
Notices

- During Lent the *GLORIA* will be replaced by 'Lord, have mercy...'
- **MOTHERS' UNION:** Corporate Communion for Mothering Sunday today at the 9.30 am Parish Eucharist. Molly Hoyle (226929).
- **OPEN BRANCH:** Meeting on Thursday 10th March at 8 pm in the Parish Hall. Ann Hardy will speak on 'Theatrical Costumiers'. Looking forward to seeing everybody! Margaret Morris (217398).
- **Our PCC**, the governing body of the church, needs more members from the younger age group. If you would like more information about standing for election in April, please contact Norman Randall (232193 or mail@normanrandall.com).
- **MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS:** Thank you to everyone who has collected their subscriptions and given them to me. If you collect your magazine from church, please do remember to put your £7 in a marked envelope in my pigeon hole – cheques made out to 'Shenfield PCC'. Jo Gurney (414409).
- **BRENTWOOD SCHOOLS CHRISTIAN WORKER TRUST:** Spring Newsletters containing new information are now available – collect named copies from the pigeonholes or take one from the display area. Audrey Butler (224430).
- **DRAFT BRENTWOOD LOCAL PLAN:** Consultation till March 23rd – help to shape the future development of the borough by reading the details on the Brentwood Borough Council website and then sending in your comments – as individuals, not groups!
- We will be updating the **CHURCH WEBSITE** completely before Palm Sunday to make it more secure, to improve ease of use and to have more information available to everyone. Please have a look! Comments will be welcome! Norman Randall (232193).
- **ELECTORAL ROLL FORMS** can only be obtained from Edna Grimble and, on completion, must be returned to her. (The electoral roll form is not the same as the blue 'Welcome' card!) Once you have applied, a letter of confirmation will be placed in the appropriate pigeon hole at the back of the church for you to collect.
- **VISITING CARDS** bringing greetings from St Mary's are available in the display area. Take some with you on your travels and leave one at any church you visit. If you attend a service, hand one to the Minister or an official.
- If you know anybody who is **ILL**, has had an **ACCIDENT** or is recovering from an **OPERATION** who would like to be visited, please inform the Rector or a member of the Ministry Team so that we can arrange a visit.
- If you are a **NEWCOMER**, please fill in a blue card and hand it to a sidesperson.
- **TREKKERS:** We meet in St Mary's School Hall, opposite the church, during term time on Sundays at 9.30 am (note, we do not meet on the First Sunday of each month due to the family service in church). Craft and other fun activities every week. Suitable for school age children. Come along and join in! Charlotte Monk (charlottevmonk@gmail.com or 214054).

TheLink



06 March 2016

1st Sunday

Mothering Sunday
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome to our services

A special welcome to

families with young children and those joining us for the first time today.

Leading our worship today

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev. David Thomas
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist	Rev. Eileen Lockhart
6.30 pm	Evensong	Paul Betts

Younger members

There is a *CRÈCHE* in the Turner Vestry at the 9.30 am service every week. If *one* of the parents would like to accompany their child/children there, please do so during the singing of the *Gloria*. We suggest *just one adult per family* due to recent overcrowding in the vestry.

Small children, who do not want to go in the crèche, may like to borrow a *BOOK* or a *HAPPY BAG* from the box at the back of the church.

School aged children are invited to join the *TREKKERS* group in the School Hall (term time only), except on the first Sunday in the month.

Reminders

- Coffee will be served after the 9.30 am service today.
- Please prepare for worship quietly when the organ is played shortly before the services begin.
- If you have joined us for the first time today, please fill in a blue card, which are in a box by the main door.
- Gift Aid envelopes, for use in the collection by taxpayers, are available in pews. For tax to be reclaimed your details must be written on the envelope.
- If you have a prayer request, please see the prayer tree by the letter rack (near the vestry door).
- Please give any information for TheLink in writing to Paul Betts by 12 noon on Tuesdays for the next Sunday.

Contacts and information

- **Ministry Team:**
Rev. David Thomas 220360, Rev. Eileen Lockhart 822537, Canon Paul Betts 228497, Barbara Alderton 220033, Audrey Butler 224430 and Lesley Cook 224486.
- **Churchwardens & Deputies:**
Norman Randall 232193, John Bridger 219853
Marion Cork 215732, Helen Dick 229793
- **Baptism & Wedding enquiries:** please contact the Rector (220360).
- Our website contains many more details at:
www.stmaryschurch-shenfield.org.uk

**We encourage you to take this copy of
TheLink home with you.**

06 March 2016**8 am Holy Communion**

Book	Book of Common Prayer (green page 31; black page 287)
Server	Pauline Sweetingham
Lay Ministers	Paul Betts Stephen Priddle
Epistle	<i>Galatians 4.21-31</i> Paul Betts
Gospel	<i>John 6.1-14</i> Rev. David Thomas

9.30 am Parish Eucharist

Books	'Celebrating Together' Hymns Old & New
Music Setting	Thorne
Readings	RCL page 112
Theme	'Mothering Sunday'
Servers	Brenda Russell William Swire
Lay Ministers	Molly Hoyle Lesley Cook Barbara Alderton Tom Lorenc
Opening Hymn	258 – Jesus, good above all other
Gospel Reading	<i>Colossians 3.12-17</i> Nicola Stark
Children's Choir	194 – He's got the whole world in his hand
Sermon	Rev. David Thomas
Intercessions	Liz Rouse (Footprints)
Offertory Hymn	128 – For the beauty of the earth
Communion	
Anthem	'Shall we not love thee?' <i>Simon Lole</i>
Hymn	150 – God forgave my sin in Jesus' name
Closing Hymn	370 – O Lord, my God

St Mary's Charities and Fundraising

St Mary's Church supports a carefully selected group of charities. In 2015 our fundraising initiatives aimed to raise £11,800 for these charities. You can help us to raise these funds by supporting our events and through direct donations. For further details please see the Fundraising 2015 leaflet and the Charities publicity folder; both are located at the back of the church.

06 March 2016**6.30 pm Evensong**

Books	Book of Common Prayer (page 57) Hymns A&M New Standard Parish Psalter
Server	Ray Jones
Opening Hymn	176 – Happy are they, they that love God
Psalm	30 (Psalter page 45)
OT Lesson	<i>Isaiah 40.27-41.13</i> Margaret Swire
NT Lesson	<i>John 11.17-44</i> Ros Garrod
Anthem	'View me Lord' <i>Richard Lloyd</i>
Intercessions	Paul Betts
Hymn	394 – Lord of all hopefulness
Sermon	Paul Betts
Closing Hymn	202 – Let all the world in every corner sing

Please remember in your prayers

- David and Alison, preparing for retirement.
- The local community in Shenfield, especially those who live in 60-132 Chelmsford Road, and Debbie Wilson, Linda Hendrick & Julie Vaughan, our representatives there.
- SNAP (Special Needs and Parents), supporting local children with special needs & their parents (one of the St Mary's Charities).
- Those seeking refuge from warfare and violence.
- Peace in the Middle East.
- St Mary's School, the pupils, staff and governors.
- The residents of Old Shenfield Place.
- The sick & infirm, and those facing or recovering from surgery, especially Gus Agate, Jean Cummins, Audrey Dawes, Jean Fenech, Jill Gibbs, Chris Green, Babs Hughes, Sheila Lawrence, Lily Mackney, Janet Miller, Richard Pearson, Pauline Porter, Campbell Pulley, Sonia Triggs, Brian Waldock, Wyn West.
- Those who have died, especially Patricia Barrow, Peggy Billinge, Avril Petchey and Olive Wright, and their families and friends.

Special services in coming weeks**Sunday 13 March**

6.30 pm Open Door

The Rector, Rev'd David Thomas, will preside at a Celtic Communion.

Do join us for this special evening worship.