

Sharing our gifts

Do you know that every person in England is a member of a parish church, and as a member is entitled to be baptised, married, and have a funeral in that church? So, if you are reading this today, know that whether or not you come to church you are connected to St Mary's; we are your parish church.

Once a year we have a stewardship campaign. This is to encourage people to support the church financially and to lend their talents and gifts to help us run St Mary's for the benefit of the community. We already have a wide network of those who enjoy working on the maintenance and in the grounds and we celebrate their contribution.

I am mindful of some recent statistics regarding the dwindling of the active workforce and note that many still in their prime have taken early retirement. I am thinking that the loss to commerce, industry and other organisations could be St Mary's gain.

Running a church is a complex business. Primarily we are here for the "cure of souls;" giving healing and hope to people who are looking for something more in their lives.

Even if you are not drawn to the church in a spiritual way, you might be encouraged to see a potentially fulfilling opportunity in the management and development of the buildings and grounds.

Some of you have achieved considerable experience and expertise over many years which you may feel is currently under-used. St Mary's has launched a new vision and mission and to achieve that

there are a number of projects on the go that could fulfil a desire or even a need to be involved in something stimulating and motivating.

If this has piqued your interest, please give me a call for a chat.

Rev Jane Kustner

Mothering Sunday is a tradition that goes back a long way. The service at St Mary's is even more important since the mother of Jesus is our patron saint! We welcome our uniformed organisations to parade their colours or flags and use a simple service without communion and with some well known songs. It is a day when young and old celebrate the mothers who gave birth to them, and we give out posies of Spring flowers that have been created by our Guides the day before. There are many visitors to this special service, and we invite you too to join us.



An event for St George's Day

Join us for dinner and entertainment – all welcome!

7.30pm, Saturday 22 April

St Mary's church hall

Tickets: £15 per person,
from the Parish Office



Special Events and Services

Sunday 5 March

6.30pm Songs of Praise

Sunday 12 March

4 - 5.30pm Tea Time Together

6 - 7.30pm Youth Club

Sunday 19 March - Mothering Sunday

10.30am Family and Parade Service

Including the blessing and distribution of posies

Sunday 26 March

5.00pm Come Holy Spirit

A service of silence, readings and worship songs

See Page 3 for details of services for Holy Week.



From the Registers

Holy Baptism

We welcome into God's family:

Edith Seal 5 February
Ronan O'Neil 12 February

At Rest

We extend our sympathy to those who loved:

Kay Pollard 20 Feb Age 86

Remembering



Peggy Turner

Peggy was born in Woodbridge in Suffolk, the fifth of seven children. Times were hard when she was growing up in the 1930s and 40s and so she had to leave school to work in a shop to help support the family. They moved to Ipswich where she became a typist and very early on accessed the company's tennis facilities: the start of a lifelong passion for the sport.

All her spare time was taken up playing and she even went on to become a county badminton player. She first met Martin at the Ipswich Tennis Club, and they married in 1952.

Alison was born in Ipswich but then Martin, an engineer, accepted a job with ICI in the north east. The move to Stockton on Tees was a huge wrench for Peggy, but she was pleasantly surprised by the warmth and friendliness of the northerners and joined the local tennis club. Peggy supported Martin with his many interests like dahlia growing, playing bridge and gardening.

Delia was born two years later: Peggy was a stay-at-home mother, always there to support the family when needed. Peggy and Martin visited Alison many times after her move to Australia, enjoying their trips out there immensely.

Following Martin's death in 2008, Peggy moved to Blenheim Court to live near Delia and her family: another stage of her life which brought lots of happy times, as she played her role as grandmother to the full. She made some very good friends, including many from St Mary's. She was a keen supporter of the church group at Durham House and later at Blenheim Court.

The time has come...

'The time has come,' the gardeners said,
'To talk of many things,
Of seeds and shoots and bamboo canes,
Of cabbages and string,
And why my oak leaves failed to rot,
And why some seeds have wings.'



It is indeed that time when we remind you of our Plant Sale/Swap on **Saturday 13 May, from 11am to 2pm**. Refreshments will be available at the excellent St. Mary's café.

It is also that time when we ask you to plan ahead by sowing some extra seeds, rooting some choice cuttings or splitting those perennials to help us surpass our previous levels of variety and quality of plants on offer.

Jan Boam

(With apologies to Lewis Carroll)

Afternoon tea

**Friday 31 March
3pm**

St Mary's church



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In the news

We were delighted to read, in the Life in...Bromley magazine, that Peggy Duffin, a longstanding member of St Mary's congregation, was nominated as a local hero for 'standing up for women in Bromley as a Soroptomist for many years'.

Peggy originally trained as a secretary/ PA and enjoyed using the skills gained working in the City as a 'temp' when her children were young. Her secretarial skills have opened many doors.

She was a founder member of Bromley Town Twinning, was involved with Shortlands Residents' Association, fundraised for Bromley Abbeyfield when building work was required, and has collected for the British Legion for nearly 20 years. She also worked as a part-time Warden at Buckingham Palace for ten years, meeting visitors from all over the world. As a Trustee of the Beckenham Parochial Charity for 20 years, her role was to help local schools give a broader education to their pupils.

Peggy was invited to be a Soroptomist in the 1960s: it is part of a worldwide organisation of women, linked to the United Nations and run on similar lines to Rotary. The club combines the enjoyment of friendship and social gatherings with involvement in activities that will improve the life chances of women and girls locally, nationally and internationally. A recent project was to enable girls in Morocco to have an education by providing them with safe transport. Peggy has been their President twice.

Peggy's message to readers of the magazine was: 'Embrace opportunity. Be kind. Go the extra mile.'

Find out more about the Soroptomists at <https://sigbi.org/bromley>.

The Friends

The Society of the Friends of St Mary's (also known as 'The Friends') was formed on 20 November 1955, the day the newly rebuilt church was consecrated.

The main purposes of the Friends are to:

- organise social events for the church community – for example, the St George's Day event planned for 22nd April, and
- raise funds for additional items that the church is unable to afford – for example the new concertina screen used for Healing Prayers (at the back of church once a month) and which contains Toddlers Group equipment the rest of the time.

The display board by the south door shows items and events that the Friends have supported and pictures of the current committee members.

The Friends also support the Annual Chorister Award, renamed the Paul Baker Award. Paul was a Reader at St Mary's, a long-term Friend, Chair and President and choir member. The Award is chosen by the Director of Music and criteria include: good attendance, progress over the year and setting a good example to other junior choristers.

If you are interested to find out more about the Friends, please contact the Secretary, Tony Chase (07768 701280 or chasecrew@btinternet.com).

The church's small petrol mower, used on the banks and rougher grass areas, is in need of replacement. If anyone has one in reasonable condition that they would be willing to donate, please speak to Tony Chase (07768 701280) or Tim Dawson (07774 633333).

MISSION OF THE MONTH

McCabe Educational Trust

Many of us at St Mary's have travelled with McCabe Pilgrimages and Holidays. Since 1983, it has offered tours to the Holy Land and other holy sites that are led by both experienced guides and clergy. After several years in operation, the company wanted to find a structure for the support that it and its travellers were giving to the Christian communities with which they came in contact. In 1991, the McCabe Educational Trust was founded.

An optional donation is added to each holiday invoice to help fund the Trust. Many travellers continue to donate to the Trust and individual projects. To date over £4million has been donated in grants. All running costs are donated by McCabe Pilgrimages; none of the donations are spent on administration.

In The Holy Land, the Trust supports the Jeel al Amal Boys Home in Bethany and the Al Shurooq Blind School in Bethlehem with regular, sustainable, grants. Further afield, in India, its third partner project is the Anand Niwas Boys Home. In all three cases, the Trust is the major benefactor; the quarterly donation helps pay basic running costs. Three quarters of its income is allocated in this way. The other quarter of donations is given in smaller grants to a larger number of projects that are Christian run, but that help people of all faiths without discrimination.

For more information, see the display at the back of church or visit www.mccabe-travel.co.uk/mccabe-educational-trust.

Services for Holy Week

Come and join us as we prepare for the joy of Easter.

Sunday 2 April – Palm Sunday

10.30am Family Communion
With palm procession and dramatic reading
6.30pm Choral Service for Palm Sunday

Monday 3 April and Tuesday 4 April

10.00am Reflections on the Stations of the Cross
8.00pm A service of Night Prayer

Wednesday 5 April

10.00am Holy Communion *followed by refreshments*
8.00pm A service of Night Prayer

Thursday 6 April – Maundy Thursday

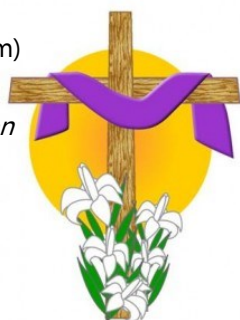
10.00am Reflections on the Stations of the Cross
8.00pm Holy Communion *with foot washing*

Friday 7 April – Good Friday

10.30am Informal Family Service
Led by the Music Group
12 – 2pm The Passion of Christ (film)
2 – 3pm An Hour at the Cross
A meditation, followed by Communion

Sunday 9 April – Easter Day

7.00am Easter Vigil and New Fire
Followed by breakfast
10.30am Family Communion
Followed by an Easter Egg hunt



A healthy start

St Mary's Pre-School has achieved a Gold, Healthy Early Years London (HEYL) award.

HEYL is an awards scheme funded by the Mayor of London, which rewards and recognises early years providers that do the best for their children's health and wellbeing. The scheme helps to reduce health inequalities by supporting a healthy start to life across themes that include healthy eating, oral and physical health and early cognitive development. HEYL complements and enhances the statutory Early Years Foundation stage framework, adding to the focus on children, families and staff health and wellbeing.

There are four levels of awards to work towards – First Steps, Bronze, Silver and Gold. We have worked really hard on our HEYL awards over the last few years and are delighted to have achieved a Gold award for our setting. We are the only pre-school in the borough of Bromley to have achieved Gold. This shows our strong commitment to ensuring that all children in our pre-school get a healthy start to life.

Christine Hall, Pre-School Leader



Our lay ministers

When people speak of the minister of a church they tend to be thinking of the vicar, who is ordained as a priest. Many churches also have licensed ministers who have undergone extensive training and are licensed by the bishop to serve in the parish. They are all licensed as 'Readers' but in recent years the Rochester Diocese has been leading the way in training lay ministers as 'Licensed Lay Ministers' or 'LLMs', so you may come across both Readers and LLMs.

LLMs and Readers work as part of the existing team at the church, so the exact role will depend on the needs of the church at any particular time and will be different for each individual. They can plan and lead worship, take funerals, teach, preach and offer pastoral care. Some might do these things only occasionally or not at all. For example, they may take responsibility for a particular area within the worshipping life of the church or be the main church link with other groups in the community. In some cases, they may be deployed elsewhere in the diocese.

At St Mary's we are fortunate to have a Reader, Stuart Buchanan, and three active LLMs: Catherine Bingham and Ann Marie and David Jefferys. Sally Aldred is also an LLM but is taking a break from active ministry due to ill health. Between them they take roles in preaching, leading bible study groups, working on our Mission and Vision, working with our young people, helping plan and lead services, both at St Mary's and at other churches in the Bromley area, and generally supporting the day to day activities at St Mary's.

St Mary's Pre-school Shortlands are seeking a support worker to work one morning a week. Please see www.stmaryspreschoolshortlands for more details or contact Christine or Clare on 020 8290 6704

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WORSHIP

Sunday 10.30am - Holy Communion (in church)

Wednesday 10.00am - Holy Communion

You can access these services online at:

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