

SHORTLANDS PARISH NEWS

St. Mary's, Shortlands
endeavours to bring the love
of God into the everyday lives
of the people of Shortlands.

the SPAN

www.stmarysshortlands.org.uk

March 2012. Year 32 Number 3

A big day for these happy siblings



Sunday, 29 January was a very big day for these children. They were baptised and welcomed into the Church family. Their parents, have recently joined St. Mary's and now come to church regularly. They decided it was right to have their children baptised into the Christian faith, and Vicar, Canon Paul Miller, was delighted to make the arrangements.

A large congregation joined them and this was another example of how many people are being drawn into the Church as a place of welcome, hospitality, as a place to belong and to grow in the Christian faith. 'This was a lovely occasion - very special indeed. It was a real privilege to affirm these siblings in the Christian faith and life, and to tell them how special they are in God's eyes.', reported Canon Miller.

A reception was held afterwards in the Church.

APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO REPLACE OLD BOILER

The breakdown of the boiler that heats the Church, Church House and Church Hall came as a nasty shock during a very cold weather spell. Hundreds of children and young people have been disappointed to have their activities cancelled.

We are working on a replacement as soon as possible but it's a big project and will make a serious impact on Church finances. While we have some reserves, they are likely to be wiped out, and worthwhile planned community projects may be affected.

The replacement programme is also complicated due to the presence of asbestos in the pipework which needs removing before a new boiler can be installed.

Please would you seriously consider making a donation to our boiler replacement fund. The cost will be in tens of thousands of pounds.

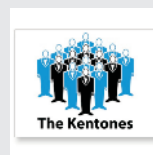
If you can, please send a cheque made payable to St Mary's Church Shortlands PCC and send it to Parish Office – Boiler Fund, Church House, 39 Kingswood Road, Bromley BR2 0PU. If you are an income-tax payer and wish to gift aid it, please write your full name and address on the back and write "I wish this to be gift aided".

Thank you.

FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S



Concert by
the
KENTONES
a Barbershop Choir



at
St. Mary's Church, Shortlands
on

Saturday, 17 March at 7.30pm
Tickets £8 inc. interval drink



From the Registers

At Rest

We extend our sympathy to those who loved:

13 Jan Joan Starling, aged 77
3 Feb Paul Hickford, aged 57
7 Feb Violet Alexander, aged 73



Remembering

Paul Hickford

Paul grew up in Mottingham and went to Greenacre Primary School and then to Haberdashers' Aske's. Paul's father died when he was only 6 years old. Paul was one of four, and is survived by his brother, Brian, and sisters, Susan and Barbara. He trained as a PE teacher but then took a career change and became a money broker, then went into the media.

Paul was married twice, firstly to Michelle and then to Jane, before meeting his partner, Jo. He died suddenly and unexpectedly. A large congregation packed St. Mary's Church for a service to celebrate Paul's life in which his friends gave tributes and his god-children read poems. The service was conducted by Canon Paul Miller prior to a private committal at Beckenham Crematorium.

Violet Alexander

Violet Primrose Alexander was born in February 1938 to Rose and Bill in Deptford. She was one of seven children.

The family moved to Bellingham where she went to school. Violet had a wonderfully happy childhood growing up under the especially loving care of her mum Rose. The children were all greatly loved and cared for. Rose was meticulous about treating the children fairly and equally. If there was money for a toffee apple she would divide it into seven portions so that they could all have a fair share.

Leaving school she went to work for a dressmaker. Her work was of such a high standard that the time soon came when the boss would give her the most important work to do.

At the age of 16 she and Gordon met and began what was to be a lifetime of mutual devotion and in 1957 they married.

Violet adored her family. They were what made her tick. When all her nieces and nephews came along she couldn't wait to get there to see them; she was always knitting, crocheting, sewing things for them. Even when she would accompany Gordon when he went fishing, she'd take her knitting with her.

She was a happy and contented woman, a loving and supportive wife, a good neighbour and friend. She is now at peace.

A funeral service took place at Beckenham Crematorium conducted by the Reverend Jane Peters.



Fairtrade Fortnight 27 February - 11 March

Take a step for Fairtrade Fortnight 27 February to 11 March. This event is held by the Fairtrade Foundation each year.

This year at St. Mary's we are marking the fortnight by asking you to "take a step for Fairtrade" by simply swapping one item of shopping for a Fairtrade item, it could be your tea or coffee at home or at work, there are many other items you could swap. Come and see a wide selection of Fairtrade goods at our stall in the Hall at St. Mary's Church on 18 March after the 10.30am service. Look out for promotions in your local supermarkets; by changing to and using Fairtrade goods we can all bring about positive changes in the lives of thousands of producers in the developing world.

Many farmers and workers struggle to provide their families with basics such as clean water, schooling and health care. But Fairtrade puts the power of trade back into the hands of these farmers and workers.



Guarantees a better deal for Third World Producers



H. Copeland & Sons

Funeral Directors

-Caring & professional staff-24 hour service
-Pre-payment Plans-Memorial masonry

9 Bromley Road, Beckenham
02086502295



20 Bromley Gardens, Bromley, Kent BR2 0ET
Tel/Fax: 020 8249 8198
Mob: 07721 454716
Email: gmminstallationsltd@gmail.com
J.I.B. Approved Electrician

NAPIT Part P

24 years experience

"HAPPY AND GLORIOUS!!" SHORTLANDS' DIAMOND JUBILEE PARTY

We invite you to join us
on Sunday, 3 June 2012
at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Shortlands
for a family, fun-filled celebration
Buffet lunch (tickets only),
Bar-B-Q, Drinks, Picnic Area and entertainment.

Further details will be in forthcoming issues of SPAN

Mission of the Month MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP - FLYING FOR LIFE

MAF is a worldwide Christian organisation operating over 135 light aircraft in more than 30 countries. The dedicated teams use their skills in aviation and other fields to work in partnership with national churches, missions, relief and development agencies. MAF planes work in parts of the world where surface travel is impossible or very difficult due to the terrain or political unrest. MAF helps to reach remote communities to deliver medical experts, development workers and water purifying equipment as well as anything from food to educational supplies to people cut off from the rest of the world.

Susie Shelton will be talking about the work of MAF during the 10.30am service on Sunday, 25 March.

Friends of South Hill Wood and Kingswood Glen Make Progress

The Friends of South Hill Wood and Kingswood Glen are making excellent progress in their current and future projects. In the summer of 2010 Bromley Council held their annual People for Parks Awards open to any friends and voluntary groups involved in supporting a park or green space within the Borough. The group were successful and the findings were read out at the awards ceremony:- "As a newly formed group, they have already had a successful public meeting, several litter picks and practical conservation events, involved the school (Highfield Infants') in developing a group logo and raised funds through donations. They have

made a huge impact very quickly so well done! The assessors were impressed with a strong sense of community and thought the partnerships formed with local groups as a fantastic first step for the group."

The group have been nominated again for the 2011/2012 People for Parks Awards. The assessors were very impressed with the natural beauty of both sites which has been greatly enhanced by their regular work days. These are always very well attended.

In October 2011 the group won a "Big Lottery" grant application. These funds are to open up the fenced off area in the north-west corner facing on to Tootswood Road so that this area of woodland will be available for all to enjoy. This project will be completed by December 2012.

The Chairman, Dot Kilsby, was delighted with the success and was keen to express her gratitude. "Thank you to all our members and supporters - our success to date would not have been possible without the help and involvement of the local community."

Well done - we look forward to further updates.

Shortlands Golf Club
Long established (1894)
Family Golf Club
currently seeking men, ladies
and juniors to expand the
membership base.

Monthly medals,
Honour Board Competitions,
excellent Social Events
Calendar.

"A garden oasis in suburbia"
Contact Ken Murray:
8460 2471/8828 or

To the Editor of SPAN

There are so many people I did not have a chance to say goodbye to when I left Shortlands, in December. So may I remedy this through the medium of SPAN - St. Mary's link with the whole parish. After sixty years I am leaving very many good friends and neighbours, but I take with me such happy and varied memories; of Highfield School, Guides and Brownies, Christmas charity care sales, the recent flower festivals, Durham House, family weddings and baptisms, the funerals of family and friends and much, much more. Always there has been the comforting presence of St. Mary's with its friendly and welcoming atmosphere and active involvement in the community.

As I start in a new home here in Dorset I send warm greetings to everyone - be assured I shan't forget you!

Elizabeth Dimmock

Easter Lilies



If you would like to remember a departed loved one at the Great Festival of Easter, we invite you to make a donation to the Flower Fund as a memorial to that person.

A list of the names of all those to be remembered will be placed on the altar on Easter Day, to affirm our hope in the Resurrection to eternal life and the Christian's eternal security in Christ.

Please contact Molly Tout (8464 9593) or the Parish Office (8460 5682).

The Real Easter Egg

Out of 80 million Easter Eggs sold in the UK every year, the Real Easter Egg is the first and only Fairtrade chocolate Easter Egg to mention Jesus, and the events of Holy Week, on the box. A donation from every Egg will go to support the work of the charity Traidcraft Exchange.

St. Mary's will be supporting this initiative and will be selling Eggs after the Mothering Sunday service on 18 March.



HARRIET AND HANNAH OFF TO AFRICA

This summer two of the Young Leaders working with St. Mary's Brownie Packs will be giving service on a much wider scale. Harriet Adam helps the leaders at 2nd Shortlands (Thursday) Brownies, and Hannah Dowling helps at 1st Shortlands (Wednesday) Brownies. They have both been selected for trips run by Girlguiding LaSER (London & South East England Region): Harriet to Zambia and Hannah to Malawi to help children who have very different lives from those of the children in Shortlands.

Here is what the girls would like to tell you about their ventures:

HARRIET (pictured left)

I am extremely excited to have been selected as part of a team of 18-26 year-olds which will be participating in a three week long Girlguiding service project in Meheba refugee camp in Zambia, during which we will work with the Book Bus in a different school each day. Meheba refugee camp, run by the UNHCR, was opened in 1971 for refugees that fled Angola during the Angolan revolution against the Portuguese, but since the 1990s has been receiving refugees from other African states. Its current population is approximately 16,000, of which just over 5,000 are children. During the first two weeks, we will be staying in the refugee camp in tents, with no running



water or electricity. In the third week we plan to visit points of cultural interest and natural beauty, to discover more about the country and culture of Zambia. To participate in this worthwhile and challenging project, I have to fundraise £2,800.

In the coming months, we will undergo training weekends with the Book Bus charity which will prepare us to work with and teach children of a variety of ages in the refugee camp. *HANNAH (pictured right)*

After going through an intensive selection process, I was fortunate to be selected for a three week long Girlguiding service project to Malawi in the summer of 2012. For two weeks we will be working on a

project called 'The Book Bus Project'. The book bus is a mobile library that travels around rural schools in Malawi with the aim of helping children to improve their literacy. Whilst working on the project we will be distributing books and helping to inspire children with a love of reading through playing games, reading aloud and doing craft activities. We plan to spend our final week experiencing the culture of Malawi by going on excursions to sites of cultural interest and meeting up with some Malawian Girl Guides. To take part in this incredible opportunity I have to raise £2,670.

Holy Land Travels



Canon Paul Miller recently returned from co-leading an educational study tour of Israel and Palestine. A party of forty-four spent one week in Jerusalem and Galilee accompanied by the Bishop of Rochester, the Archdeacon of Bromley and Bexley and Canon Claire Tillotson who was the travelling musician and directed

the mobile choir.

Photographed are Canon Miller who came across a donkey in the Judean desert en-route to Jericho, the oldest inhabited town in the world and 1300 feet (400 metres) below sea level, and the whole group in the Roman amphitheatre at Caesarea Maritima.



The Parish Church of St. Mary, Shortlands

Link Parish

St. Francis of
Assisi, Douai, France



WORSHIP

Every Sunday

08.00	Holy Communion
10.30	Family Communion, except the first Sunday in the month in term time. During term time there are separate groups in the Church Hall for children aged 0-18.
10.30	All Age Eucharist or Parade Service (1st Sunday in the month, term time).
18.30	Choral Evensong (3rd Sunday in the month)

Every Monday

17.00	Evening Prayers
-------	-----------------

Every Wednesday

10.00	Holy Communion
-------	----------------

Further information about all services can be obtained from the Parish Office.

PARISH DIRECTORY

STAFF

Vicar	Canon P. Miller	8460 4989
Honorary Curate	Rev. J. Peters	07531 617302
(Sunday, Monday and Wednesday)		
Honorary Assistant	Archdeacon P. Wright	8467 8743
Priests	Rev. J. Donnelly	
Readers	Mrs. A. Gimson	8460 6494
	Mr. P. Stotesbury	8650 3259
Pastoral Assistants	Mrs. S. Harrison	8464 0284
	Mrs. L. Miller	8460 4989
	Mrs. D. Speller	8466 1184
	Mrs. M. Westropp	8650 5178
Parish Administrator	Ms. R. Bailey	8460 5682
Assistant	Mrs. E. Parker	8460 5682
Churchwardens	Mrs. A. Swatton	8650 1114
	Dr. D. Jefferys	8460 6030
Deputies	Mrs. P. Chase	8464 6188
	Mr. S. Clark	8464 0696
	Mr. D. Cooper	8460 0682
	Mr. C. Stokes	8460 0661
	Mr. B. Waring	07957 186027
PCC Secretary	Miss J. Rambridge	8650 0947
Treasurer	Mr. T. Dawson	8460 5884
Assistant Treasurer	Mr. D. Weekes	8650 2950
Organist & Director of Music	Mr. F. Roddy	01689 877025
Assistant Organist	Canon C. Tillotson	8460 7368
Electoral Roll	Mr. N. Stoffel	8460 0063
Stewardship	Mr. J. Westropp	8650 5178
Junior Church	Mrs. S. Aldred	8460 3978

PARISH OFFICE Tel/Fax 8460 5682
e-mail: office@stmaryshortlands.plus.com
Open 9.15 am - 12.30 weekdays. Information regarding Baptisms and Weddings can be obtained during these hours.

ST. MARY'S ORGANISATIONS

Mothers & Toddlers	Mrs. J. Runicles	8650 4553
Mothers' Union	Mrs. P. White	8460 9357
Friends of St. Mary's	Miss J. Rambridge	8650 0947
Scouts GSL	Mr. C. Wood	8658 1825
Scouts (Fri.)	Mr. T. Watson	8650 0184
Cubs (Mon.)	Mrs. J. Garvey	8249 8785
Cubs (Tues.)	Mr. J. Griffiths	8285 3968
Beavers & admissions	Mr. J. Westropp	8650 5178
Guides (Tues.)	Ms. N. Keast	07516 650940
Guides (Fri.)	Mrs. G. Dawson	8460 5884
Brownies (Mon.)	Ms. N. Blake	8460 7951
Brownies (Wed.)	Ms. H. Preston	07754 444453
Brownies (Thurs.)	Ms. D. Allen	8650 1720
Brownies admissions	Ms. N. Blake	8460 7951
Rainbows	Ms. W. Keeping	8466 8120
Pre-School	Mrs. P. Chase	8290 6704
	or 07960 988552	
THE TWO "W's"	Mrs. A. Heayberd	8460 9537
OTHER NUMBERS		
Church Flowers	Mrs. M. Parr	8249 7127
Mission Chairman	Mrs. S. Shelton	8402 3299
Douai Link	Mrs. G. Dawson	8460 5884
Fair Trade	Mrs. C. Willatt	8313 0246

LOCAL COUNCILLORS (L.B.B.)

Cllr. E. Noad	8462 3295
Cllr D. Jefferys	07944 565455

LOCAL NUMBERS

Highfield Infants' School	8464 7804
Highfield Junior School	8460 2597
Residents' Association	8460 4060
Shortlands Safer Neighbourhood	8721 2614

SPAN

Website	www.stmaryshortlands.org.uk
Editorial	Parish Office 8460 5682
Distribution	Mr. A. Jones 8460 5437
	Mrs. J. Kelsey 8466 1093

Views expressed by contributors are not necessarily those supported by the publishers, and no responsibility can be accepted for accuracy. Neither can the publishers accept responsibility for work carried out by advertisers.

ADVERTISING: £15.50 per column inch per issue. For details please call 8460 5682 during office hours. Copy by the 5th of each month to SPAN, Church House, 39 Kingswood Road, Shortlands, BR2 0PU

AEROBICS - BUMS, TUMS & THIGHS LADIES - COME AND JOIN JACKIE

Every Monday 8-9p.m.

at St. Mary's Church Hall, St. Mary's Avenue, Shortlands.
For more information Tel: 8650 2083 mob. 07967 214279
A class all ages can enjoy, beginners welcome.

Dawoods

The Family Law Solicitors

For advice on all aspects of family and relationship breakdown, please contact Mrs K Dawood

www.dawoods-solicitors.co.uk

e-mail: confidential@dawoods-solicitors.co.uk



Tel: 8249 6047

50 Burnhill Road
Beckenham, BR3 3LA



THE SHORTLANDS DENTAL PRACTICE

98 MARTINS ROAD
SHORTLANDS BR2 0EF

PRIVATE * QUALITY CARE * NHS
DENPLAN AVAILABLE

Tel/Fax 020 8464 7520

www.shortlandsdentalpractice.co.uk

QUALIFIED PLUMBER P. J. EDWARDS

01322 868212 or 07831 54 59 51

Bathrooms, kitchens and all domestic
work undertaken
Advertising in SPAN for over 15 years

LOCAL PLUMBER

24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE

fully insured - free estimates & advice, bathroom/shower
installations, central heating pumps/radiators etc.

Big enough to cope, small enough to care.

Phone Michael on 0800 183 0063

Romeo Health@The Sloane Hospital

recommended by Consultants - GPs - Midwives

Appointment lines: 020 8249 0159

07956 308207

Insurance approved

- osteopathy
- manipulation
- cranial osteopathy
- sports massage

Bromley Lawn Tennis & Squash Club

Sandford Road, Bromley South

14 tennis courts of which 2 indoors and 6 floodlit. 3 squash courts.
Competitive subscriptions. Coaching for all ages and abilities.
Clubhouse with bar. Social events and hall available for hire.

020 8460 0936 or visit our website

www.bromley-lawn-tennis-and-squash-club.co.uk

J. E. Neal

Builder and Decorator

Property Maintenance - interior & exterior; painting &
decorating; plumbing & tiling; odd jobs; no job too small.
Established in Bromley for 25 years.

For a competitive quote,
call 8777 2860 or Mobile 07719 620696

HOLT MAINTENANCE

Garden Maintenance, Landscape Gardening,
Window Cleaning, Domestic and
Commercial Cleaning.

Accredited Safe Contractor

Tel. 020 8460 9396 or 07956 172979

J. & R. KILLICK Ltd.

FUNERAL DIRECTORS Est 1879

- * FAMILY RUN
- * Personal service
- * Pre-paid funeral plans advice given
- * 24 hours a day
- * Modern or classic funeral fleet

For advice, assistance and our INFORMATION folder
please phone PETER or MICHAEL KILLICK

020 8777 4502 Website www.jrkillick.co.uk

112 High Street, West Wickham BR4 0ND



Sunnyfields Day Nursery

19 Bromley Grove, Shortlands

7.30am - 6.30pm daily
children 3 months to 5 years

Tel: 8313 9191



PICTURE FRAMING

Oils, Photographs, Watercolours, Tapestries,
Prints, Embroideries

Jo Powell

3 Highfield Drive, Shortlands

020 8464 3149



Langley School of Dancing

Ballet, Tap, Modern, Street Jazz,
Boys Street Jazz & Zumba

from age 2½ to adult - at St. Mary's Hall

Tel: 07540 400615 for a free trial class

Vicky - Mobile Hairdresser

over 25 years experience 07958 210577



HELEN O'GRADY
DRAMA ACADEMY

Creativity, Confidence
Communication

Drama for 5-8 yrs, 8-11 yrs,

01689 813 336 12-18 yrs

bromley@helenogrady.co.uk

HOMEOPATHY

Josephine Adam

Homeopath BSc LCHE RSHom RGN

07821 522625

josephine.adam@live.co.uk

Chiropodist - Reflexologist

Sally Thorogood

MSSH MBChA MRXS MCRRS

100 Kenwood Drive
Beckenham BR3 6RA

020 8650 2738

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVICE

Savings & investments, Pre- and Post-Retirement
Planning including Pensions & Annuities,
Protection, Long Term Care and Tax Planning

Contact David Maguire

Tel: 020 8460 6088 Mob: 07970 810572

Email: david.maguire@lawrencefinancial.co.uk

DON'T D.I.Y.

let us ...

... Decorating ... Tiling
... Decking ... Carpentry
... and more.

Contact Luke, telephone : 07946 545049
or e-mail at luke12345@yahoo.co.uk

ROOFING

ALL TYPES OF WORK UNDERTAKEN
GENERAL BUILDING * LOFT EXTENSIONS * FENCING
GUTTERING * SKYLIGHT WINDOWS
SEAMLESS FLAT ROOFING * NEW SHED ROOFS
PATIO & DRIVES PRESSURE WASHED

HARRY ALLEN 020 8402 0156