

# Welcome to St. Mary's

## the Parish Church of Shortlands

### Sunday 4 May 2024



## The Third Sunday of Easter

### Services today

10.30am Holy Communion – Rev Jane Peters  
*Celebrating 30 years with our Douai friends*  
Reading: Gill Dawson (English) & Jocelyne Hamez (French)  
Intercessions: Susie Shelton

### This week

Tue 6 May 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter  
Wed 7 May 10.00am – Morning Prayer in the Chapel  
10.30am - 12.30pm - Community Café  
Thur 8 May 9.30am & 12.30pm - Baby and Toddler sessions  
7.00pm - Junior choir practice  
7.30pm - Adult choir practice  
Sun 11 May The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
10.30am - Holy Communion – Rev Dave Edmondson

**Tuesday 6 May at 7.00pm - Service of Installation and Collation**  
of Rev Dave Edmondson

### **Wednesday Services at 10.00am in the Chapel**

Holy Communion date - 28 May - For Ascension.  
We have Morning Prayer on the other Wednesdays.

**Sunday 18 May - 6.30pm - Choral Evensong**

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 12.00noon**

To elect Parochial Church Council (PCC) Roles which include Churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary and Trustees – nomination forms are at the back of church and our website,  
and to present our Annual Report and Financial Statements. Papers for the APCM are available at the back of the church and our website.

[www.stmarysshortlands.org.uk/news/annual-parochial-church-meeting/](http://www.stmarysshortlands.org.uk/news/annual-parochial-church-meeting/)

During the offering, please pass the plate to the next person in the pew. The last person passes it to the pew behind. If there is no one in the pew behind, please return it to the sidesperson.

## **Readings**

### **Collect**

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **First reading: Acts 9. 1-6**

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

### **Gospel reading: John 21. 1 – 19**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin,[a] Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of

the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Jesus and Peter

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

### **Hymns**

435	Glorious things of thee are spoken
612	We have a gospel to proclaim
308	Just as I am
Comm:161	This joyful Eastertide
Anthem	Lead me Lord - Wesley
563	Rejoice the Lord is King



**VE Day Tea Party May 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 3.00pm St Mary's Church, Shortlands**

1940s Dress Optional  
Sales for tickets is now closed.

***Please remember in your prayers this week...***

**The Church....**

Tunbridge Wells Deanery. The parishes of Bromley and Chislehurst.

**The Community...**

For the witness of St. Mary's in the community, the outreach through SPAN, the editor and production team.

For the many youth organisations, and our engagement with young people in the community.

For the Missionary Societies of the Church, especially those supported by St. Mary's, and our Mission of the Month.

**The World ...**

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

For all victims of conflict, oppression and climate change.

**The Sick ...**

For those who are recently unwell including Graham Smedley, Rebecca Gowing, Elizabeth Barnes, Helen Crowe and Bob Norfolk-Thompson. We continue to pray for Sally Aldred and Angela Ash, and for those who seek our support by bringing these prayers to our church.

**The Departed ...**

For those who have recently died, and those who mourn their loss.

We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week: Irma Shivanathan, John Greenwood and Ron Rankin.

**The Fairtrade Stall**

May – Sun 11th, Wed 28th

June – Sun 5th, Wed 25th

July - Sun 13th

August – Sun 24th

September – Sun 14th, Wed 24th

**Donations for Bromley Foodbank  
can be left in the church porch.**

Items most needed are:

- Tinned tomatoes ● Sweets
- Tinned cold meats
- Shaving foam ● Razors

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Rev Dave Edmondson from 6 May  
[www.stmarysshortlands.org.uk](http://www.stmarysshortlands.org.uk)

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donation to St Mary's. Thank you.**

