

St Mary's Church, Shalford
Parish of Shalford and Peasmarsh

Service of Holy Communion

Sunday 6th August, 9.30am



The Widow's Mite, Rembrandt

We are delighted to welcome Bishop Jo
to preside and preach this morning
and Steph coordinating our online presence
and Jan bringing singing back into our worship!

Ways to worship together
at the same service from wherever you are:
In person 9.30am in St Mary's Church
Via Zoom 9.30am via St Mary's Sunday Zoom link on website...
Via St Mary's Youtube channel live or later, link via website...

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Welcome

It is so good to see you and be able to worship together again in person as well as continuing together virtually online. May this be a time where you can give thanks, receive, pray for & remember others, rest in God's care, lift your hearts in praise, taste living water in your thirst.

Brief notes for your safety and the safety of others

Please wear a facemask (unless you have medical/other reason not to), in line with Church of England guidelines...*"We strongly advise that face coverings should be worn by all those attending a place of worship, where there may be other people present; remembering that they are mainly intended to protect other people, and that they are not a replacement for physical distancing and regular hand washing."* We have spares masks available (please ask)

Please ensure you have used the hand sanitizer before the start of the service, before you receive communion, and as you leave too to keep you safe.

If you are receiving Holy Communion (bread only), please note the guidance mentioned at start of this service regarding sanitizing your hands again on the way up before receiving, and following the one-way flow to receive – with any queuing keeping 2 metres away from person in front. Please let the host fall into your open hands without touching at the same time as the priest.

The Collection: if you would like to make an offering, which will go towards the life, work and ministry of St Mary's serving the community, please donate via the gold 'Goodbox Plate' on the table near the church door before you leave. It is safest for all if you donate via card if you can – just tap your card to donate £5, or keep tapping to add in multiples of £5!

Singing – sadly we cannot join in singing; please just hum to hymns if you wish

We will be live streaming services now and enabling people to join on zoom from home, so as online or physically present worshippers we are joined as one church body worshipping together. If you do not wish to be in the filming please avoid sitting near the camera.

Thank you so much for your patience and care.

The Gathering

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Welcome & Opening Prayer...

Loving Lord
fill us with your life-giving
joy-giving, peace-giving presence,
that we may praise you now with our lips
and all the day long with our lives
through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen**

Opening Hymn-hum - Jesus, where're thy people meet (vs 1,2,5 sung by Jan)

Prayers of confession

Jesus said, 'Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.'
As sisters and brothers in God's family,
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

In a dark and disfigured world
we have not held out the light of life:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

In a hungry and despairing world
we have failed to share our bread:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

In a cold and loveless world
we have kept the love of God to ourselves:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord **Amen**

The Collect for today

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Liturgy of the Word

First reading: Psalm 24.1-6

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, •
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
For he has founded it upon the seas •
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, •
or who can rise up in his holy place?'
'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, •
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor sworn an oath to a lie;
'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, •
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
Such is the company of those who seek him, •
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Gospel Reading: Luke 21.1-4

Here the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:

Glory to you O Lord

He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; ²he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. ³He said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; ⁴for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon – Bishop Jo

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God
**We believe in God the Father
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son
who lives in our hearts through faith
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen**

Prayers of intercession

The Peace

We are the body of Christ
in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you
Please simply acknowledge others from where you are.

Please sit

Hymn-hum - *Just as I am*

Liturgy of the Sacrament

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you,
And also with you

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.
You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.

He broke it and gave it to them, saying
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood
of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

So come to the table
you who have much faith
and you who would like to have more;
you who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time;
You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed;
Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here

The body of Christ, broken for you. **Amen**

Giving of Communion

Please look to the sidesperson at the front for directions on when to get up to sanitise hands and come to receive. To avoid health dangers, no words are spoken in giving or receiving communion at this time sadly.

Hymn-hum during Communion – Broken for me, Broken for you

Post communion prayer

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out, in the power of your Spirit
to live and work, to your praise and glory. Amen.**

The Blessing & Sending Out

The love of the Lord Jesus
draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God Almighty
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you, always **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ, Amen.

Final Hymn-hum – Brother, sister, let me serve you

Coffee

So sorry not to be able to offer coffee after the service this morning.

As soon as safe to do so and guidelines allow we will serve coffee again on Sundays. In the meantime, do go outside so you can remove your facemask and chat to others more easily and safely & from 2 meters.

Staying in touch and worshipping together

Through links from St Mary's website you can now access all worship (zoom and youtube links) and daily prayers (facebook links) offered online, as well as keep up with latest news

www.stmarysshalford.com

Please 'Subscribe' to St Mary's Youtube Channel to help us reach 100!;
& Follow St Mary's, inc morning prayer & compline, on Facebook:
@StMarysShalford

From this week's Newsheet:

Next Sunday 13th Sept at St Mary's

Eco Church / Climate Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion -inside & online

10.30-11.30am Wild Young Church - outside & active in St Mary's Churchyard - including annual sowing of new seed for our wild churchyard flower meadow (bring your own coffee and warm clothing)

2.30pm Baptism of Louis Dear

St Mary's Small Fellowship Groups begin again...

A chance to come together for 6 or 7 weeks (or as many as you can make), in a group of no more than 8 (we can have more than one group!), to ponder the weekly short course video, chat together (or just listen if you prefer) about questions raised and faith in everyday life, and join in fellowship together. Our autumn small fellowship groups will follow either The Bible Course, or The Pilgrim Course on The Eucharist (we can follow the other in new year). Mondays at 5pm or Wednesdays at 5pm or 7.30pm. **Please let Rev Sarah know before 16th Sept (email: vicar.shalford@icloud.com) which course and which sessions you'd like to join.** See e-news or website soon for more details of each course.

Brew & Boots? Coffee & Cagoule?

Drop in on following Saturday mornings from 10-11am to St Mary's church, but **bring your own coffee/tea at the moment**, for a socially distanced safe coffee chat with others. For those who'd like to, join Sarah, Dougan, and other walking boots and paws, at c.10.30am for 30 min walk round the river behind St Mary's. Please let Sarah know if you're interested in either brew or boots, and please tell your friends.

* This Saturday 12th Sept (Ride & Stride Historic Churches day) 10-11am

* Saturday 3rd Oct 10-11am

Macmillan Hybrid Coffee Morning!

Somehow, the Friends of Shalford and St Mary's will host a safe and scrumptious and friend-meeting fundraiser, this year for our MacMillan Coffee Morning in St Mary's if possible as well as from home. Supporting Macmillan's vital caring work. Details to follow but save the date:

Sat 26th September, morning

Other:

Mental Health group - probably starting Oct or November

Alpha Online now likely start in January - contact Katrina if you're interested in joining

Harvest Festival - Sunday 11th October

more to come.....inc. contemplative spaces to breath and listen.

APCM - St Mary's & St Michael's

Please note this was missed on the e-newsletter:

Our delayed Parish of Shalford APCM will be held on

Sunday 25th October, 11am

This will be held as a hybrid meeting – with all able to join at home via zoom or to attend in person in St Mary's (small number safely spaced)