

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

St. Mary's, Shortlands endeavours to bring
the love of God into the everyday lives
of the people of Shortlands.

We have a hearing loop system in the Church: members of the
congregation with hearing aids should switch to 'T' for better reception.



18 April Third Sunday of Easter

Services Today

10.30am	Holy Communion - Reverend Jane Peters Address: Reverend Jane Peters The New Testament reading will be: Acts 3: 12-19 read by Pat Chase Intercessions: Stuart Buchanan Gospel: David Jefferys LLM
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Services and Events this week

Mon 19 Apr	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only
Tue 20 Apr	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only
Wed 21 Apr	9.00am 8.30pm	Morning Prayer - live streamed only Compline - live streamed only
Thu 22 Apr	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only
Fri 23 Apr	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only
Sat 24 Apr	9.00am	Morning Prayer - live streamed only

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 25 April	10.30am	Holy Communion - Reverend Gary Best
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"Hearts on Fire"

The Music Group will be leading
a live informal service at 6.30pm
on Sunday 9 May.

Save the Date

St. Mary's APCM
Sunday 2nd May—11.45am
To be held in church and
live-streamed

Third Sunday of Easter

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.

New Testament

Acts 3:12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people,
“You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or
why do you stare at us, as though by our own
power or piety we had made him walk? The God
of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of
Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his
servant Jesus, whom you handed over and
rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had
decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy
and Righteous One and asked to have a
murderer given to you, and you killed the Author
of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this
we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his
name itself has made this man strong, whom you
see and know; and the faith that is through
Jesus has given him this perfect health in the
presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in
ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way
God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the
prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent
therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may
be wiped out,

**If you would like to have
flowers in church at any
time, in memory of a
loved-one, please contact
Cecilia on 020 8313 0246 .**



Gospel

Luke 24: 36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself
stood among them and said to them, “Peace be
with you.” They were startled and terrified, and
thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to
them, “Why are you frightened, and why do
doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands
and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and
see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones
as you see that I have.” And when he had said
this, he showed them his hands and his
feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and
still wondering, he said to them, “Have you
anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of
broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their
presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that
I spoke to you while I was still with you—that
everything written about me in the law of Moses,
the prophets, and the psalms must be
fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to
understand the scriptures, and he said to them,
“Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer
and to rise from the dead on the third day, and
that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be
proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning
from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these

Post Communion

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.



Stay in touch!

To keep up with the latest
news from St Mary's,
you can 'like' our page on Facebook
or follow us on Twitter - search for
'St Mary's Shortlands'.



If you're not sure how to do it, ask in the office and
they'll put you in touch with someone who can give
you an introduction to 'social media'.

Please remember in your prayers this week...

The Church ...

Harare: Bishop, The Rt Rev Dr Farai Mutamiri
**Cobham, St Mary Magdalene, with
Luddesdowne St Peter and St Paul, and
Dode.**

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Angela Walker
Fawkham, St Mary, and Hartley, All Saints.

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Adele Barker
Istead Rise, St Barnabas.

Longfield, St Mary Magdalene.

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Adele Barker
**Meopham, St John the Baptist, with Nurstead,
St Mildred**

Rector: The Rev Canon Alyson Davie
Southfleet, St Nicholas.

The World ...

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from
your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pastoral, Practical and Spiritual Support

At this time of heightened anxiety over the local
and national covid situation, St. Mary's Church is
here to help in whatever way we can, offering
pastoral, practical or spiritual support to anyone
who might be in need.

We can arrange for regular telephone calls to be
made to individuals, along with assistance with
essential shopping. It may be that you would like
the church to be praying for you or for friends
and family, please let us know.

Whatever support can be provided, the team at
St. Mary's will do our very best to help during
these challenging times.

Please contact Revd Gary Best -
07493 072 695 - or visit:

www.stmarysshortlands.org.uk
www.facebook.com/stmarysshortlands

The Community ...

For the Choir and Junior Choir; for Claire
Tillotson, our Director of Music, and Daniel
Beach, our Assistant Organist. **For** the music
group; for Graham Leech.

For Churchwardens and Deputies, Sidesmen
and Servers. **For** our Parish Office Administrator.
For our neighbouring parishes and Churches of
other denominations, their priests and ministers.
For the work of Churches Together in
Beckenham.

For Reverend Jane Peters; Catherine Bingham,
Sally Aldred, Ann-Marie Jefferys and David
Jefferys, our Licensed Lay Ministers; Peter
Stotesbury and Stuart Buchanan our Readers.
Sue Harrison, Marion Westropp and Debbie
Speller our Pastoral Assistants.

For The Friends of St. Mary's and the 2WWs
Group.

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

For Welcare in Bromley

The Sick ...

For all who are unwell, including Brenda Tyndall;
Sally Aldred; Melanie Jones; Joan Austen; Paul
Corben; Ann Gramlich; Gill Humar; Ron Nowell;
Gwilym Davies; Lucy Pearce.

For all those who bring their prayers to our
Church.

The Departed ...

For those who have recently died, including
Sheila Morgan; and all who mourn.

We also remember those whose anniversaries
we keep this week at this time: Dora Brand; Irene
Hance; Benjamin Marshall; Richard Sinclair.

Our Mission of the Month for April is:

Poverty and Hope Appeal

There is a display at the back of the Church.
Five per cent of our giving will support the work of
this mission, and additional gifts may be given
through the plate by the display.

NOTICES

Church will be open for private prayer on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10am - 3pm.

- ◆ **Christian Aid Week** (May 10th to 16th) is fast approaching and we are looking for volunteers to help to deliver envelopes in the parish. This year we will not be calling back to collect the envelopes so the job is easier than usual. Also there is to be a sponsored walk taking in most of the Beckenham churches (including St Mary's) on Saturday 15th May. If you are interested in taking part in the walk or helping at St Mary's on that day (10am to 4pm) or can deliver some envelopes please contact Kate Buchanan or Geoff Cook. Thank you.
- ◆ **3 Marathons in 3 Weeks** is what the ambitious Tim Dawson (Treasurer) will be undertaking for charity to celebrate his 70th birthday. Tim is running for three charitable causes, including the Organ Fund as well as raising funds for the community café, which will be starting at St. Mary's in May. Sponsor forms are available at the back of the church.
- ◆ **Traidcraft** - If you wish to make an order from Traidcraft please contact Cecilia on 020 8313 0246 or (07511) 885 941. She can deliver you a catalogue, or you can visit the Traidcraft website, and then give her your order. Traidcraft is carrying on its vital work supporting some of the most vulnerable producers around the world. Some catalogues shall also be left in church.
- ◆ **If you have the time** to help with the launch of the Community Café from 19th May, please let Jay Sharma know your contact details - jay@joelkibazo.com, or phone 07900 971 867.

Thank you to all of our donors for your amazing support, The following items are in need at present:



Desserts; UHT Milk; Tinned Potatoes; Cold Meat; Tinned Fruit; Toilet Rolls; Washing up Liquid; Washing Capsules and Tablets (but not liquid in bottles).

All donations of long life and in date food gratefully received. Financial donations by cheque or direct debit only please.

A reminder that we **CANNOT** receive fresh goods, chilled goods or baby milk.

For information please contact Vici Nightingale.

Junior Church Leader

Due to a change in personal circumstances, the role of Junior Church Leader (JCL) will become vacant from September 2021.

The role of JCL involves working alongside the Incumbent, planning and implementing agreed Sunday groups and activities for young people, along with other potential young person meetings and services at agreed times. Experience in church life with a particular focus on young people is essential, as is having a vision for and overview of the ministry of Junior Church. The JCL must also have the desire to serve alongside existing church groups to ensure that our young people experience the full range of experiences that are on offer through St. Mary's.

The role of JCL provides an opportunity to develop and work with young people from within our church and wider community, for their faith to flourish or to allow young people to learn to know what it is to be church and to be people of faith. Please contact Revd Gary for further information and to discuss the role in more detail. An enhanced DBS is essential.

Formal applications close on Sunday 18th April.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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