

Welcome to St. Mary's Shortlands

26 April 2026 – 4th Sunday of Easter

Today

10.30am 8.00am - Holy Communion
10.30am - Holy Communion with healing prayers
and Junior Church
Celebrant: Rev. Dave Edmondson
Preaching: Cathy Myers
Reading: Helen Harper
Intercessions: Caitlin Edmondson

Hymns

456 Happy are they
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

This week

Tue 28 Apr 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter
Wed 29 Apr 10.00am – Holy Communion in the Chapel
10.30am – 12.30pm – Community Café
Thur 30 Apr 9.30am & 12.30pm - Baby and Toddler sessions
7.00pm – Junior choir practice
7.30pm – Adult choir practice

Sun 3 May 10.30am - Holy Communion
APCM after 10.30 service



APCM 3rd May after 10.30 service

The APCM is the church's annual meeting where we reflect on the past year and look ahead to the future. The Election of Churchwardens and APCM will take place together. APCM documents are available, only a limited number of printed copies will be provided. All documents are also available to view online. stmarysshortlands.org.uk/span/annual-parochial-church-meeting

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. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 2:36-41

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Gospel reading: John 20:11-18

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her,

'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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.

Please remember in your prayers this week...

The Community...

For residents and staff of Durham House, Blenheim Court, Franklin House and Merlin Court.

For local hospitals and St. Christopher's Hospice, Sloane Hospital, Medical and Social Services in the Borough.

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. We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week: Alan Spicer, Christine Davies, Freda King, Ivy White, Alan Stone, Neil Whitlock, Iris Saunders, Peter Petty, Edna Benfield, Joan Dutton, Peter Duncan, Olive Brant and Andrew Ballentyne.

The memorial flowers in church this week
are in memory of
Janet and Neil Whitlock



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.
- **Hope Explored - 8pm on 22 & 29 April and 6 May (Chapel)**
Join us for two more, friendly sessions full of conversation, welcome, and real hope in Jesus.
- **Tea Time Together** at 4.00pm for families with children up to Yr 5
Youth Club from 6.00pm for Years 6 -13. Next dates - May 10th, June 14th, July 12th
- **SAVE THE DATE:** All who give their time and talents in any way to the life of St Mary's are warmly invited to a special Thank You cake and a cuppa in the Vicarage Garden on Sunday 24th May at 3.30pm. More details to come, but for now, please pop the date in your diary!

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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