



# HARVEST Festival 2025



## Services today

10.30am **Family Parade & Service**

Celebrant and preacher - Rev. Dave Edmondson

Prayer and Reading by Tuesday Cubs:  
John 6: 25-35

12.15pm Bring and Share Harvest Lunch

## This week

Tue 7 Oct 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter

Wed 8 Oct **10.00am – Holy Communion  
in the Chapel**

10.30am - 12.30pm - Community Café

Thur 9 Oct 9.30am & 12.30pm - Baby and Toddler  
sessions

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Welcome to St Mary's Shortlands. We are glad that you are joining us for worship today.

Today we celebrate Harvest, we thank God for the blessings in our lives. If you have brought items for Bromley food bank there is a time in the service where you are invited to bring them forward. After the service as well as our normal refreshments, we are having a bring and share lunch. You are welcome to join us today.

All are welcome at St Mary's. We hope that within our worship you will encounter God's love and presence and discover more about the gifts God has given you. We are all pilgrims on a journey of faith.

**Welcome**

*We stand to sing*

*Colours are received during the Hymn*

**We Sing - We plough the fields and scatter**

**We plough the fields and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
But it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand.  
He sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
The breezes and the sunshine,  
and soft refreshing rain.**

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above;  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord  
for all His love.*

He only is the maker  
of all things near and far;  
He paints the wayside flower,  
He lights the evening star.  
The wind and waves obey Him,  
by Him the birds are fed;  
Much more to us, His children,  
He gives our daily bread.

*All good gifts around us...*

We thank thee then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good:  
The seedtime and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food.  
Accept the gifts we offer  
for all thy love imparts;  
And, what thou most desirest,  
our humble, thankful hearts!

*All good gifts around us...*

## Opening Prayer

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

The Lord be with you

**All: and also with you.**

The world is alive with your goodness, O God,  
it grows green from the ground and ripens into the  
roundness of fruit.

Generously given, profusely displayed your graces of  
goodness pour forth from the earth.

As we have received  
so free us to give.

As we have been granted  
so may we give.

**All: Amen**

*We sit.*

## Time of Confession

*We are quiet for a moment to think about where we have  
made mistakes and not loved God with our whole heart or  
our neighbours as ourselves.*

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor, and the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

We confess to you  
our lack of care for the world you have given us.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you  
our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you  
our failure to protect resources for others.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

May God who is both power and love forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord,

**All: Amen.**

## **Collect for Harvest**

Creator God,  
you made the goodness of the land,  
the riches of the sea  
and the rhythm of the seasons;

as we thank you for the harvest,  
may we cherish and respect  
this planet and its peoples,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **We Sing – All things bright and beautiful**

*We stand to sing*

***All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.***

**Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colors,  
He made their tiny wings.**

***All things bright...***

**The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset and the morning  
that brightens up the sky.**

***All things bright...***

The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden:  
He made them every one.

*All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.*

He gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well.

*All things bright...*

### **Bible Reading - John 6.25-35**

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.' <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.'



<sup>30</sup> So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" <sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' <sup>34</sup> They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' <sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Address**

*We Sit*

**Bringing up our gifts**

Let us bring forward gifts from our storehouse, with thanksgiving in our hearts:

Symbols of the harvest, that sun and rain have nurtured.

**Thank you, God.**

Essential items for our health and well-being.

**Thank you, God.**

**Amen.**

## **We Sing – Lord of the Dance**

*We stand to sing. A collection is taken during this song.  
Giving is part of our worship at St Mary's for our regular  
congregation. You are invited to give but there is no  
obligation.*

**I danced in the morning  
When the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon  
And the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven  
And I danced on the earth,  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

***Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.***

**I danced for the scribe  
And the pharisee,  
But they would not dance  
And they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen,  
For James and John -  
They came with me  
And the Dance went on.**

***Dance, then.....***

I danced on the Sabbath  
And I cured the lame;  
The holy people Said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped  
And they hung me on high,  
And they left me there  
On a cross to die.

*Dance, then, ...*

I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the dance and I still go on.

*Dance, then, ...*

They cut me down And I leapt up high;  
I am the life That'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you If you'll live in me  
I am the Lord Of the Dance, said he.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

## Prayers

*We sit.*

*The Cubs are going to lead us in interactive prayers.  
On the end of each row there should be some pictures of  
baskets.*

*Please could you each take a picture of a basket and a pen.  
On the basket could you write / draw 3 things.*

- 1. Someone you want to say thank you to God for*
- 2. Something you would like to say thank you to God for.*
- 3. Something you would like God to change.*

*You may wish to do this by yourself or with the person next  
to you but please write them down.*

*The Cubs will gather these back and gather us back with  
prayers.*

## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation**

but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

**Anthem: Thou Visitest the Earth, Greene,**

**Birthdays & Notices**

**We Sing - Praise O Praise our God and King**

*We Stand to Sing*

*The Colours are returned during the Hymn*

**Praise, O praise our God and King;  
hymns of adoration sing:  
For his mercies still endure  
ever faithful, ever sure.**

**Praise him that he made the sun  
day by day his course to run:  
For his mercies still endure  
ever faithful, ever sure.**

**And the silver moon by night,  
shining with her gentle light  
For his mercies still endure  
ever faithful, ever sure.**

Praise him that he gave the rain  
to mature the swelling grain:  
For his mercies still endure  
ever faithful, ever sure.

And hath bid the fruitful field  
crops of precious increase yield:  
For his mercies still endure  
ever faithful, ever sure.

Praise him for our harvest-store;  
he hath filled the garner-floor:  
For his mercies still endure  
ever faithful, ever sure.

And for richer food than this,  
pledge of everlasting bliss:  
For his mercies still endure  
ever faithful, ever sure.

Glory to our bounteous King;  
glory let creation sing:  
Glory to the Father, Son,  
and blest Spirit, Three in One.

## Conclusion

God the Father, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation.

**All: Amen.**

God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest.

**All: Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation, help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace.

**All: Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among us and remain with us always.

**All: Amen**

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.

**Go in the peace of Christ.**

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Please remember in your prayers this week...**

**The Community...**

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

**The World ...**

Pray for those affected by and for all suffering from the effects of climate change and natural disasters.

**The Sick ...**

For those who are recently unwell, including Eileen Abbam, Jonathan Collins, Matthew Swatton and Leonie Rhodes. We continue to pray for Sally Aldred, Bob Norfolk-Thompson, Graham Smedley, Angela Ash, and for those who seek our support by bringing these prayers to our church.

**The Departed ...**

We pray for everyone grieving the loss of loved ones, especially the family and friends of Margaret Lord. We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week: Pamela Wilson, John Knight, Jenny Loades, Christopher Willatt, Win Vickers, Thomas Detheridge, Bill West and Christine Wilson.

**Our Mission of the Month for October is  
The McCabe Educational Trust**

There is a display at the back of the church. Each Mission of the Month receives equal donations from the church and donations from individuals.



## NOTICES

**Garden clean-up on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October for hedges & other gardens work.** Bring a spade and loppers if you have them. We can offer coffee and cake afterwards. Starting at 9.30 – finish at 11.30-ish!

**Kenya Night at Guides – Fri 10<sup>th</sup> October 7.45pm in Church Hall.** Many people supported Young Leader Zoe Elliot's fundraising cake sale for her Girlguiding trip to Kenya. She will be giving a presentation at our Guide meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October, and you are welcome to come along. The Guides will also be talking about their summer camp. Refreshments provided. Please let Gill Dawson (07767-365318, [gill@gill.dawson.name](mailto:gill@gill.dawson.name)) know if you are coming.

**Junior Church** - Takes place in the hall during the morning service. All children of all ages are very welcome. Next dates - October: 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>

**Next dates 12 Oct, 9 Nov**

- **Tea Time Together** - For families with children up to Yr 5 at 4.00pm
- **Youth Club** – For Years 6 -13 from 6.00pm

**Taketime meditation sessions** 10.15am -11am in the chapel. Next dates - 11<sup>th</sup> Oct, 8<sup>th</sup> Nov & 13<sup>th</sup> Dec  
All welcome!

## **The Friends of St Mary's RACE NIGHT**

Sat 11th October 2025.

Time - 7 for 7.30pm - 10pm in St Marys Church Hall.

Tickets £12.50 p/p, which includes fish & chip supper.

There will be a donations bar. Please purchase the tickets after services, Community Café, the Church Office or purchase online via our facebook page or use the below link.

<https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NjY1MS0y/t>

## **Christmas cards competition - deadline for entries is**

**Mon 13 Oct.** We hope to have Christmas cards for sale, designed by our local community. Please fill out a form which is available at the back of Church. All are welcome to submit a design to the competition.

**Mission of the Month – the AGM of MOM** (formerly known as Mission beyond the Parish) will take place at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October in the choir vestry. To nominate a charity, see noticeboard at the back of church.

## **Service for Departed Loved Ones: 26 Oct at 6.30pm**

There is a notebook at the back of the church to print the names of those for whom you would wish to light a candle during the service.

### **Safeguarding Officer**

At St Mary's we take our safeguarding responsibilities very seriously: we are committed to ensuring our church and hall buildings are safe places for all. If you have any concerns about safeguarding you can contact our Parish

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