

The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Shenfield

# THELINK

**21<sup>st</sup> November, 2021 – CHRIST THE KING**

## **SUNDAY SERVICES**

8 am Holy Communion

**FOOT STEPS CRECHE IS OPEN TODAY!**

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

**No evening service at St Mary's today**

## **SUNDAY READINGS**

*Eucharist*

Daniel 7.9-10,13,14

Revelation 1.4b-8

John 18.33-37

## **MUSIC AT PARISH EUCHARIST**

*Organist Suzanna Brooks*

<b>Setting</b>	<i>Thorne</i>
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	486 Christ is the King! ( <i>w.1,2,5-7</i> )
<b>Gradual Hymn</b>	704 Let all the world in every corner sing
<b>Alleluia</b>	Celtic
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	811 Thou didst leave thy throne
<b>Communion Anthem</b>	Let all mortal flesh keep silence <i>arr. S. Cleobury</i>
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	199 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	421 All for Jesus, all for Jesus

## **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

**WELCOME** to Harry Sawyerr and Timo, Kala & Zach Smith and their families,  
who are coming **for their Baptism** at 11.15 this morning.

# Saint Mary the Virgin

## The Parish Church of Shenfield

### Services for Advent and Christmas 2021

**Sunday 28th November** • The First Sunday of Advent  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion • 9.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist

**Sunday 5th December** • The Second Sunday of Advent  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) • 9.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist  
(with gifts of jumpers and pyjamas for Norway House)  
6.30 p.m. Evensong

**Wednesday 8th December**  
9.30 a.m. & 2.00 p.m. St Mary's School Infant Christmas Services

**Sunday 12th December** • The Third Sunday of Advent  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion • 9.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist  
3.00 p.m. & 4.30 p.m. Christingle Services (*in aid of the Children's Society*)

**Thursday 16th December**  
9.30 a.m. St Mary's School Junior Christmas Service

**Sunday 19th December** • The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion • 9.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist  
6.30 p.m. Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

**Friday 24th December - Christmas Eve**  
3.00 p.m., 4.15 p.m. & 5.30 p.m. Family Carol Services

**Saturday 25th December - Christmas Day**  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) • 9.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist (*no crèche*)

**Sunday 26th December** • The Feast of Saint Stephen, Deacon & Martyr  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion • 9.30 a.m. Parish Eucharist

*Crèche available at 9.30 a.m. Sunday services*

# All welcome

### 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. 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
- \* 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.
- \* The local community in Shenfield, especially those living in **36-100 & 31-83 Worrin Road** and Andrew Robinson & Sylvia Bridger, who represent us there.
- \* Grace Church and its Minister, Ade Atunrase.

\* **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, George Lloyd, Georgia Marston, Lawrence Miller, Jonathan Tee, Sheelagh Webster and Jill Willmott.

\* Those who have died, especially Barbara James and Brenda Jary, and their families and friends, and those we remember at this time, especially Campbell Pulley and Tony Russell.

## Contacts and Information

### Ministry Team

The Rev'd Christopher Mann *Rector* 01277 220360

Canon Paul Betts *Licensed Lay Minister* 01277 228497

### Churchwardens

Ian Eaton 01277 205410

Edna Grimble 01277 222353

### Baptism and Wedding enquiries

Please contact Laura Bazzoni ([parishadmin@domus.org.uk](mailto:parishadmin@domus.org.uk)) 07464 202917

### TheLink

Please give any information in writing to Paul Betts ([bmgardens68@msn.com](mailto: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](http://www.stmaryschurch-shenfield.org.uk).

## Notices

**CHOCOLATE ADVENT CALENDARS:** I am collecting chocolate advent calendars this year as Liz has done for many years now - thank you Liz. Please leave any donations by the Foodbank collection area please by Tuesday 30th November and I will deliver them to a local Foodbank. The school also has a box to collect as well. Jo Gurney.

### Do you have 1 -3 hours a month to help the Church please?

#### BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY CARD CO-ORDINATOR

The Church is looking for a willing volunteer that can co-ordinate monthly anniversary cards to all our children that have been baptised in the last five years. This requires approximately 1-3 hours work per month, writing the cards and either posting or delivering them yourselves. It requires some minimal admin duties such as ordering the cards and updating the baptism records once per annum. These baptism cards remind all our young worshipers that the Church is thinking about them and celebrating their commitment to God.

If you would be willing to help out, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Laura Bazzoni on 07464 202917 or email [parishadmin@stmaryschurch-shenfield.org.uk](mailto:parishadmin@stmaryschurch-shenfield.org.uk)

**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](mailto:organistassociation@gmail.com).

**GIFTS IN SUPPORT OF NORWAY HOUSE APPEAL :** Full details at the end of this bulletin.

**ST. MARY'S OPEN BRANCH :** The December meeting will be a Christmas Evening on Thurs. Dec.9th at 8 pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring a small amount of greenery to use in your Christmas flower arrangement. There will be a raffle, music and seasonal refreshments.

NB: The Christmas card table will not be available this year.

Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Kathleen Earle (211909), Pat Masters (218218).

### **A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **CHRISTINGLE SERVICES - 12th December 2021**

##### **3pm or 4.30 pm St. Mary's Church - Shenfield**

This year will be slightly different but we will still be providing Christingles as usual and the Services will be similar to previous years. There will be no individual collection boxes going into school this year but we will use our Goodboxes (as we do at our normal church services) and you can use your credit card if it is easier or cash would be gratefully accepted. All monies will go to the Children's Society. Please do give generously as this is such a worthy charity. Everyone is invited!

**YEAR'S MIND:** If you would like the name of any close relative 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [joannegurney@gmail.com](mailto:joannegurney@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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://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](mailto: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](http://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.

**BUY PET FOOD ONLINE AND RAISE MONEY FOR OUR CHARITIES** - Retailers such as Tails.com or Republic of Cats will donate to St Mary's charities for free when you buy from them through easyfundraising. More than 4,000 retailers will donate to our charities when you shop online through easyfundraising. It takes 2 minutes to sign up, to find out more visit: <https://stmaryschurch-shenfield.org.uk/ef>

**EASYFUNDRAISING:** for further details see

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmaryshenfieldcharities/payments/616d339cd24081d26443b640/>

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:shornsby47@outlook.com)). It would be helpful to have names and numbers by 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **GIFTS IN SUPPORT OF NORWAY HOUSE APPEAL**

The First Sunday Service in December is our annual service whereby we donate gifts to the children and young people of the families living at Norway House hostel for the homeless. Norway House is a large hostel based in Epping that enables families to live in a safe, clean environment whilst their reasons for homelessness are being assessed.

Last year Norway House requested Christmas themed jumpers and pyjamas instead of toys for the children. This proved extremely popular so we are going to support them in this same way again this year.

Norway House have requested a selection of Christmas jumpers, Christmas pyjamas and some Primark vouchers for the older children to buy these items for themselves. This year is slightly different since we have a 'Christmas shopping list' to ensure that each child living at Norway House receives items that are suitable for them.

You are able to help support this annual appeal for Norway House in any of the ways outlined below;

- **Purchasing a Christmas Jumper or Christmas pyjamas using the criteria we give you when you contact us.** Then either bringing your jumper/pyjamas to the 'Gifts For Norway House' Service on Sunday, 5th December, dropping it off to one of the drop off points below or at any Sunday church service prior to December 5th.

***Before you make your purchase please contact Debbie by email, text or phone on [debbiealloyd@yahoo.com](mailto:debbiealloyd@yahoo.com) 07889 489 939 to find out what size/gender jumper or pyjamas are still needed***  
(I will always aim to reply within 24 hours)

- **Making a cash contribution** of your chosen amount to any of the drop off points below, or hand it to a church warden, by Wednesday, 24th November and we will purchase items on your behalf. Please place your contribution in a sealed envelope clearly marked 'Norway House Appeal'.

- **Making an on-line contribution via on-line or telephone banking** into our charities account by Wednesday, 24th November so we can purchase items on your behalf . Please use the bank details below :

*Bank: Barclays Bank UK PLC*

*Account name: Shenfield Parochial Church Council (in full)*

*Bank account number: 40127760.*

*Sort code: 20-12-21*

*Reference: Norway*

## **DROP-OFF POINTS:**

Debbie Catton @ 23 Worrin Road (Tel 07889 489 939 / 225 979)

Julie Anderson @ Brookfield, Shenfield Green ( Tel 07739 565276 )

Claire Rostron @ 16 Sebastian Avenue ; These can be left in the porch which is covered by CCTV as Claire may be working (Tel 07739 836 684)

St Mary's has always been very generous with our donations towards Norway House in the past and we hope that we are able to continue to support them in a similar way once again. However, we appreciate that these continue to be unprecedented times, with ever changing circumstances. Therefore, an alternative way to support Norway House would be to remember the homeless families seeking temporary accommodation in your prayers.

Thank you in anticipation of your support and prayers for this annual gift appeal for Norway House.

Debbie Catton and Nicola Stark