel said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God’.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1. 26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, ‘Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.’ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.’ Mary said to the angel, ‘How can this be, since I am a virgin?’ The angel said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.’ Then Mary said, ‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.’ Then the angel departed from her.

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the
fruit of good works, may by you be
plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Please remember in your prayers this week...

The Church ...

Estonia Estonian Evangelical

Lutheran Church: Archbishop Urmas Viilma

Ditton, St Peter ad Vincula. Rector:
The Rev Ross Terranova

East Malling, St James the Great, and

Teston, St Peter and St Paul. Vicar:
The Rev Nick Williams

**Bishop's Mission Order: King's Hill,
St Gabriel's.** Missioner: The Rev Mark
Montgomery

Larkfield, Holy Trinity. Priest-in-
Charge: The Rev Nick Williams

Leysbourne, St Peter and St Paul.

Rector: The Rev Canon Matthew Bu-
chan

Mereworth, St Lawrence,

**Wateringbury, St John the Baptist,
and West Peckham, St Dunstan.**

The World ...

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 Friends of St. Mary's and the
2WWs Group.

For peace in the Holy Land, Syria and
other troubled areas of the world.

For Welcare in Bromley

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

For Bromley Churches' Housing Asso-
ciation, and for all homeless people
and asylum seekers.

For family life, those facing stress, un-
employment and retirement. For single
parents and the bereaved.

For the Dean and Cathedral staff of
Rochester.

The Sick ...

For all who are unwell, including Ann
Swatton: Alan McCann; Sally Aldred;
Melanie Jones; Revd Hugh
Broadbent; Joan Austen; Paul
Corben; Ann Gramlich.

For all those who bring their prayers to
our Church.

The Departed ...

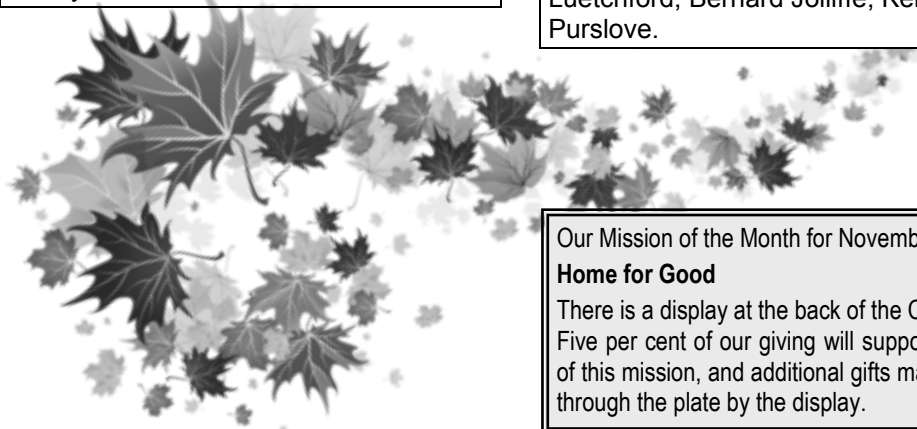
For those who have recently died; and
all who mourn.

We also remember those whose
anniversaries we keep this week at this
time: Leslie Ellis; Nora Hemsley; Joyce
Luetchford; Bernard Jolliffe; Ken
Purslove.

Our Mission of the Month for November is:

Home for Good

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

Church will be open for private prayer on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10am - 3pm.



- ◆ **Traidcraft** - If you wish to make a Christmas order from Traidcraft please contact Cecilia on 0208 313 0246 or (07511) 885 941. She can deliver you a catalogue, or you can visit the Traidcraft website, and then give her your order. Traidcraft is carrying on its vital work supporting some of the most vulnerable producers around the world. Some catalogues shall also be left in church.
- ◆ **Foodbank** - Bromley Foodbank will remain open during the next round of restrictions. Please do keep donating to the box in the south porch when the church is open for private prayer.
- ◆ **Mission to Seafarers** - If you would like to write and donate a card to the Mission for Seafarers please place your donations into the box in church when it is open for private prayer by 29 November.
- ◆ **Charity walk/run update** : Ann-Marie has completed her 100 k walk and David aims to complete his 300k run by the 11th November raising money for ABF with matched funding for the Future Generations Project. If you want to support them the donation link is <https://virtual-frontline-walk-2020.everydayhero.com/uk/david-3>.
- ◆ **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 07986107343.
- ◆ **Future Generations Treasure Hunt** will now take place on **Saturday 9th January at 4.00pm** by

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



The following items are requested before the end of November in order to make up Christmas hampers for needy families:

Cranberry sauce; selection box of luxury biscuits; evaporated milk; savoury biscuits or pringles, Christmas or chocolate pudding; luxury jam or preserve; nut free chocolate spread; tomato ketchup; Christmas cake or yule log (dated 27 Dec+); mince pies (dated 27 Dec+).

CHRISTMAS FOOD DATED 2021 ONWARDS.

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

For information please contact Vici Nightingale.

Zoom. No tickets, but donations to the Future Generations Fund. Fun for all the family! If you want to join us, please contact Stephanie Maurel (07564841579 stephanie.howarthmaurel@yahoo.co.uk) or Ann-Marie Jefferys (02084606030 annmarie.jefferys@btinternet.com).



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'.

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