

THELINK

**14th November, 2021 – THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

SUNDAY SERVICES

8 am Holy Communion

FOOT STEPS CRECHE IS OPEN TODAY!

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

10.50 am Act of Remembrance

5.30 pm Special Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving at St Peter's Church, Hutton

(See details below)

No evening service at St Mary's today

SUNDAY READINGS

Eucharist

Daniel 12.1-3

Hebrews 10.11-25

Mark 13.1-8

MUSIC AT PARISH EUCHARIST

Organist Suzanna Brooks

Setting	<i>Thorne</i>
Opening Hymn	357 All people that on earth do dwell
Gradual Hymn	583 Rejoice, O land, in God thy might
Alleluia	Celtic
Offertory Hymn	635 For the healing of the nations
Communion Anthem	Nearer my God to thee <i>O. Lincoln</i>
Communion Hymns	428 Body broken for our good
Closing Hymn	610 Christ is the world's true light

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

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SHENFIELD AND HUTTON are holding a **special service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving** for our and past current steps in the Covid 19 pandemic **at 5.30pm, 14th November (today) at St. Peter's Church**, Claughton Way. All are warmly invited to this unique service. Pauline Sweetingham.

SEE NOTICE IN THE PORCH

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.
- 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
- 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.
- * The outcome of the Climate Change conference in Glasgow.
- * Justice and respect for people of all races and creeds.
- * The local community in Shenfield, especially those living in **Worrin Close, Worrin Place & I-30 Worrin Road** and Molly Hoyle & Linda Ward who represent us there.
- * St Joseph the Worker RC Church and its Parish Priest, Fr Leslie Knight.
- * **THE MOTHERS' UNION in the Diocese of Chelmsford** (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, Bill Hindley, Shirley Hunt, Brenda Jary, George Lloyd, Georgia Marston, Lawrence Miller, Sheelagh Webster and Jill Willmott.
- * Those who have died and their families and friends, and those we remember at this time, especially Bill Anderson, Bruce Mitchell, Campbell Pulley, Tony Russell and Betty Weavers.

Contacts and Information

Ministry Team

The Rev'd Christopher Mann *Rector* 01277 220360

Canon Paul Betts *Licensed Lay Minister* 01277 228497

Churchwardens

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Edna Grimble 01277 222353

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

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR - THIS SATURDAY: Shenfield St Mary's Christmas Fair is this Saturday, 20th November in the school hall from 12.30pm - everyone is welcome. Seasonal refreshments, games, Santa's grotto, crafts and an amazing raffle and bidding wall! Please do come along and support the school. If you would like to buy some raffle tickets (prizes are even more amazing this year) please contact Jo Gurney. £2.50 per book. Joannegurney@gmail.com

ORGAN RECITAL: Simon Hogan, the organist at St Bartholomew the Great, London, will be giving an organ recital at St Mary's on Saturday 27th November from 2.30-4pm. Admission £5 for adults, free for under 18s. For more information please email organistassociation@gmail.com.

YEAR'S MIND: If you would like the name of any close relation who has died to be included among those whom we commemorate in church around the anniversary of their death, please give details of their name and the year of their death to the Rector.

FOOT STEPS CRECHE IS OPEN! Please be mindful of social distancing and we ask all parents to wear a mask where possible. We may need to change things a little as we go depending on numbers, so please bear with us, and be guided by the leaders and helpers. We can't wait to see you all! Debbie & the Creche Team.

If you are interested in becoming part of our creche team as either a leader or a helper, please email Debbie Catton at debbiealloyd@yahoo.com. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 2021 -- So everyone can once again get involved in our highly successful, fun Christmas Eve Nativity Carol Services (which this year fall on a Friday, 24th December, at 3pm, 4.15pm & 5.30pm), we are using 'sign-up sheets' again for the different roles. The sheets will be available at the back of the church from Sunday 7th November. If you're interested in getting involved, just place your name/your child's name plus contact details against a role listed. Any queries to Rachel Patel, rachels2500@yahoo.com.

PARISH MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTERS NEEDED! The magazine is going to be printed again from the new year. I still have my wonderful team of distributors but have some gaps. Please can you let me know if you could deliver the magazine please. If you contact me at joanneggunney@gmail.com I can give you more details. Jo Gurney.

FOOTPRINTS: We are recruiting parents to assist with Footprints. If you would like to find out more please contact emmiespring@hotmail.co.uk We are looking at running termly events or events every other month, and would like to have your input on what you would like to see.

SAVE THE DATE : *Footprints* are planning a Christmas Party on 19 December from 2:30 - 4pm at Shenfield Parish Hall. Please watch this space for further information on how to get tickets. If you'd like to know more or if you would be interested in helping out (in any way) please contact emmiespring@hotmail.co.uk

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.

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

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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 has been cancelled till further notice.

RAISE MONEY WHILST SAVING UP TO £150 ON CAR INSURANCE: You can raise money for St Mary's Shenfield Charities at the same time as saving money on renewing your car insurance with moneysupermarket.com, through easyfundraising.com. It takes 2 minutes to sign up to & more than

4,000 shops will donate to us for free when you shop online.

Visit: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarysshensfieldcharities/?invite=ly28ut&referral-campaign=s2s>

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ST PETER'S WALKERS (SOUTH WEALD) had for a few years been enjoying monthly walks in Essex and London until Covid struck last March. We are now looking forward to resuming our activities, at least locally for the time being, but would like to encourage a few more people to join us and perhaps even to lead a walk occasionally.

We normally meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month, usually at around 10.30, for a walk to finish in time for a pub lunch at a suitable venue.

Numbers from our own church are a little low at the moment so we are opening up to other churches in the Deanery to invite others to join us.

To mark this new beginning we are planning to meet up in Hylands Park on Tuesday 16th November at 11am outside the stables for a gentle stroll around the estate before enjoying lunch together in the stable café where we can perhaps discuss plans for future walks.

Anyone who would like to have their name included on a contact list for future walks is invited to send their details to Sheila Hornsby (shornsby47@outlook.com). It would be helpful to have names and numbers by 12th November please as I am trying to arrange a special parking arrangement with the estate to avoid the new high parking charges due to come into force shortly.