

# 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.

## 19 June First Sunday after Trinity

### Services Today

10.30am	<b>Family Communion and Licencing of Reverend Jane Kustner</b> <b>Address: Reverend Canon Katrina Barnes</b> <b>Bible reading: Isaiah 65.1-9 read by Pat Chase</b> <b>Gospel: Philipa Shelton</b> <b>Intercessions: Susie Shelton</b>
6.30pm	Choral Evensong

### Services and Events this week

Wed 22 June	10.00am 11am-1pm	<b>Holy Communion</b> - in the Millennium Chapel <b>Community Café</b>
Thu 23 June	9.30am - 2pm 2.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	<b>Baby and Toddler</b> - sessions at 9.30am & 12.30pm <b>Bible Study</b> - in the choir vestry <b>Junior Choir rehearsal</b> <b>Choir rehearsal</b>
Sat 25 June	3.00pm	<b>Thanksgiving</b> for the life of Judy Rambridge

### Second Sunday after Trinity

Sun 26 June	10.30am	<b>Family Communion</b> Reverend Jane Kustner
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#### Stay in touch!

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



#### Junior Church

Today then 26, June; 3, 10, 17 July.

**Kneelers.** We now have some blue plastic kneelers available at the back of Church. Please pick one up if you would like to use it during the service, or ask one of the sidespeople.

## First Sunday after Trinity

### Collect

O God,  
the strength of all those who put their trust in  
you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our  
mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Bible reading

#### Isaiah 65.1-9

I was ready to be sought out by those who did  
not ask,  
to be found by those who did not seek me.  
I said, 'Here I am, here I am',  
to a nation that did not call on my name.  
I held out my hands all day long  
to a rebellious people,  
who walk in a way that is not good,  
following their own devices;  
a people who provoke me  
to my face continually,  
sacrificing in gardens  
and offering incense on bricks;  
who sit inside tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat swine's flesh,  
with broth of abominable things in their  
vessels;  
who say, 'Keep to yourself,  
do not come near me, for I am too holy for  
you.'  
These are a smoke in my nostrils,  
a fire that burns all day long.  
See, it is written before me:  
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;  
I will indeed repay into their laps  
their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities  
together,  
says the Lord;  
because they offered incense on the

mountains

and reviled me on the hills,  
I will measure into their laps  
full payment for their actions.

Thus says the Lord:

As the wine is found in the cluster,  
and they say, 'Do not destroy it,  
for there is a blessing in it',  
so I will do for my servants' sake,  
and not destroy them all.

I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,  
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;  
my chosen shall inherit it,  
and my servants shall settle there.

### Gospel reading

#### Luke 8.26-39

Then they arrived at the country of the  
Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he  
stepped out on land, a man of the city who had  
demons met him. For a long time he had  
worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house  
but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell  
down before him and shouted at the top of his  
voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus,  
Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not  
torment me'— for Jesus had commanded the  
unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For  
many times it had seized him; he was kept  
under guard and bound with chains and  
shackles, but he would break the bonds and  
be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus  
then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said,  
'Legion'; for many demons had entered  
him. They begged him not to order them to go  
back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine  
was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to  
let them enter these. So he gave them permis-  
sion. Then the demons came out of the man  
and entered the swine, and the herd rushed  
down the steep bank into the lake and was  
drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had hap-  
pened, they ran off and told it in the city and in  
the country. Then people came out to see  
what had happened, and when they came to  
Jesus, they found the man from whom the

demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

#### Post Communion

Eternal Father,  
we thank you for nourishing us  
with these heavenly gifts:  
may our communion strengthen us in faith,  
build us up in hope,  
and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

#### The Church ...

##### **Rochester Cathedral**

Dean: The Very Rev Dr Philip Hesketh; Chapter Clerk: Simon Lace

**Cobham, St Mary Magdalene, with Luddes-**

**downe St Peter and St Paul, and Dode**

**Fawkham, St Mary, and Hartley, All Saints**

**Istead Rise, St Barnabas**

**Longfield, St Mary Magdalene**

**Meopham, St John the Baptist, with Nurstead,**

**St Mildred**

Rector: The Rev Canon Alyson Davie

**Southfleet, St Nicholas**

Our Mission of the Month for June is:

#### **Welcare in Bromley**

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.

#### **A Prayer for Ukraine**

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

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,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

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

**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.  
**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.

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

**For** all who are unwell, including Teagan Blake; Peter Braithwaite; 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 Thelma Nye, and for all who mourn.  
**We** also remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week at this time: Henry Truss; Monica McKinnon; Eleanor Glover; Kitty French; Alice Davis; Michele Dennis.

## Hymns

208 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation  
411 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind  
SP 100 My Jesus my Saviour  
Comm: 97 Lord Jesus, think on me  
Anthem: Be Still my Soul - Sibelius  
609 To God be the Glory

## Evensong

466 How shall I sing that majesty  
10 Abide with me  
Canticles: Noble in B minor  
Anthem: They that go down to ... - Sumsion  
Psalm: 50 vs 1-15  
Responses: Sanders

**Thursday Brownies** are looking for new leaders to take on the unit from January 2023 as the current leaders are retiring at Christmas. If you are interested please email for mor information [bromleycentral.district@gmail.com](mailto:bromleycentral.district@gmail.com).

## 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)

**Traidcraft** is planned for the following dates:

**Wednesdays:** 29 June, 27 July & 31 August and

**Sundays:** 19 June, 17 July & 21 August

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## NOTICES

◆ **Seating Survey.** The next stage of the Future Generations project is to make a decision on the type of seating we want to have in church when the new heating and flooring have been installed. A number of different chairs have been considered and we are now asking members of the congregation for their views before the PCC makes a decision. Photos of the options are displayed at the back of church and there is a survey form for you to indicate your preference and make comments. Please return the survey forms to the urn by next Sunday, 19th June.

◆ **Want to say hello to almost everyone who comes to Sunday service?** We need more of us to serve Sunday refreshments. There are many new faces at Sunday services. Wouldn't you love to meet and welcome them? We need servers to work with someone experienced in setting up and serving and/or washing up ("you'll never serve alone.") Washing up gives you an opportunity to chat a bit before rolling up your sleeves. Contact Glo Sherman 07500751265 or [glosherman@icloud.com](mailto:glosherman@icloud.com) with questions or to join the July-Sept rota.

◆ **Velvet Harmony Barbershop Concert** at St Marys on Tuesday 21 June at 7.30pm. Further details can be found on the notice board in church.

Thank you to all of our donors for your amazing support, The following items are needed 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.