

Welcome to St. Mary's the Parish Church of Shortlands



Sunday 21 April 2024 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Services today

- 10.30am Holy Communion - Rev David Graham
Reading: Acts 4. 5 – 12 - Jan Boam
Gospel: John 10. 11 - 18
Intercessions: Tim Aldred
- 6.30pm Evensong

This week

- Tue 23 April 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter
- Wed 24 April 10.00am – Holy Communion in the Chapel
10.30am - 12.30pm - Community Café
- Thur 25 April 9.30am & 12.30pm - Baby and Toddler sessions
7.00pm - Junior choir practice
7.30pm - Adult choir practice
- Sun 28 April 10.30am - Holy Communion – Rev Jane Peters

**The Church is open for private prayer
Monday to Saturday 9am to 12 noon (Thursdays in the chapel)**

St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Will take place on 19 May after the 10.30am service. We have vacancies for two Church Wardens and members of the PCC. There are notices giving details at the back of the church as well as forms for applicants to apply. We also would like to invite anyone who would like to be included on the Electoral Roll to apply.

Junior Church

April – Today and then 28th
May - 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
Please join us.

12 May, 9 June

Tea Time Together for children aged 2 – 6 and their families from 4.00pm
Youth Club - years 6 -13 from 6.00 pm

Readings for 21 April 2024

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Acts 4. 5 – 12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Gospel reading: John 10. 11 – 18

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Post-Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns

208ii	Christ is made the sure foundation
467	How sweet the name of Jesus sounds.
589	The King of love my shepherd is
Comm:360	Faithful vigil ended
Anthem:	Brother James' air
555	Praise my soul the King of heaven

Please remember in your prayers this week...

The Church....

The parishes of Crayford, Erith, Falconwood, Northumberland Heath, Slade Green and Welling.

The Community...

For Sunday worship at St. Mary's. For the discernment of vocation in our church family.

For the daily reading of God's word. All Bible Societies, Homegroups and their Leaders.

The World ...

For peace in the Holy Land, Syria and other troubled areas of the world.

For refugees, remembering those who are fleeing for their lives and praying that they find a welcome and safety.

For all victims of conflict, oppression and climate change

The Sick ...

For all who are unwell, including Rebecca Gowing. Also, all those who bring their prayers to our Church.

The Departed ...

For those who have recently died including Janet Whitlock, and for all who mourn.

We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week: Irene Hance, Benjamin Marshall, Richard Sinclair, Gladys Webber, Alan Spicer, Christine Davies, Freda King and Ivy White.

Janet Whitlock's thanksgiving service will be on
26th April in Maidenhead, details on the board at the
back of the church.



NOTICES

- **Welcare in Bromley.** We need a new Parish Representative to attend meetings (3-4 per year) and disseminate information about this very worthwhile charity supporting children and families in the Bromley area. Please speak to Marion Westropp if you might be interested. More information about the charity: www.welcare.org
- We need a charity rep for World Prayer Day. If anyone is looking to volunteer please email the office for further information.
- **Wednesday Services at 10am in the Chapel:** Holy Communion dates are 24th April, 22nd May, 26th June, 17th July and 21st August. On the other Wednesdays we will be having Morning Prayer led by our own Licensed Lay Ministers and Pastoral Assistants - please do join us.
- **New TakeTime meditation group:** Saturday 11th May, 8th June, 13th July and 10th August from 10.15 – 11am. Meeting in the chapel for a seated relaxation exercise and a guided meditation imagining yourself with Jesus. No Bible knowledge needed, just sit back, listen and be at rest.
- **Plant Sale:** Saturday 11 May from 11am - 2pm in the church grounds. Refreshments will be available from St Mary's Community Café.
- The Choir are singing the services for the weekend of July 20th and 21st 2024 at Rochester Cathedral.

Our Mission of the Month for April is Transform Trade

There is a display at the back of the Church. Five per cent of our giving will support this charity and additional gifts may be left on the plate.

Donations for Bromley Foodbank can be left in the church porch

Items currently most needed are:

- Tinned cold meats • Cooking sauce
- Tinned fruit • Jam • UHT Milk
- Multi-surface wipes/sprays

The Fairtrade Stall

Next dates

May: Sun 12th & Wed 29th

June: Sun 9th & Wed 26th

July: Sun 14th



If you would like to have
flowers in church at
any time, in memory
of a loved-one, please
contact Cecilia on
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