#### **SHORTLANDS** PARISH NEWS

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

# **"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN"**

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On Sunday, 3 June it will be a day of purchased, as well as a picnic area. celebration across the country and the world for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. St. Mary's is joining the celebrations by holding a Jubilee Party with lunch and fun events for all.

After a service of thanks giving at 10.30am, there will be a traditional sit down, 2-course buffet lunch in the Church Hall to include dressed salmon, cold meats, and varied salads, and a selection of homemade desserts. Tickets will be £10 for soft drink, and £5 for children under 12, to include commemorative gift of the occasion. Tickets will be available at the back of church after services, or from the Church Office first come, first served basis so do not delay!

drinks tent in the church grounds where food and drink items can be

The church grounds will be transformed with activities and stalls suitable for everyone to enjoy all the fun of the fair.

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We will be hosting a number of exhibitions by local community groups, which will be of interest to all. We will also be screening the River Pageant down the Thames on a big screen for those who want to enjoy both the national and local celebrations.

Afternoon Tea will be available adults, to include a glass of wine or during the afternoon in the church grounds. There will be a tree planting ceremony so our church and community will always remember this auspicious day.

Be part of the Shortlands from 6 May 2012. This will be on a community and celebrate this historic event with us and help make this special day one to remember! If you prefer something a little Everyone can join in by dropping in less formal, there will be a BBQ and throughout the afternoon and by wearing red, white and blue!

### **Special Services at St. Mary's** for May & June

Sunday, 5 May, 10.30am Family Eucharist and Welcome to our Visitors from Douai, France President and Preacher: The Bishop of Rochester

Sunday 13 May, 6.30pm Deanery Evening Service at Christ Church, Beckenham, with all Anglican Parishes from the Deanery of Beckenham Preacher: The Bishop of Rochester

Ascension Day, Thursday 17 May 8.00pm Holy Communion with Hymns: followed by drinks and Lighting of the Ascension Day Rocket

Sunday 20 May, 6.30pm **Choral Evensong to Celebrate** the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen Preacher: Prebendary Bill Scott, Domestic Chaplain to the Queen and Sub Dean of the Chapel Royal

> Whit Sunday 27 May, 10.30am **The Festival of Pentecost: Family Communion** with Groups for Children and Young People

Sunday 3 June, 10.30am Family and Parade Service to Celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen: followed by lunch, picnic and Bar-B-Que

### **BOROUGH HONOUR** FOR SHORTLANDS READER



A prestigious award has recently been made to Peter Stotesbury for outstanding service by the London Borough of Bromley. It was one of 6 awards made by the Mayor of Bromley. Peter has made a significant contribution through his work as a Rotarian, his involvement in the Park Langley Club and as a Reader at St. Mary's, Shortlands. 'Everyone in Shortlands was delighted to hear about this. We all recognise the tremendous energy Peter has put into this community and we at St. Mary's applaud him for this well deserved award', reported Canon Paul Miller.



#### **Holy Baptism**

We welcome into God's family: 25 Mar Christian Verazzo 29 Apr Jacob Johns 20 May Arthur Hamilton Take Trim

#### 27 May Amelie Holdon

Holy Matrimony

We congratulate Ben Salliss & Nicole Speller, married on 10 March.

#### **Interment of Ashes**

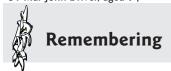
We extend our sympathy to those **John Driver** who loved:

Ingeborg Arnold, aged 91 Raymond Benfield, aged 88

#### At Rest

We extend our sympathy to those who loved:

12 Mar Dorothy Ingram, aged 84 31 Mar John Driver, aged 74



#### **Dorothy Ingram**

Dorothy was born and brought up in Antrim, Northern Ireland 84 years ago, one of two girls, her sister Ella having predeceased her 25 years ago.

On leaving school she went to work in an accounts department, later marrying Donald. They had one son, Larry who married Susanne, and they gave Dorothy a much-loved granddaughter, Tiffany. Donald died 7 years ago and their son some 16 years ago. She was most proud of her son and granddaughter. They were her delight.

Dorothy made the move to Abbeyfield in Shortlands a few years ago. She was a quiet woman; very self-contained and very private.



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However, she shared her love of poetry with the other residents and she was a great reader – her room was piled high with books! Dorothy was brought up in the faith of the Church of England and had long conversations with God. These she will doubtless be continuing!

A Service of Thanksgiving was held at Beckenham Crematorium. Reverend lane Peters conducted the service, which was attended by a small gathering who came to make their farewells.

John was born in Greenwich, He was educated at Gordon Brock Primary School and Aske's Hatcham Boys' Grammar School. On leaving school, he worked for a short time at the Duckham's Oil Company in the laboratory before joining the Metropolitan Police where he served for 33 years. In the early days he won a police commendation for bravery.

When he retired from the Police he went to work for the London Borough of Bromley and became the Mayor's attendant and chauffeur. In the post he loved the opportunity to meet people and the tradition that went with the post.

John was a regular attender at St. Mary's and took a full part in the Widows and Widowers Group.

His two great passions were his classic cars, on which he spent hours of his time, and his holiday apartment in Cavtat, near Dubrovnik, in Croatia.

A Service of Thanksgiving for his life was held at St. Mary's, Shortlands, preceded by a private committal at Beckenham Crematorium. The service was conducted by Canon Paul Miller.



**Family Fun Day** Wednesday 25 July 10am - 4pm St. Mary's Church

A one day family event for 4-11 year olds and their parents or carers.

Activities include themed arts and crafts, games, family sports afternoon with opening ceremony and more! Further details to follow.



# **A Very Big** Thank You!



I want to thank so many people for their generosity to our Heating Appeal. The breakdown of the boiler during the coldest part of the year was an immense problem and caused so much disruption.

I want to pay tribute to everyone who coped so ably and to all those users of our facilities who had their own programmes disrupted. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Around 200 people have so far contributed to our Appeal. The target is £50,000 and so far we have raised £32,000 - so only £18,000 to go!. We not only needed to replace the boiler but also we discovered asbestos which needed to be removed and were made aware that the heaters in Church, which are over 55 years old, all need replacing.

Many individuals have generously contributed as well as organisations that use and support the Hall. In this connection I would particularly like to acknowledge gifts from the Shortlands Residents' Association and the Friends of St. Mary's.

We are over well half way to achieving our target. There are a number of fundraising opportunities that will be organised over the coming months which will not only boost the Appeal but also be fun. And for those who have not yet been able to give directly then please send your donation to the Parish Office at 39, Kingswood Road, Shortlands, Bromley BR2 0HG remembering to Gift Aid your donation if possible. Cheques should be made payable to "St. Mary's, Shortlands, PCC"

The new boiler is now installed, the asbestos has all been removed but we still need to replace the heaters.

Thank you for all your support so far.

Paul miller

Canon Paul Miller Vicar of St. Mary's, Shortlands

## Nicole and Ben marry at St. Mary's



## **Parish Pilgrimage** tn **Westminster Abbey**

## Wednesday, 20 June 6.00pm to 7.45pm



Meet by the Great West Door at 5.50pm

The private tour, which will be led by Canon Jane Hedges (the Canon Steward of the Abbey), will start at 6.00pm and will take the form of a prayer pilgrimage through the Abbey. It will conclude with Night Prayer at about 7.30pm.

There will be no cost for the pilgrimage.

This is a unique opportunity and there is a maximum of 50 places. Please sign up on the notice board at the back of St. Mary's Church.



Nicole Speller at St. Mary's registation of the marriage. Shortlands. The bride who was given away by her father, Andy officiate at Ben and Nicole's Speller, was attended by 6 wedding. bridesmaids. bridesmaid was Lynsey Speller, the into the day and they were bride's sister. The best man was supported by so many of their Jay Salliss, the groom's brother. friends and family!' reported Canon The service was conducted by Paul Miller Canon Paul Miller assisted by the sung the anthem 'The Lord Bless couple left for honeymoon in you and Keep You' by John Rutter, Thailand.

It was a warm spring Saturday, 10 and David Tillotson, a Junior March when Ben Salliss married Chorister, sung 'Pie Jesu' during the

'It was a great honour to They had put an The chief immense amount of preparation

A reception was held at Reverend Jane Peters. The Choir Westerham Golf Club before the

## **Mission of the Month** Christian Aid

Thank you for all you do to make Christian Aid Week such a great success here at St. Mary's. This year it takes place from 13-19 May 2012. The aim of the Christian Aid Organisation is one where everyone can live a full life free from poverty. Christian Aid works to eradicate continuing poverty, striving to achieve equality, dignity and freedom for all regardless of faith or nationality. They provide urgent practical and effective help where needed in tackling the effect of poverty as well as the root cause.

One of the many schemes that Christian Aid is involved in this year is to help fund the work that Malaria Control Agents are involved in for a year. They are helping to save the life in a continent where according to the World Health Organisation a child dies from malaria every 45 seconds. All the malaria control agents are local volunteers. After receiving training and equipment they will provide communities with advice, use of mosquito nets, spot symptoms of malaria and access treatment. This is vital work; in Sierra Leone one child in three will be able to sleep under a net, and malaria causes the death of about third of all child deaths in the under 5's. This is a scheme that is locally based and effective, the benefits are immediate and life changing yet very simple.

Please visit the display at the back of the church during May to read more about the work of Christian Aid. If you are able to volunteer during Christian Aid Week please let Sara Craggs or Patricia Braithwaite know in church, or you can call Sara on 0207 394 0088 or Patricia on 0208 460 41 52.

