

# 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.



## 10 October Harvest

### Services Today

<b>10.30am</b>	<p><b>Family Communion</b> - Reverend Gary Best  <b>Address:</b> Reverend Gary Best  <b>The New Testament reading will be:</b>          1 Timothy 2.1-7 read by Gill Dawson (Friday Guides Assistant Leader)  <b>Intercessions:</b> Rachel Tillotson (Junior Church Leader)</p>
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### Services and Events this week

<b>Mon 11 Oct</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> - live streamed only <b>Evening Prayer</b> - in the Millennium Chapel
<b>Tue 12 Oct</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> - live streamed only
<b>Wed 13 Oct</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>11am-1pm</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> - live streamed only <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Community Café</b>
<b>Thu 14 Oct</b>	<b>9.30am-2pm</b> <b>9.00am</b> <b>7.00pm</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Baby and Toddler's</b> starting at 9.30am and 12.30pm <b>Morning Prayer</b> - live streamed only <b>Junior Choir rehearsal</b> <b>Choir rehearsal</b>
<b>Fri 15 Oct</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>9am-12pm</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> - live streamed only <b>Pre-school parents coffee morning</b> in church
<b>Sat 16 Oct</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> - live streamed only <b>Thanksgiving Service</b> for the Life of Jane Green

### Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

<b>Sunday 17 Oct</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Family Communion</b> - Reverend Gary Best
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**Harvest food donations today  
shall be going to Bromley Foodbank**

# Harvest

## Collect

Creator God, you make all things and give us the earth and the seasons, the rain, the sun and the wind; make us thankful people with generous hearts, ready to share your goodness and love with all creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord

## New Testament reading

### 1 Timothy 2.1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

## Gospel

### Matthew 6: 25-34.

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will

we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

## Post Communion

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## AFGHAN REFUGEES DONATIONS REQUESTED

CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR (Winter clothing and quality footwear for all ages, new underwear and socks, new/used bras, gloves and scarves and umbrellas); FOOD, SANITARY PADS, TOILETRIES & NAPPIES; LAPTOPS/PC's/MAC's & SMARTPHONES; BICYCLES & SCOOTERS; ESSENTIAL ELECTRICALS; PROVISIONS FOR THE HOMELESS; KITCHENWARE; TOYS, GAMES, EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, CRAFT KITS (COMPLETE & SEALED); SPORTS GEAR FOR CHILDREN; BEDDING & HOMEWARE (bedding sets); PRAMS & NEW MUM ITEMS; WHITE GOODS; MUSICAL EQUIPMENT; LUGGAGE, BACKPACKS & TROLLEYS; SEWING MACHINES; MISCELLANEOUS (Phone cables (USB-C, lightning, micro USB) // USB plugs // USB memory sticks // power banks // laptop bags // pay as you go sim cards (GiffGaff is popular & recommended) // Smart TV sticks (FireTV / Chromecast etc) // framed artwork, pictures & landscapes etc to bring warmth and comfort to often empty flats)

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

**The Church ...**

Tunbridge Wells deanery  
The Rev Douglas Wren, Area Dean; Dr Mike Lawes, Lay Chair  
Bexleyheath, Christ Church  
Vicar: The Rev Trevor Wyatt  
Bexleyheath, St Peter  
Vicar: The Rev Jim Charles  
Bostall Heath, St Andrew  
Vicar: The Rev Sulaiman Shahzad  
Crayford, St Paulinus  
Rector: The Rev Paul Prentice  
Erith, Christ Church

Erith, St John the Baptist  
Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Canon Adam Foot

**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 Music Group**

will be leading a service  
on the theme of  
***God is our Refuge and our Hope***  
at 6.30pm on Sunday 24 October.  
All are welcome

**Tea Time Together**

**Sunday 7 November  
4 - 5.30pm**

**Themed Family Activities  
and music  
Refreshments available**

**Traidcraft** - the stall will be  
available after the service on  
Wednesday 20 October  
during the Community Café.



**The Community ...**

**For** the Missionary Societies of the Church,  
especially those supported by St. Mary's, and  
our Mission of the Month.

**For** the care of our Church and hall. Cleaners,  
gardeners and flower arrangers. That all may be  
done to the glory of God.

**For** St. Mary's Pre-School; for Christine Hall, its  
Leader, Erin Hayes Deputy Leader, the staff and  
the children.

**For** those to be baptised, confirmed and married  
this year.

**For** Schools in the Parish; Highfield Infants' and  
Junior School and Head Teacher Alison Morris;  
Bishop Challoner and Head Teacher Paula  
Anderson; Harris Primary Academy and Principal  
Hannah Tryl, for School Governors & Staff.

**For** our Link Parish in Douai, and the people of  
St. Francis of Assisi.

**For** Sunday worship at St. Mary's. For the  
discernment of vocation in our church family.

**The Sick ...**

**For** all who are unwell, including Jean Osborne;  
Alison Thain; Sally Aldred; Melanie Jones.

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

**The Departed ...**

**For** those who have recently died, including Ron  
Nowell; Gill Humar; Daisy Bottle (Durham  
House) and for all who mourn.

**We** also remember those whose anniversaries  
we keep this week at this time: Win Vickers;  
John Knight; Rebecca Medwin; Bernard  
Heyberd; Albert Rayner; Patrick Davis; Rose  
Page.



Our Mission of the Month for October is:

**St Christopher's Hospice**

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

- ◆ **Mission beyond the Parish AGM** - Tuesday 2 November at 2 pm in the choir vestry. Please see the notice on the charity board at the back of church. All nominations for consideration should be given/ emailed to Nicola in the office or Susie Shelton by TUESDAY 26 OCTOBER at the latest. Nominations should be received prior to the meeting. (Letters for previous charity reps in the letter rack).
- ◆ **2WWs** - An autumn lunch is being arranged for 2WWs. Invitations can be found in the letter rack.
- ◆ **Ann Gramlich** – A Service of Thanksgiving for Ann's life will take place at St. Mary's on Wednesday 6th October, 3pm. Ann's family would like to say that everyone is welcome to attend. If you would like to attend a reception after the service, which will take place at Club Langley, please could you let the Parish Office know so that Ann's family have an idea of numbers attending.
- ◆ **Quiz Night** - Supporting Welcare in Bromley, Saturday 16 October 2021, 7.00 for 7.30 pm start St Mary's Church Hall. Tickets £7 pp - Raffle - Bring your own refreshments. Come on your own or book a table (6 – 8 per table). Places must be ordered in advance to help with planning (SAE for return of tickets please) or you may pay on the door after ordering first. Tickets from Margaret Bond, 8 Park Avenue, West Wickham, BR4 9JU . Tel: 020 8289 3747, e/m margaretbond@hotmail.co.uk. Cheques made payable to "Welcare".
- ◆ **Hazel and Rachel** have signed up to run (or walk!) a Park Run under blindfold for Sight Box, alongside visually impaired and mainstream students from Oxted School. This is a charity which

sends jingly balls and other appropriate sports equipment to a designated school in Africa with no access to such equipment. Please seek them out if you would like to sponsor them. Thank you

**Church is open  
for private prayer on  
Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 10-2pm;  
Tue 10-12pm; Thu 10-2pm (Chapel)**

Thank you to all of our donors for your amazing support, The following items are in need at present:



**UHT MILK (URGENT), LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE (URGENT), 500G BAGS OF RICE, SUGAR FREE SWEETS, SHOWER GELS, SHAMPOOS, SIZE 6 NAPPIES, BABY WIPES**

**All donations of long life and in date food gratefully received.** Financial donations by cheque or direct debit only please.

A reminder that we **CANNOT** receive fresh goods; chilled or frozen goods or baby milk.

For information please contact Vici Nightingale.

## FGP Raffle Prizes

In order to run a raffle raising funds for the Future Generation's Project, the committee is on the look out for prizes. There is a box at the back of church to collect whatever you can give (bottles, biscuits, plants etc...). The raffle tickets will be on sale at the Community Open Day and the draw will be at the end of the Day.



## Stay in touch!

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