

# Welcome to St. Mary's Shortlands 22 February 2026 – 1st Sunday of Lent



Today

- 8.00am Holy Communion in the Chapel**  
**10.30am Holy Communion with healing prayers**  
Celebrant: Rev. Jane Peters  
Preaching: Rev. Dave Edmondson  
Reading: Penny Horsman  
Intercessions: Susie Shelton  
**Hymns**  
444 - God is working his purpose out  
108 - Glory be to Jesus  
175 - Come down o love divine  
Communion: 532 - O for a closer walk with God  
Anthem: O Lord my God - Chilcott  
591 - The kingdom of God
- 6.30pm Choral Evensong**

## This week

- Tue 24 Feb 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter  
Wed 25 Feb 10.00am – Holy Communion in the Chapel  
10.30am - 12.30pm - Community Café  
Thur 26 Feb 9.30am & 12.30pm - Baby and Toddler sessions  
7.00pm - Junior choir practice  
7.30pm - Adult choir practice

### Junior Church

Takes place in the hall during the morning service. All children of all ages are very welcome.  
Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>

**Tea Time Together** at 4.00pm for families with children up to Yr 5  
**Youth Club** from 6.00pm for Years 6 -13  
March 8<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup>

### Today is the third reading of the Banns of Marriage between

Alice Marion Crampsie and Simon James Hatcher



### Our Mission of the Month (MOM) for February is ABCD Bethlehem

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

## **Collect**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.

## **First reading: Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7**

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

## **Gospel reading: Matthew 4.1-11**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."'

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

#### **The Community...**

For the Missionary Societies of the Church, especially those supported by St. Mary's, and our Mission of the Month.

#### **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 Leonie Rhodes, Margaret Shaw, Robert Barnes, David Linstead and Bob Norfolk-Thompson. We continue to pray for Eileen Abbam, Sally Aldred, 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 Ann Swatton, Peter Cooke and James Hope. We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week: Cecil Arnold, Gordon Lyle, Jenny Linstead, Percy Simes, Tom Fox, John Whitaker, Hannah Fearnside-Speed, Gordon Forsyth, Stanley Dodman, Edith Jordan and Thomas Taylor.

**Gospel Pairs** booklets are at the back of Church, if you have signed up yours is labelled. There are extra booklets available if you wanted to take one for yourself. Please contact Rev Dave for email copies.

**Save the date.** The Bishop of Rochester The Rt Revd Dr Jonathan Gibbs will be preaching and presiding at our 10.30am service on 22nd March.

## NOTICES

- **Music Group Informal Lenten Service:** Sunday 1st March at 6.30pm, on the theme of renewal. Come and share an uplifting hour with us.
- **World Day of Prayer Service**, for the Beckenham Deanery, is being held here at St Mary's! Theme is "I will give you rest" and will be held all over the world on Friday the 6th March 2026. Our service will be at 11.30am with a light lunch and refreshments afterwards in church.
- **Lenten Prison Walk:** David Jefferys thanks all who have supported his walk on March 2nd. The target of £10000 has almost been reached. Further donations please see David or the form at the back of church.
- **Informal workshops for preparing decorations for the church at Easter at the Wednesday café on March 4th, 11th and 25th.** All are welcome come and join in. We look forward to seeing you there. For further information, please contact Cecilia on (07511) 885941
- **Friends of St Mary's Quiz Night - 21st March - St Mary's Church Hall - 7pm for 7.30.** All welcome individually and we will find you a team. Or sign up as a team, with a maximum size of 8. Tickets are £5 There will be a donation bar. Nibbles on every table will be provided. Tickets available at Community Café or the end of church and online via QR code in SPAN OR using this link <https://tickets.myknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NjY1MS00/t>

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safeguarding@stmaryshortlands.church or 020 8658 0470

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Thank you.**



**Donations for Bromley Foodbank  
can be left in the church porch**

Items most needed are Long life  
dessert, Long life fruit juice, coffee,  
sugar, tea, bleach, shaving foam/gel  
and multisurface wipes

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