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Shortlands resident 100 years old!



Jock Moyes celebrates becoming a centurion!

It was with great pleasure that the Vicar, Canon Paul Miller, visited Jock Moyes of Kingswood Road, on the occasion of his 100th birthday on 30 August. Family and friends gathered from far and wide to honour a very significant milestone.

Jock was born in Glasgow in 1911, where he became a builder. He has been married to Emily for 63 years and they have a daughter Violet.

Visiting Jock on his birthday, Canon Paul Miller was told by Jock he has seen off most of the Vicars of Shortlands, where he has lived for almost 55 years!

He has been a member of Sundridge Park Golf Club for 47 years and still plays twice a week. Another one of his passions was until recently racing pigeons which he has been involved with since a young boy.

His father served in the Boer War and his two sisters lived to be 90 and 98.

A celebration lunch was held at Sundridge Park Golf Club where over 100 people gathered.

Photographed are members of Jock's family, along with neighbour Nick Stoffel and Vicar, Canon Paul Miller. Jock (centre) holds a card of congratulation from Her Majesty the Queen.

Special Services for the weeks to come

Sunday, 2 October - Harvest Festival

10.30am - Family and Parade Service

followed by the Harvest Lunch in the Church Hall

Sunday, 9 October

**10.30am - Parish Eucharist with the
Admission of Children to Holy Communion**

Sunday, 16 October

6.30pm - Choral Evensong

Responses: Sanders. Canticles: Sumsion in A.

Anthem: And I saw a new Heaven (Bainton).

Sunday, 6 November

4.00pm - Service to Remember Departed Loved Ones

A book will be placed in the church porch for you to enter the names of those you would like to be especially remembered at this service. Candles will be lit during the service in memory of our departed loved ones.

Sunday, 13 November - Remembrance Sunday

10.15am - Family Communion and Parade Service

to include the traditional Act of Remembrance, the Two Minutes' Silence and the Laying of Wreaths at the War Memorial.

6.30pm - Choral Evensong

St. Mary's, Shortlands Advent Dinner and Dance

**Saturday, 3 December, 7.15pm for 7.45pm
at Chislehurst Golf Club**

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**Tickets £39, inclusive of three course dinner with coffee and all age
Dance/Disco, available from the Parish Office (8460 5682)
or from Churchwardens.**

Next Month in SPAN

"What does Remembrance Sunday mean to me?"

**A personal reflection
by**

Colonel Bob Stewart DSO MP for Beckenham



From the Registers

Holy Baptism

We welcome into God's family:

17 July Zuri Chambers
Oliver Dobbs
24 July Rupert Street
21 Aug Henry Phillips
4 Sept Lyla Barnett
Harry Carroll
18 Sept Mollie Dove

At Rest

We extend our sympathy to those who loved:

10 Jul Bernard Cox, aged 74
16 Jul Bernard Kemp, aged 85
19 Jul Samuel Evans, aged 90
10 Aug Peter Westropp, aged 27
27 Aug Isabel Calderon, aged 77



Remembering

Bernard Cox

Bernard Cox was born in King's College Hospital in 1937 and lived in the Camberwell area until the early war years when he and his mum were bombed out. They then moved to Nunhead. Bernard was such a sportsman that he represented South London at football and London at athletics.

Bernard did National Service in the Army Pay Corps attached to the tank regiment. In March 1963 he married Estelle and they raised their two boys David and Paul. Bernard joined in enthusiastically with the boys' activities. In later years he worked for West Leigh Window Company where both David and Paul now work.

He and Estelle joined Southwark Sports Bowls Club from 1991 where he became treasurer.

Bernard and Estelle also enjoyed travel although after his stroke they no longer went abroad.

In 1997 the couple moved to Bromley and in 2006 to Franklin House enjoying the companionship there.

In 2007 he had what was nearly a catastrophic stroke – it says a lot for his determination of character that he survived. Bernard was a placid, happy man. He never moaned about his failing health and continued to go out every day.

A Service of Thanksgiving, conducted by the Reverend Jane Peters, took place at Beckenham Crematorium at which many friends supported Estelle, David and Paul.

Samuel Evans

Sam was born in Neath, South Wales. He was one of two. He married Joyce at Christ Church, Surbiton in 1946 and they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary earlier this year. They had two sons, Howard and Mark and five grandchildren, Helen, Alison, Nicole, Bettany and Henry.

His entire working life was spent in various administration roles and his career progression saw them move from Surbiton to Exeter, to Orpington, to Dulwich and finally to Shortlands. Having become Head of Local Government Audit of the GLC he then became Chief Executive of Southwark Borough Council and finally Chief Executive of the South London Polytechnic.

He loved books and was a voracious reader.

A Service of Thanksgiving, conducted by Canon Paul Miller, took place at Beckenham Crematorium prior to cremation.

Peter Westropp

Peter was born in London and grew up in Shortlands. He was just 27 when he was tragically killed in an accident.

He was educated at Clare House Primary School, Dulwich College Prep School, Eastbourne College and Leeds and Oxford Brookes Universities. From 2007 he had worked for Gerald Eve Chartered Surveyors.

He had many interests and many friends. He was a supporter of Arsenal and attended as many games as possible. He loved skiing and socialising and had a huge circle of friends. He loved travelling and had

visited every continent except Antarctica..

A Service of Thanksgiving was held at St. Mary's Church attended by about 650 people. 'In my 37 years of ministry I have never seen a Parish Church so full for a funeral' commented Canon Paul Miller, 'Peter was clearly an incredible person who so many people knew and loved. His funeral was some occasion. I am told that Shortlands station was virtually overrun by so many as they arrived for the service.'

Taking part in the service were his godfathers and uncles as well as his cousin and close friend. The service was conducted by Canon Paul Miller and the Reverend Jane Peters and a massive congregation gathered to support John and Marion, his parents, Charles, his brother and Ellie, his girlfriend. A private cremation followed at Lewisham Crematorium.

Isabel Calderon

Isabel was born in Chile. Both her parents died when she was young and she was bought up by her aunts and close family.

She moved to England with the family she was working for and settled in Hayes where she met Leslie who was to become her life long partner.

Isabel was always immaculately dressed. She loved tennis and it was once said she knew more about tennis than the BBC reporters. She was fiercely independent and private.

For a number of years she had worshipped at St. Mary's where she was a member of the coffee serving team.

A Service of Thanksgiving, conducted by Canon Paul Miller, took place at Golders Green Crematorium which was attended by Alex, her nephew, Kay, her goddaughter as well as many of her friends.

Toddler Leaders retire



For the past 12 years Marjorie Ring (pictured left) has led the Thursday Parent and Toddler afternoon group at St. Mary's. In recent years she has been assisted by Andrea Hewitt (pictured right). 'They have both done a marvellous job in leading this group and we are so grateful to them.' At the end of term service, which included the Thursday morning group as well, they were presented with gift tokens in recognition of their support of our work with parents and young children in Shortlands.

The group continues to go from strength to strength and will now be led by a group of parents.

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Here at St. Mary's we are delighted to have a thriving Junior Church. From babies and toddlers in the Creche, through Beginners, Climbers and Explorers and finally Pathfinders, we enjoy seeing our children and young people play their part in our Christian community as they develop and grow in their journey with God.

Currently with about 50 members, we meet weekly for 40 minutes during the 10.30am Sunday service, with the exception of All Age services and some school holidays. Exploring stories from the Bible or a Christian theme, finding out what it means to be a Christian in today's world, activities include games, discussions, cooking, art and craft, drama, music and creative prayer times. In addition the Pathfinders (11-16 year olds) have opportunities to meet together outside of Sunday mornings, including pizza evenings, swimming parties, trips to Thorpe Park and, in 2012, a skiing trip to Switzerland.

In the words of some of our members when asked to describe Junior Church:

"If you're between 2 and 16 and you don't enjoy sitting through church with the adults, Junior Church is perfect for you." "I like Junior Church because we play exciting games and learn about Jesus at the same time." "You make a lot of new friends." "It's great!"

If you would like to come and join us we would love to welcome you and your children into our church family. If you have any queries, please contact the Parish Office (020 8460 5682) or our Junior Church Co-ordinator, Sally Aldred (020 8460 3978).

Mission of the Month

Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture

The Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture (MF), a registered charity established in 1985, is the only organisation in the UK dedicated solely to the treatment of torture survivors.

The MF offers medical consultation, examination and forensic documentation of injuries, psychological treatment and support, and practical help.

Torture is used to intimidate, repress and dehumanise individuals. People are pushed to unbearable extremes of physical and psychological pain. Men, women and children sustain brutal injuries and are often forced to witness the violent subjugation of those around them.

Arriving in the UK, having reluctantly fled their homeland, victims must contend with unfamiliar procedures of asylum and authority while struggling with their past experiences. Treating a torture victim therefore requires a holistic approach that responds to their physical, emotional and practical needs.

There are five centres which employ some 200 paid and voluntary staff, comprising full and part time members including doctors, caseworkers, counsellors, legal advisors, physiotherapists, psychotherapists, psychologists, interpreters, child and family therapists and group workers. In addition, more than 200 volunteers dedicate their time to the organisation.

MF is independent of the Government by not accepting funding from them for their work. The only exception is funding received from the Department of Health which is put solely towards the production of guidelines for assessing torture survivors and to train health professionals.

There will be a speaker from MF at St. Mary's on Sunday, 16 October at the 10.30am service.

This charity is our Mission of the Month for October. There will be a display on the Missions notice board during October and further information can be found on www.torturecare.org.uk

Zuri baptised at St Mary's



The number of parents in Shortlands who wish to bring their children up in the Christian faith means there are many requests for baptism.

At a recent baptism service conducted by Canon Paul Miller, Byron and Tanya Chambers of Durham Avenue bought their second daughter Zuri to St. Mary's.

Parents who would like more information about how to arrange a christening may contact the Parish Office (020 8460 5682) who will be happy to help.

The Parish Church of St. Mary, Shortlands

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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
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Every Wednesday

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

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