

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



18 October Luke the Evangelist

Services Today

8.00am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) - live streamed only
10.30am	Family Communion - Reverend Gary Best Address: Reverend Gary Best The New Testament reading will be: 2 Timothy 4.5-17 read by Gill Dawson The Anthem will be: Come down o love divine. Harris. Intercessions: Kay Coleman
6.30pm	Hallelujah Anyhow! Informal Service with the Music Group

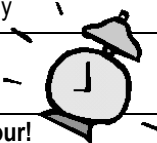
Services and Events this week

Mon 19 Oct	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only
Tue 20 Oct	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only
Wed 21 Oct	9.00am 10.30am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only Holy Communion (Common Worship) In main Church
Thu 22 Oct	9.00am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer - live streamed only Choir Practice
Fri 23 Oct	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only
Sat 24 Oct	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only

Last Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 25 Oct	8.00am	Holy Communion (Common Worship) - live streamed only
	10.30am	Family Communion - Reverend Jane Peters

British Summertime ends - clocks move back an hour!



Luke the Evangelist

Collect

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the
gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to
heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

New Testament Reading

2 Timothy 4.5-17

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

Gospel Reading

Luke 10.1-9

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."'

Post Communion

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of
flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the
gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Please remember in your prayers this week...

The Church

Health and Wellbeing. Paul describes Luke as 'the beloved physician' so this day is often set aside for ministry and prayers that focus on health and well-being. For all healthcare chaplains and our Diocesan Co-ordinating Chaplain for healthcare, Rev Canon Tim Mercer

Milton, St Peter and St Paul. Rector: The Rev Graham Herber

Northfleet, St Botolph, and Rosherville, St Mark. Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Cyril Showers
Perry Street, All Saints.

Shorne, St Peter and St Paul. Vicar: The Rev Ted Hurst

Swanscombe, St Peter and St Paul.

Borstal, St Matthew. Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Canon Sue Brewer

The Sick ...

For all who are unwell, including Sally Aldred; Melanie Jones; Revd Hugh Broadbent; Joan Austen; Paul Corben; Roger Bullen; Ann Dalton; Eric Wills; Ann Gramlich; Barbara Skinner.

For all those who bring their prayers to our Church.

The Departed ...

For those who have recently died including June Barnett (Durham House), Ralph Lampard, and all who mourn.

We also remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week at this time: Francis Golding.



The World ...

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your
love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Community ...

For the Choir and Junior Choir; for Claire Tillotson, our Director of Music, and Daniel Beach, our Assistant Organist. For the music group; for Graham Leech.

For Churchwardens and Deputies, Sidesmen and Servers. For our Parish Office Administrators. For our neighbouring parishes and Churches of other denominations, their priests and ministers.

For the work of Churches Together in Beckenham.

For Catherine Bingham, Sally Aldred, Ann-Marie Jefferys and David Jefferys, our Licensed Lay Ministers; Peter Stotesbury and Stuart Buchanan our Readers. Sue Harrison, Marion Westropp and Debbie Speller our Pastoral Assistants.

For The Friends of St. Mary's and the 2WWs Group.

For Welcare in Bromley

The Anglican Church – Report into Child Sexual Abuse

This week, you may have heard or read about the report on the Anglican Church in relation to child sexual abuse, with the church found to be negligent in its response to many cases of abuse which took place over many years. Whilst it would be easy to shrug this off as 'historical', the report reminds us that this is not the case and we must all be vigilant in being aware of any form of abuse within the church and within our community. If any of what you have heard or read this week has caused you any anxiety or upset, please contact Kay Coleman, our Safeguarding Officer, who will be able to provide practical and pastoral support. Kay can be contacted on 07879 337567.

Our Mission of the Month for October is:

Arthritis Action

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

- ◆ **Service for the Departed** - on Sunday 1 November at 4pm - A notebook has been placed in the south porch in which you may write the names of those you would like remembered at this service
- ◆ **Calligrapher** - we are looking to find a talented calligrapher who would be able to enter names into our Book of Remembrance and onto various record boards that we have in church, as and when required. (There is a small remuneration for entries into the Book of Remembrance). If you think that you can help us find someone for this task then please do contact the Parish Office.
- ◆ **Ann-Marie and David** are undertaking a virtual charity walk/run 100 kilometers along the Western Front to be undertaken over October to raise funds for ABF, the Army Benevolent Charity and they have decided to match fund monies raised for several other charities, so for money raised from St Mary's this will be for the Future Generations Project and a local Alzheimer's Project.
- ◆ **Traidcraft** - there will be no more sales in church for the foreseeable future. If you would like to place an order directly with Cecelia Willatt please look through a catalogue in the south porch and call 020 8313 0246.
- ◆ **Music Group Service - Sunday 18th October at 6.30pm. Hallelujah Anyway!** The St Mary's music group will be leading us in an informal service of praise in difficult times. There will be songs, readings and prayers of course, and a chance to hear some personal stories from recent months. How have different people experienced God's presence during 2020? Come and join us in worship!
- ◆ **Biggin Hill Romania Group:** Heartfelt thanks to all those who have supported the BHRG over so many years (20+). The shoe boxes, family boxes and knitted goods have made such a difference to many of those living on the fringes of society in Comanesti. Thank you also to all those who donated clothes, bedding and household items to be sold in the charity's shop. There will no longer be a shoe/ family box delivery for Christmas. "MERSI – THANK YOU" from Romania.

Thank you to all of our donors for your amazing support, especially in this current situation



The following are currently in short supply:

SMALL BOTTLES OF SQUASH, LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE, INSTANT WHIP, COLD MEAT, CUSTARD, SPONGE PUDDINGS, SWEETS, JELLY, NON-BIO WASHING DETERGENT, SHAVING GEL/RAZORS, CHILDRENS TOOTH-PASTE & TOOTHBRUSHES, CHRISTMAS FOOD DATED 2021 ONWARDS.

A reminder that we cannot receive fresh goods only long life food.

For information please contact Vici Nightingale.



Stay in touch!



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'St Mary's Shortlands'.

If you're not sure how to do it, ask in the office and they'll put you in touch with someone who can give you an introduction to 'social media'.

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