

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.

7 August Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Services Today

10.30am	<p>Family Communion - Reverend Jane Kustner Address: Reverend Jane Kustner Bible reading: Hebrews 11 1-3, 8-16 read by Robin Hogg Gospel: Luke 12: 32-40 read by Mark Fox Intercessions: Glo Sherman</p>
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Services and Events this week

Wed 10 Aug	10.00am 11am-1pm	Holy Communion - in the Millennium Chapel Community Café
Thu 11 Aug	2:00pm	Acts Bible Study - Choir Vestry

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Sun 14 August	10.30am 1.00pm	Family Communion Reverend Jane Kustner Baptism of Calum & Isla Davies
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The Traidcraft Stall

is planned for the following dates:

Wednesdays: 31 August.

Sundays: 21 August



Junior Church

Junior Church will return on 11 September



Stay in touch!

To keep up with the latest news from St Mary's, you can 'like' our page on Facebook or follow us on Twitter - search for



'St Mary's Shortlands'.

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.

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bible reading

Hebrews 11, 1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12. 32-40

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

Hymns at 10.30am

- 453** Great is thy Faithfulness
536 O God of Bethel
413 Eternal Father Strong to Save
Comm: **308** Just as I am
468 I Danced in the Morning

Please remember in your prayers this week...

The Church ...



The World ...

For Ukraine, for an end to the fighting and the well-being of the population
For easing of the tensions between China and Taiwan
For Yemen, that the ceasefire will allow people to rebuild their lives
For a generous response to those affected by drought and crop failures in E. Africa
For all victims of conflict, oppression and climate change

The Community ...

For the many youth organisations, and our engagement with young people in the community. **For** our Junior Church Co-ordinator, Rachel Tillotson.

For residents and staff of Durham House, Franklin House and Merlin Court.

For local hospitals and St. Christopher's Hospice, Sloane Hospital, Medical and Social Services in the Borough.

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, Clare Stock Deputy Leader, the staff and the children.

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

The Sick ...

For all who are unwell, including Peter Stotesbury; Teagan Blake; Peter Braithwaite; Gary Powell; Rebecca Gowing; Charles Wood; Joan Livett; Sheila James; Charles and Beryl Reed; Sally Aldred; Melanie Jones.

For all those who bring their prayers to our Church.

The Departed ...

For those who have recently died and for all who mourn.

We also remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week at this time: Eric Walker, Janet Aucamp, David Phillips, Peter Westropp, Helen Wilson, Susan Ballard, June Wood, Dennis Murphy, Mary Varley

Our Mission of the Month for August is:

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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.



We are still collecting used postage stamps, to raise money for the leprosy mission. Please cut out stamps leaving a 1 cm border around them, and place them in the marked box in the south porch.

We have collected almost 2 kg, (the amount that can be posted) to the leprosy charity.

Thank you so much to all who have contributed and please continue to do so.

NOTICES

**The Church is open for private prayer
Monday to Saturday 10am - 1pm (Tuesday 10am - 12pm)**

- ◆ **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 more information bromleycentral.district@gmail.com.
- ◆ **7th Bromley Scouts** are also looking for more adult helpers, particularly for Monday Cubs. To find out more, contact Tony Chase (020 8464 6188) or Graham Smedley (020 8650 9677)
- ◆ **Flower Rota.** We are starting to have a sign up rota for people to prepare the flowers for the café tables. This would be done on Monday or Tuesday ready for the Wednesday café. If you're interested please contact Cecilia on 07511885941.
- ◆ **If you are unable to go to the library** but would love to have books delivered to your door please call 020 8650 5315, 07929 742252 or email bromley.hls@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk.
- ◆ **Lost a brolly?** - Have a look in our lost property box at the back of church

Calling all 'card sharps'!

On Wednesday 5 October from 2 to 5pm we will hold a Bridge Afternoon in church (where we hold the Community Café). 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 first, second and third prizes plus a raffle – donations of prizes are welcome!

The whole afternoon's entertainment will cost only £5 per person/£20 per table including refreshments. In Chicago format bridge you will be playing 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.

Proceeds will be in aid of St Mary's Future Generations Project.

To book a table or for further information, please contact Robin Hogg on 07769 976512 or Pauline Boatwright on pboat7@gmail.com.



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



FRUIT JUICE (LONG LIFE), SPONGE PUDDING, CUSTARD, JELLY, ANGEL DELIGHT DESSERT, MENS SHAMPOO, LADIES DEODORANT, MENS DEODORANT, UNISEX RAZORS.

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