

# Welcome to St. Mary's Church of Shortlands

## 8 February 2026 – Stewardship Sunday

### Today

#### 10.30am **Holy Communion**

Celebrant and preaching: Rev. Dave Edmondson  
Intercessions: Cathy Myers

#### **Hymns**

250 - All creatures of our God and King  
474 - Immortal Invisible  
557 - Praise to the Holiest in the height  
Communion : 519 - Make me a channel of your peace  
Anthem: Teach me O Lord - Attwood  
267 - Thou whose almighty word

### This week

Tue 10 Feb	10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter
Wed 11 Feb	10.00am – Holy Communion in the Chapel
	10.30am - 12.30pm - Community Café
Thur 12 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.

February 8th, 22nd  
March 1st, 8th, 22nd

**Tea Time Together** at 4.00pm for families with children up to Yr 5

**Youth Club** from 6.00pm for Years 6 -13  
February 8<sup>th</sup>, March 8th

#### **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.

#### **Today is the first reading of the Banns of Marriage between**

Alice Marion Crampsie and Simon James Hatcher



## **Parish Giving scheme**

**Tel: 0333 002 1260**

**Email:info@parishgiving.org.uk**

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### **Collect**

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

### **Gospel reading: Matthew 6.25-end**

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

## Post-Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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

For Sunday worship at St. Mary's. For the discernment of vocation in our church family.

#### **The World ...**

For peace in the troubled areas of the world

#### **The Sick ...**

For those who are recently unwell, including Ann Swatton, 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 Peter Cooke and James Hope. We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week: Ann Veasey, Paddy Thornley, Bob Barnard, Isabella Clarke, Peter Yeulett, Phyl Clegg, Thelma Nye and Cecil Raw.

#### **Fairtrade Dates**

February – Sun 8th, Wed 18th  
March – Sun 8th, Wed 18<sup>th</sup>

#### **Taketime meditation**

10.15am-11am in the chapel.  
14th February, 14th March

#### **Fair Trade's Big Brew 18th Feb at the Wednesday morning café.**

Come and find out more about Fair Trade and the work they are doing. We will have a stall with new items on. A raffle with 3 prizes, (tickets will be available after the 10.30 services on Sunday and at the Wednesday cafés) prizes will be drawn on the day.

**Save the date!!: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 6.30pm,  
Music Group Informal Lenten Service. Everyone welcome!**

## NOTICES.

- **Shortlands Library** has temporarily moved some of its activities to the Choir Vestry on Mondays whilst it is closed. For full details see Poster/flyers on notice board.
- **Gospel Pairs** is a relaxed and meaningful way to read the Bible in depth during Lent, which begins on 18 Feb. Instead of a traditional Lent course, participants will together six times. A booklet will be provided, dividing the Gospel into six sections with reflections and discussion questions. You may sign up alone and be paired with someone, or join as an existing pair or group of three. Everyone is invited to a simple soup supper on Easter Sat, 4 April at 6pm, to share reflections together. Sign up in church/email Dave by 11 Feb.
- **World Day of Prayer Service**, for the Beckenham Deanery, is being held here at St Mary's! The service has been written by the women of Nigeria on the theme "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. Everyone is welcome! Please do put it in your diaries!
- **Saturday 21 March, 7 for 7.30pm Friends of St Mary's Quiz night.** Save the date with more details to follow!

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

Safeguarding Officer Pauline Lambourne  
[safeguarding@stmaryshortlands.church](mailto:safeguarding@stmaryshortlands.church) or 020 8658 0470

Please use this QR code to make a donation to St Mary's.  
Thank you.



Donations for Bromley Foodbank can be left in the church porch. Items most needed are Tinned cold meats, cooking sauces, Long Life Dessert & Fruit Juice, instant coffee, bleach, washing up liquid, sanitary wear & kid's toothbrush.

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