

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.

29 May Seventh Sunday of Easter

Services Today

10.30am	<p>Family Communion - Reverend Jane Kustner Address: Reverend Jane Kustner Bible reading: Acts 16: 16-34 read by Keith Mills Gospel: Philippa Shelton Intercessions: Stuart Buchanan</p>
6.30pm	<p>Informal Service - theme of the many ways we have of worshipping with the Music Group</p>

Services and Events this week

Wed 1 June	10.00am	Holy Communion - in the Millennium Chapel
Thu 2 June	9.30am - 2pm	Baby and Toddler - sessions at 9.30am & 12.30pm

Pentecost

Sun 5 June	10.30am	<p>All Age and Parade Service Reverend Jane Kustner Followed by the PLATINUM PARISH PICNIC</p>
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**The Church is open for private prayer
Monday to Saturday 10am-1pm (Tuesday 10am-12pm)**



Stay in touch!

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'St Mary's Shortlands'.



Junior Church

Resumes Sunday 12 June

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.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour
Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Acts 16: 16-34

Bible reading

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his

sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

John 17:20-26

Gospel reading

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers this week...

The Church ...

Cray, St Barnabas

Vicar: The Rev Neil Coleman

Cray Valley

Vicar: The Rev Jessie Daniels White

Crofton, St Paul

Vicar: The Rev Canon Bimbi Abayomi-Cole

Cudham, St Peter and St Paul, and Downe, St Mary Magdalen

Vicar: The Rev John Musson

Farnborough, St Giles the Abbot and St Nicholas

Rector: The Rev Matthew Hughes

Green Street Green, St Marys and Pratts Bottom, All Souls

Rector: The Rev Susan Atkinson-Jones

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.

Hymns

163 All Hail the power of Jesu's Name

475 Immortal love for ever full

278 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Comm:**174** Breathe on me breath of God

Anthem Teach me O Lord - Attwood

401 Come let us join our cheerful songs

The Community ...

For former members of St. Mary's now living elsewhere.

For the SOS Children's Village in Bethlehem.

Give thanks for the many and varied gifts amongst God's people. Pray for those training for ministry, Lay and Ordained

For Simon, Bishop of Tonbridge, and Rochester Diocesan Staff.

For the Area Dean, Reverend Jeremy Blunden Lay Chair of Synod, Sarah Poole, and the Beckenham Deanery Clergy.

For our Member of Parliament, Bob Stewart, our Local Councillors, Felicity Bainbridge, Aisha Cuthbert, Adam Jude Grant, and the Shortlands Residents' Association.

For the Parochial Church Council.

The Sick ...

For all who are unwell, including Jean Osborne; Ava Boreland; 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: William Golding, Muriel Oppen, Jim Archbutt, Doris Sterry, Sheila Douglas, Grace Waring, Marian Parr.

Informal Service this evening

Join the Music Group at 6:30pm for a time of music and reflection . You are invited 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.

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

- ◆ **Pentecost and Platinum Jubilee** Plans are well underway for our celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5 June. At 10.30am there will be an all-age worship and parade service followed by the usual after-service refreshments. Then, from 12 noon, there is a tree-planting ceremony in the church grounds, bouncy castle for children and our annual parish picnic. Please do join us for this celebration - barbecue food and drinks available or bring your own food and drink.
- ◆ If you want to attend the Platinum Parish Picnic but you are on your own we can assure you that you will be welcomed, noticed and provided with somewhere to sit with others when you come along.
- ◆ **Home group** at 75 Scotts Lane beginning on 6th June at 8pm, then every 2 weeks. Topic: Church, enjoying God's masterpiece. Please ask Marion Westropp for more details, or sign up at the back of church.
- ◆ **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. Notify Glo Sherman (07500752265 or glosherman@icloud.com with questions or to join the July-Sept rota.
- ◆ **Thanksgiving Service** for Judy Rambridge - 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 very welcome to attend.
- ◆ **The Choir** will be singing in Peterborough Cathedral on 30 and 31 July 2022. Please do join them if you can. Further details from Claire Tillotson. All Welcome

Shortlands Youth Club

Sunday 12 June 6-7.30pm

Free snacks included

Tea Time Together

Sunday 12 June 4 - 5.30pm

Themed Family Activities and music
Refreshments available

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 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.