

THELINK

3rd October, 2021 – HARVEST THANKSGIVING

SUNDAY SERVICES

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am Eucharist (also available by streaming – see below)

6.30 pm Evensong

SUNDAY READINGS

Holy Communion (BCP)

I Corinthians 1.4-8

Matthew 22.34-45

Eucharist

Joel 2.21-24

I Timothy 6.6-10

Matthew 6.25-33

Evensong

Deuteronomy 28.1-12

Luke 8.4-8

MUSIC AT PARISH EUCHARIST

<i>Setting</i>	<i>Thorne</i>
<i>Opening Hymn</i>	290 We plough the fields and scatter
<i>Gradual Hymn</i>	284 For the fruits of all creation
<i>Alleluia</i>	Celtic
<i>Offertory Hymn</i>	283 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness
<i>Eucharistic Prayer</i>	Scottish
<i>Communion Anthem</i>	Look at the world (sheet)
<i>Communion Hymns</i>	537 For the beauty of the earth
<i>Closing Hymn</i>	282 Come, ye thankful people, come

MUSIC AT EVENSONG

<i>Opening Hymn</i>	282 Come, ye thankful people, come
<i>Psalm</i>	67
<i>Anthem</i>	553i Touch the earth lightly
<i>Hymn</i>	289 To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise
<i>Final Hymn</i>	290 We plough the fields and scatter

A CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST WILL BE LIVE STREAMED

from the church on Sunday mornings at 9.30 a.m. on the parish Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysShenfield/videos/>

Just click on this link, you do not need to have a Facebook account to join the congregation on the live stream.

The video will be available on the Facebook page after the service.

THURSDAY SERVICE

11 am Eucharist

CURRENT PANDEMIC MEASURES

These are the measures currently in place. There is, inevitably, a provisionality about these measures, but we hope that further opening up will gradually take place.

- It is strongly advised that face coverings continue to be worn inside the church.
- You are encouraged to be considerate of others' concerns and vulnerability with regard to social distancing.
- All pews in the church are now available.
- Booking a pew through Eventbrite is only necessary for the purpose of satisfying school admissions criteria - the links will continue to be sent out each week to those on the attendance register held for this purpose.
- The register for those needing to evidence attendance for school admissions criteria will continue to be administered through Eventbrite registration and checking in. There will be no return to a paper register in church to avoid congestion and queueing in the building after services.
- The one way system for movement around the church remains in place.
- Singing will now take place during the Parish Eucharist.
- Communion will continue to be administered in one kind only - there will be no sharing of the chalice for the time being. Movement around the church at communion will continue to be following the one way system and guided by the Churchwardens.
- Everyone is invited to come forward to receive a blessing or to receive communion. The words of administration or of blessing will be said to each - please respond 'Amen'.
- The Rector will wear a face covering at the distribution of communion and all coming forward are expected to do likewise.
- Leaving the church is via the 'Priest's Door' by the altar if you are seated in the nave and via the west door if you are seated in the north aisle or under the tower.
- As you leave the church you have the opportunity to give rather than during the offertory hymn. This can be cash or contactless. However, the best and simplest way of giving to your parish church is through the Parish Giving Scheme.

PARISH GIVING SCHEME

We give in response to the love God has so generously poured out upon us. Many members of St Mary's use the Parish Giving Scheme to make their gift each month. This is the simplest and best way of giving regularly to your church.

You can sign up by:

- going directly to the Scheme's page for St Mary's via the QR code or by typing in this short link: <http://bit.ly/shenfieldPGS>
- calling 0333 002 1271 Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. with your personal bank account details, quoting Shenfield St Mary the Virgin and our unique reference number: 080608218 – the call usually takes about 10 minutes and you will be sent confirmation by post or email.

As a parish church, we are completely dependent on your kindness and generosity to continue to maintain and further our distinctive ministry in Shenfield. Thank you.

Please remember in your prayers

- * Those suffering from the Coronavirus pandemic or affected by it, in this country and across the world.
- * Those caring for the sick and those supporting others at this difficult time.
- * Peace in the world, especially in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Syria and Yemen.
- * Justice and respect for people of all races and creeds.
- * Protection of the natural world.
- * The local community in Shenfield, especially those living in **Shenfield Place & Hallwood Crescent** and Maureen Watson & Tricia Dyke, who represent us there.
- * Our Stewardship Committee, led by Ian Eaton & Andrew Barton.
- * **BRENTWOOD STREET PASTORS:** caring for our community and listening and helping those out on the streets at night (our Charity of the Month).
- * St Mary's School, the pupils, staff and governors.
- * The patients and staff in Brentwood Community Hospital.
- * The residents and staff of Old Shenfield Place and other local care homes.
- * The Foodbank, its volunteers and those who use it.
- * The sick & infirm, and those facing or recovering from surgery, especially Sylvia Agate, Margaret Ayers, Sylvia Baylis, Maureen Beaver, Jean Blair, Rahil Butt, Olive Clarke, Marion Cork, Ann Drew, Shirley Hunt, Paul Kemp, George Lloyd, Georgia Marston, Lawrence Miller, Cynthia Parry, Sheelagh Webster and Jill Willmott.
- * Those who have died, especially Martin Cummings, Eileen Eady and Ronald Geary, and their families and friends, and those we remember at this time, especially Ann Sanders-Hewett.

Contacts and Information

Ministry Team

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Churchwardens

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Baptism and Wedding enquiries

Please contact Laura Bazzoni (parishadmin@domus.org.uk) 07464 202917

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Please give any information in writing to Paul Betts (bmgardens68@msn.com) by 12.00 noon on TUESDAY for the following Sunday.

Website

Please visit the parish website for further information at www.stmaryschurch-shenfield.org.uk.

Notices

HARVEST WINDOWS: All of the new Foundation mums have worked very hard to create the beautiful Harvest windows for Harvest Festival - each window has a theme; Thank you, Woodland Friends, Amazing Autumn, Pumpkins, Bumblebee and Butterfly. Please do enjoy looking at the displays and all of the wonderful contributions of food from all children at school that will be delivered to local charities. We hope they bring you some joy at this time of Harvest. Bumblebee and Butterfly Class.

There will be a service of **EVENSONG this evening** at 6.30pm. If you would like to come along beforehand to practise the psalms and other music for the service, please do join members of the choir at 5pm for a short rehearsal (and a break before the service starts).

ST. MARY'S OPEN BRANCH: Our next meeting will be on Thursday 14th October at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Pamela Holmes will give an illustrated talk on "The Huntingfield Paintress" and how she came to write a book about this lady. We are open to ladies of all ages and welcome visitors and new members. For more information please see our page in this month's Network magazine or give us a call: Kathleen Earle (211909), Pat Masters (218218).

We are pleased to announce that **FOOT STEPS CRECHE** will be restarting on Sunday 10th October. Please share this good news with your friends! We are not limiting numbers in the first instance but will do so should it become necessary over the coming weeks. We would ask that all parents coming into creche are mindful of social distancing in our limited space and that parents wear a mask where possible. The room will be well ventilated in all weathers so an extra layer may be useful. We look forward to seeing you again!
Debbie Catton.

If you live locally and need any support from our church community - such as help with shopping, collecting prescriptions, or just someone to talk to - please contact Suzanna Brooks on 01277 212948 or email suzanna_brooks@hotmail.com.

HUTTON & SHENFIELD CHORAL SOCIETY will be performing on Saturday 13th November at 7.30 pm in Brentwood Cathedral. Programme: Fauré – Requiem, Gjeilo – Sunrise Mass. All details are on HSCS website. Tickets: email – hscstickets@outlook.com, telephone 07935 240 686, or at the door.

AmazonSmile CHARITY DONATION NOTIFICATION: This is your quarterly AmazonSmile donation notification. Your chosen charity, **The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of Shenfield**, recently received a quarterly donation of **£30.06** from AmazonSmile, thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.co.uk or with AmazonSmile turned ON in the app. This amount includes any additional donations generated as a result of the 2021 Prime Day promotion.

To date, Amazon has donated a total of:

- **£51.05** to The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of Shenfield
- **£10,771,114.58** to UK charities

Thank you for supporting The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of Shenfield at no extra cost to you, by shopping at [AmazonSmile](https://smile.amazon.co.uk). You can track your impact throughout the year at the [Your AmazonSmile Impact](#) page. AmazonSmile is also available in the Amazon Shopping App on iOS and Android phones.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE! The **St Mary's Baptism Team** is looking to take on a new leader and additional helpers.

The team are a group of volunteers who support families in the run up to and during a child's baptism. Over the years, they have helped many St Mary's families and there are lots more wishing to have their children baptised, so the team need your help.

The leader's role includes:

- **Drawing up a team rota, allocating a team member to a baptism family.**
- **Providing the team member with details of the family and the baptism materials.**
- **Order baptism materials.**
- **Induct new team members.**
- **Attend baptisms where necessary.**

The helper's role includes:

- **Chatting to the family before the baptism to run through everything and explain what will happen during the service.**
- **Attend baptisms, providing assistance to the family and the Rector.**

If you would be interested in helping out and discussing these roles in more detail, please contact Victoria Shotter on 07773 397 322.

All members of our congregation can access **CHURCH MUSIC QUARTERLY, CMQ**, by going to the Members section of the RSCM website: <https://www.rscm.org.uk/magazines> and entering the church Member Key "SHENFIESM." (the dot is important and must be included!) and your email address. Any problems signing up please email Suzanna Brooks on suzanna_brooks@hotmail.com.

FOODBANK: Thank you to all the loyal donors who continue to support the Foodbank. Our drop-off point still remains at 16, Sebastian Avenue. If you have a problem delivering items to this address you can donate on line by www.trusselltrust.org/make-a-donation. The usual request for tinned pies and other tinned hot meals, toiletries, and cleaning agents has been made and these items along with many other necessities are always acceptable. Demand continues to be high. Helen Dick.

REQUESTS FOR ELECTORAL ROLL FORMS can be obtained from Edna Grimble. If you require an Electoral Roll form please ring Edna on 01277 222353 or M 07985319187. Edna will also be in church most Sundays and will answer any queries you may have, obviously from a 2 metre distance.

If you know anybody who is **ILL**, has had an **ACCIDENT** or is about to have / is recovering from an **OPERATION** who would like to be contacted, please inform a member of the Ministry Team so that we can arrange a call.

TREKKERS and **FOOTPRINTS** have been cancelled till further notice.

GET AN IPHONE 12 AND RAISE MONEY FOR OUR CHARITIES! You can now buy an Apple iPhone 12 for just £24 per month and raise donations for our charities when you shop through easyfundraising. More than 4,000 retailers will donate to our charities for free when you shop online through easyfundraising. It takes 2 minutes to sign up, to find out more visit: <https://stmaryschurch-shenfield.org.uk/ef>