

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.

15 May Fifth Sunday of Easter

Services Today

10.30am	Family Communion - Reverend Jane Kustner Address: Reverend Jane Kustner Bible reading Acts 11: 1-18 read by Rachel Tillotson Intercessions: Kay Coleman Gospel: Susie Shelton
6.30pm	Choral Evensong - David Jefferys LLM Bible readings: Daniel 6:[1-5] 6-23 read by Keith Mills and Mark 15:46 - 16:8 read by Gill Charnley

Services and Events this week

Wed 18 May	10.00am 11.15am 11am-1pm	Holy Communion - in the Millennium Chapel Bible study - Mark's gospel with Revd Jane Kustner Community Café
Thu 19 May	9.30am - 2pm 2.00pm 7.00 & 7.30pm	Baby and Toddler - sessions at 9.30am & 12.30pm Bible Study - Acts of the Apostles in the choir vestry Junior Choir & Choir rehearsal

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sun 22 May	10.30am	Family Communion Reverend Jane Kustner
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Judy Rambridge Thanksgiving

A celebration of Judy's life has been arranged for Saturday 25 June at 3pm to be followed by further celebrations in the hall afterwards.
All are welcome to attend.

**Church is open for private prayer on
Mon-Sat 10am-1pm (Tue 10am-12pm)**

Junior Church - TODAY then 22 May

The Choir will be attending Peterborough Cathedral on 30 and 31 July 2022. Please do join them if you can.
All Welcome



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus
Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate
of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Bible reading

Acts 11: 1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your

entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Gospel reading

John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Post Communion

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth,
and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



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news from St Mary's, you can 'like' our
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search for



'St Mary's Shortlands'

Please remember in your prayers this week...

The Church ...

Tunbridge Wells deanery

The Rev Douglas Wren, Area Dean; Mr Andrew Smith, 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

Vicar: vacancy

Erith, St John the Baptist

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Canon Adam Foot

The World ...

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of
weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to
them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to
guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children,
at risk and in fear,

Hymns

502	Light's abode Celestial salem
391	Blest are the pure in heart
565	Rock of Ages cleft for me
Comm: 331	We Pray thee Heavenly Father
Anthem:	A new commandment
153	Now the green blade riseth

Choral Evensong

Canticles. Stanford in Bb

Anthem Evening Hymn. Balfour Gardner

Responses: Sanders.

Psalm **98**

600	Thou art the way
21	Sun of my Soul
360	Faithful Vigil ended

The Community ...

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.

For the daily reading of God's word. All Bible Societies, Homegroups and their Leaders.

For the Choir and Junior Choir; for Claire Tillotson, our Director of Music. For the music group.

For Churchwardens and Deputies, Sidesmen and Servers. For our Parish Office Administrator.

For our neighbouring parishes and Churches of other denominations, their priests and ministers. For the work of Churches Together in Beckenham.

For Reverend Jane Peters; Catherine Bingham, Sally Aldred, Ann-Marie Jefferys and David Jefferys, our Licensed Lay Ministers; Peter Stotesbury and Stuart Buchanan our Readers. Sue Harrison, Marion Westropp and Debbie Speller our Pastoral Assistants.

The Sick ...

For all who are unwell, including Ava Boreland; Richard Thorn; Gary Powell; Rebecca Gowing; Charles Wood; Joan Livett; Sheila James; Charles Reed; Janet Nicholls; Sally Aldred; Melanie Jones.

For all those who bring their prayers to our Church.

The Departed ...

For those who have recently died, including Iris Draycott; and for all who mourn.

We also remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week at this time: Sue Chadwick; Harold Cowell; Revd Canon Douglas Redman; David Loades; Ian Clark Revd Jim Medcalf.

Our Mission of the Month for May is:

Christian Aid

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

- ◆ **This is Christian Aid Week** - Please support the activities that are happening this week. There is Cake Sale after service this morning – thank you to the Junior Church for organising this, and to other cake bakers. The Community Café this Wednesday (18th) has offered all donations to support Christian Aid. The Café is also celebrating its first anniversary, so we can expect some special cakes.
- ◆ Next Saturday (21st) the churchwardens will be doing the **Christian Aid Sponsored Walk** around the Beckenham Churches. There are sponsorship forms at the back of Church, or ask Kate or Marion for details. This is a great opportunity to make contact with other churches in our area and anyone is welcome to join them on the walk.
- ◆ **Thank you** to those who are delivering envelopes around the parish this weekend. There are also envelopes here in Church. Please give generously to support Christian Aid and to help communities in Zimbabwe who struggle to grow food because of the effects of climate change.
- ◆ **Acts of the Apostle** - Stuart Buchanan will be running a weekly Bible Study on the Acts of the Apostles from 2 pm until 3.30 pm on Thursdays in the choir vestry beginning on 19 May, but taking a break on 2 and 9 June, before resuming on 16 June – bring a bible.
- ◆ **Mission to Seafarers Emergency collection** - Donations totalled £281.43 which, when gift aid of £38.75 was added, gave a grand total of £320.75. MTS letter of thanks on noticeboard. Well done!
- ◆ **Memorial flowers** - If you would like memorial flowers arranged before 7 June please contact Helen Bird on tel: 07913505958 or email: hjbird@btinternet.com.

Music Group Worship

Join the Music Group on 29 May, 6:30 pm for a time of music and reflection on the theme of the many ways we have of worshipping. We invite you to bring an item that represents some aspect of your own personal worship and, if you wish, to share your own experience of time spent with God.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Office

Open 9.30am-12.30pm
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The parish office will be closing on Fri 13 May to re-open on Monday 23 May.

Please direct any queries to the churchwardens: Kate Buchanan (07811 528181) kateinww@btinternet.com and Marion Westropp (07970011626) westropp4@hotmail.com

Members of the ministry and pastoral teams are also available as usual.

CAN YOU HELP?

7th Bromley Scout Group is in urgent need of adult helpers for its various sections and in particular for its Monday Cub Pack, training would be given. This is an opportunity to become involved in one of our thriving Children and Youth groups. To find out more, please call Tony Chase (020 8464 6188) or Graham Smedley (020 8650 9677)

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



LONG LIFE MILK; LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE; SUGAR FREE SWEETS; BABY WIPES; SHAMPOO; SHOWER GEL; CONDITIONER; WASHING DETERGENT CAPSULES

We currently have plenty of PASTA; RICE; BEANS; SOUP; CEREAL; TEA.

A reminder that we **CANNOT** receive fresh goods; chilled or frozen goods or baby milk. For information please contact Vici Nightingale.