



St Mary's Shortlands

News Sheet for October 2021

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Sunday worship in church

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion *with Junior Church*
followed by refreshments at the back of church

Sunday 10th October – Harvest Festival

10.30am Harvest Family Service with uniformed groups
followed by Bring and Share Harvest Lunch

Sunday 17th October

10.30am The service will include a presentation on the Future
Generations Project plans

Sunday 24th October

6.30pm Evening Service – with the Music Group

Sunday 31st October

4.00pm Memorial Service for the Departed

Weekday services in the Millennium Chapel

Monday 5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 10am Holy Communion

Services that are live-streamed only

Monday to Saturday, 9am Morning Prayer

Wednesday, 8.30pm Compline

Our Sunday services are streamed for those who are unable to attend in person. Morning prayer and compline are only available online.

Please go to www.facebook.com/stmarysshortlands or follow the link on our website www.stmarysshortlands.org.uk.

Future Generations Project update

The Community Open Day will take place from 10am to 2pm on 9th October. This is our opportunity to share with local residents the plans to create space for community events and activities in the church building, as part of our long term aim for St Mary's to be a community hub for Shortlands.

Do look out for the display boards in church which set out the detail of what we are proposing for seating, heating and flooring in church. On 17th October, the 10.30am service will focus on these proposals. Please come along to hear what is being proposed, and to ask questions. PCC members will be keen to hear your views, which they will take into consideration when deciding the way forward at their meeting in late November.

Welcome back

As the next stage in getting back to 'normal' in our Sunday services, the choir are once again processing in and out for services. We are also pleased to have a small sanctuary team again. If you are interested in joining the team, do speak with Revd. Gary.

Quiz Night

The Friends of Welcare in Bromley are holding a fund-raising Quiz Night here at St Mary's on Saturday 16th October, 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets £7 per person, bring your own refreshments, raffle. Come on your own or book a table (for 6 to 8). Tickets from Margaret Bond - 020 8289 3747 or email margaretbond@hotmail.co.uk

Donations

Thank you to everyone who made donations to the recent appeal for emergency items for Afghan refugees arriving in London. Six car-loads of goods, including nappies, toiletries, underwear and baby food were delivered to the Lewisham Donation Hub, along with some financial contributions. Further appeals may follow as the refugees settle into new accommodation.

We are also pleased to report that the Community Café on 29th September was designated as a MacMillan coffee morning and raised £286 for MacMillan Cancer Support. Thank you to the bakers who provided a delicious selection of cakes, the café servers and all the customers who gave so generously.

Tea Time Together

The first of our afternoon events for families and children took place on Sunday 12th September. The theme of Kindness was illustrated through the story of the Good Samaritan, which was told with the help of puppets. There were games outside and art and crafts indoors, and everyone enjoyed singing and moving to an interactive song.

The next Tea Time Together event is on Sunday 3rd October, from 4–5.30pm, and the theme will be Generosity. There will be a mix of activities, games and music and we will also be preparing for the Harvest Family Service on Sunday 10th. The community café will be open for all to enjoy refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there - and please spread the word to others.

Calling all 'card sharps'!

On Wednesday 3rd November from 2 to 5pm we will hold a Bridge Afternoon in church. We will play Chicago format bridge which allows for a variety of levels of experience and bidding styles. This does not involve any form of gambling or betting! There will be prizes for the three highest scorers.

The afternoon's entertainment will cost only £5 per person/ £20 per table including refreshments. In Chicago format bridge you play in turn with each of the other three people on your table, so it makes sense to book a table as a four or two pairs. There will be a Raffle: donations of prizes or raffle prizes are welcome. Proceeds will be in aid of St Mary's Future Generations Project. For tickets or further information please contact Robin Hogg on 07769 976512.

Who are the 2 WWs

The 2 WWs were the idea of the Revd Doug Redman who suggested it would be good for bereaved people to get together to support, reminisce and chat about their partners. A lunch was arranged at various venues when people could enjoy themselves in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Many friendships have been formed.

Later, anyone who was a senior single was able to join us and fun and laughter are had by all. Unfortunately due to the pandemic and lockdown we have been unable to get together. Now, with the easing of restrictions, I have organised a lunch at the Langley Park Golf Club on Thursday 28th October. Details and menu to follow.

Ann Swatton

Church gardens

The gardens around St Mary's are enjoyed by many people from the local area and the various benches are much appreciated. Over recent months the team that carries out repairs and maintenance around the church have been renovating and repainting the benches. A big thank you to Robin, Graham and Tim for their work on this.

Thanks also to those involved in tending our church garden throughout the year: to the team led by Tony who cut the extensive lawns, to Bob and Anna who tend the Memorial Garden and to all who periodically tidy the flower beds. Your work is much appreciated.

Diary Dates

Sun 3 rd October, 4-5.30pm	Tea Time Together – <i>for families with children of all ages</i>
Wed 6 th October, 3pm	Thanksgiving service: Ann Gramlich
Sat 9 th October, 10am–2pm	St Mary's Open Day
Sat 16 th October, 2.30pm	Thanksgiving service: Jane Green
Sat 16 th October, 7.00pm	Quiz night for Welcare, St Mary's
Fri 29 th October, 2.30pm	Thanksgiving service: Marian Parr
Sun 7 th November, 4pm-5.30pm	Tea Time Together
Sun 14 th November	Remembrance Sunday
Sat 27 th November	St Mary's Christmas Fayre
Sun 28 th November, 6.30pm	Advent Carol Service

Regular activities at St Mary's

Tuesday, 10am-12noon	Craft and Chatter in Church House
Tuesday, from 2pm	Mobility Group (<i>for seniors</i>)
Wednesday, 11am to 1pm	Community Café in the church
Thursdays (term time)	Baby and Toddler Group in the Church 9.30 - 11.30am and 12.30 - 2.00pm

The Church is open every day for private prayer and reflection.
10am-2pm on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday (Chapel),
Friday & Saturday; 10am-12noon on Tuesday.

Please send any items for the next news sheet to Kate Buchanan kateinww@btinternet.com by Sunday 24th October. Thank you.