

Welcome to St. Mary's Shortlands

19 April 2026 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Today

10.30am 10.30am - Holy Communion with Junior Church
Celebrant and preaching: Rev. Dave Edmondson
Reading: Keith Mills
Intercessions: Ann-Marie Jefferys

Hymns

140 Christ is alive
385 Be thou my guardian and my guide
416 Father hear the prayer we offer
Comm: 150 Love's redeeming work is done
Anthem: O for a closer walk with God
161 This joyful eastertide

6.30pm Choral Evensong

This week

Tue 21 Apr 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter
Wed 22 Apr 10.00am – Morning Prayer in the Chapel
10.30am – 12.30pm – Community Café
Thur 23 Apr 9.30am & 12.30pm - Baby and Toddler sessions
7.00pm – Junior choir practice
7.30pm – Adult choir practice



APCM 3rd May after 10.30 service

The APCM is the church's annual meeting where we reflect on the past year, look ahead to the future, receive reports and accounts, and elect people to key roles in the life of the church. The Election of Churchwardens and APCM will take place together. APCM documents are available today and next Sunday; to help save paper, only a limited number of printed copies will be provided. Colour copies in binders are available to stay within Church. All documents are also available to view online.

stmarysshortlands.org.uk/span/annual-parochial-church-meeting
Nomination forms for Churchwardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod representatives are available in Church, each with a brief description of the role.

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: Amos 5.6-7, 10-15

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins - you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Gospel reading: Mark 10.17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age - houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions - and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

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.

Please remember in your prayers this week...

The Community...

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

The World ...

For all victims of conflict, oppression and climate change.

The Sick ...

For those who are recently unwell, including Stephen Harper, Christine Perzyna, Barbara Page, Elizabeth Barnes and Robert Barnes. We continue to pray for Eileen Abbam, Sally Aldred, Angela Ash, and for those who seek our support by bringing these prayers to our church.

The Departed ...

We pray for everyone grieving the loss of loved ones, especially the family and friends of David Linstead and Bob Norfolk-Thompson. We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week: Dora Brand, Irene Hance, Benjamin Marshall, Richard Sinclair, Gladys Webber.

NOTICES

- **Everyone is welcome at the funeral of David Linstead**
on Monday 27 April at St Mary's at 11am followed by the Committal at Beckenham for family. Refreshments will be served at the back of church while we are away. Please do stay. (It would be helpful to have an idea of numbers for catering so, if you know you will be coming, please let Jane know.) No dress code, but if you have a tie, scarf or even socks (!) with birds, flowers, cacti or others of David's passions depicted on them, it would be nice to see. There will also be a Condolence Book at the back of church to sign. If you have a particular memory or anecdote about David it would be great if you could put that in the Book.
- **Hope Explored - 8pm on 22 & 29 April and 6 May (Chapel)**
Three gentle, friendly sessions full of conversation, welcome, and real hope in Jesus. More info contact Rev Dave.

Our Mission of the Month (MOM) for April is Mines Advisory Group

There is a display at the back of the church. Each MOM receives equal donations from the church & from individuals.

Please use this QR code to make a donation to St Mary's. Thank you.



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

Items most needed are Long life dessert & juice, coffee, sugar, tea, bleach, shaving foam/gel, shampoo, hand washing soap & toothbrush

At St Mary's we take our safeguarding responsibilities very seriously: we are committed to ensuring our church and hall buildings are safe places for all. If you have any concerns about safeguarding you can contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer Pauline Lambourne
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