

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.



16 May Seventh Sunday of Easter

Services Today

10.30am	Holy Communion - Reverend Gary Best Sermon Series - Five Marks of Mission Address: Catherine Bingham LLM The Old Testament reading will be: Leviticus 19:9-18 read by Catherine Bingham LLM The Epistle reading will be: Philippians 2:1-11 read by Helen Bird Intercessions: Tim Aldred Gospel: Reverend Gary Best
6.30pm	Choral Evensong

Services and Events this week

Mon 17 May	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only
Tue 18 May	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only
Wed 19 May	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only
	10.00am	Holy Communion - in the Millennium Chapel
	8.30pm	Compline - live streamed only
Thu 20 May	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only
	7.30pm	Junior Choir practice
	8.00pm	Choir practice
Fri 21 May	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only
Sat 22 May	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only

Day of Pentecost

Sunday 23 May	10.30am	Holy Communion - Reverend Gary Best
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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour
Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The Five Marks of Mission

3. To respond to human need by loving service

Leviticus 19: 9-18 Old Testament reading

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God. You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord. You shall not defraud your neighbour; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a labourer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling-block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

Philippians 2: 1-11

Epistle

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Luke 4: 14-21

Gospel

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

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And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers this week...

The Church ...

New Ministries.

For our new Licensed Lay Ministers, licensed yesterday, and the parishes they serve.
Anna Couper Beckenham St Paul; Ellen Couzens Hoo St Werburgh; Pauline Foster Longfield; Robert Foxwell Strood St Nicholas with St Mary; Jess Heeb Sevenoaks St Nicholas; George Johnson Bexleyheath Christ Church; Peter Kettle Meopham with Nurstead; Susan Leather Westerham; Clare Masters Bidborough St Lawrence & Southborough St Peter; Verity Mitchell Bromley Common St Augustine w St Luke; Stephanie Perfitt Longfield; Bobbie Simpson Cray Valley

South Gillingham: Hempstead, All Saints; Wigmore, St Matthew; Bredhurst, St Peter; and Parkwood, St Paul

Team Rector: The Rev Canon Brian Senior
Team Vicars: The Rev Pam Alexander, The Rev Pat Lenton de Dickin

Chalk, St Mary the Virgin

Vicar: The Rev Nigel Bourne

Gravesend, Holy Family, with Ifield, St Margaret

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Ted Hurst
Gravesend, St Aidan Vicar: The Rev Michael Payne

Gravesend, St George

Rector: The Rev Jim Fletcher

Gravesend, St Mary

Vicar: The Rev Trudi Oliver

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 Sunday worship at St. Mary's. For the discernment of vocation in our church family.
For the daily reading of God's word. All Bible Societies, Homegroups and their Leaders.
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 Administrator.
For our neighbouring parishes and Churches of other denominations, their priests and ministers.
For the work of Churches Together in Beckenham.
For Reverend Jane Peters; 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.

The Sick ...

For all who are unwell, including Margaret McCann; Sally Aldred; Melanie Jones; Joan Austen; Paul Corben; Ann Gramlich; Gill Humar; Ron Nowell; Gwilym Davies.
For all those who bring their prayers to our Church.

The Departed ...

For those who have recently died and all who mourn.
We also remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week at this time: Harold Cowell; Revd Canon Douglas Redman; Ian Clark; Revd Jim Medcalf; Edith Pattison.

NOTICES

**Church will be open for private prayer on
Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10am - 3pm.**

- ◆ **3 Marathon over 3 weeks for 3 good causes.** All completed and I am still standing! Now I need to collect your kind sponsorship. Please leave this in an envelope with your name on it in the office, deposit a cheque through my door (7 Druids Way, BR2 0NQ) or donate through JustGiving (<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/tim-dawson>)
- ◆ **If you have the time** to help with the launch of the Community Café from 19th May, please let Jay Sharma know your contact details - jay@joelkibazo.com, or phone 07900 971 867.
Cake! - If you would be happy to donate a cake to the community café once every 3 months please also contact Jay.

Cake Sale TODAY

We are organising a Cake Sale in aid of Christian Aid here at St Mary's after the service on Sunday 16th May.



Wednesday Holy Communion

resumes on 19th May at 10am.

Services will be held in the Millennium Chapel.

All are welcome.

Pastoral, Practical and Spiritual Support

At this time of heightened anxiety over the local and national covid situation, St. Mary's Church is here to help in whatever way we can, offering pastoral, practical or spiritual support to anyone who might be in need.

We can arrange for regular telephone calls to be made to individuals, along with assistance with essential shopping. It may be that you would like the church to be praying for you or for friends and family, please let us know.

Whatever support can be provided, the team at St. Mary's will do our very best to help during these challenging times.

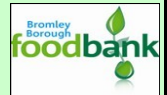
Please contact Revd Gary Best
07493 072 695

Our Mission of the Month for May is:

Christian Aid

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.

Thank you to all of our donors for your amazing support,
The following items are in need at present:



**Tinned Tomatoes; Cold Meat; Desserts;
Tinned Soup; Tinned Fish; Tinned Rice
Pudding; Biscuits; Washing Up Liquid;
Washing Detergent Capsules; Toilet Rolls.**

All donations of long life and in date food gratefully received. Financial donations by cheque or direct debit only please.

A reminder that we **CANNOT** receive fresh goods; chilled or frozen goods or baby milk.
For information please contact Vici Nightingale.

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