

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



Sunday 14 April 2024 The Third Sunday of Easter

Services today

10.30am Holy Communion - Rev Jane Peters
Reading: Acts 3.12 - 19 – Pat Chase
Gospel: Luke 24.36b - 48
Intercessions: Susie Shelton

This week

Tue 16 April 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter
Wed 17 April 10.00am – Morning Prayer in the Chapel
10.30am - 12.30pm - Community Café
Thur 18 April 7.00pm - Junior choir practice
7.30pm - Adult choir practice
Sun 21 April 10.30am - Holy Communion – Rev David Graham
6.30pm - Evensong

St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Will take place on 19 May after the 10.30am service. We have vacancies for two Church Wardens and members of the PCC. There are notices giving details at the back of the church as well as forms for applicants to apply. We also would like to invite anyone who would like to be included on the Electoral Roll to apply.

Junior Church

April - 21st, 28th
May - 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
Please join us.

12 May, 9 June

Tea Time Together for children aged 2 – 6 and their families from 4.00pm
Youth Club - years 6 -13 from 6.00 pm

Donations for Bromley Foodbank can be left in the church porch

Items currently most needed are:

- Tinned cold meats ● Cooking sauce
- Tinned fruit ● Dessert/Jelly
- Sponges pudding/ tinned custard

Our Mission of the Month for April is Transform Trade

There is a display at the back of the Church. Five per cent of our giving will support this charity and additional gifts may be left on the plate.

Readings for 14 April 2024

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 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.

Gospel reading: 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 things.

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

165	Christ is the King
385	Be thou my guardian and my guide
411	Dear Lord and father of mankind
Comm: 109	It is a thing most wonderful
Anthem:	O for a closer walk with God
166	Crown him with many crowns

Please remember in your prayers this week...

The Church....

Rochester Cathedral. The parishes of Barnehurst, Belvedere, Bexleyheath and Bostall Heath.

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

For family life, those facing stress, unemployment and retirement. For single parents and the bereaved.

The Sick ...

For all who are unwell, including Keith Dalton, Eileen Abbam, Mary Thomson, Julie Fox, Elizabeth Barnes, Rebecca Gowing, Angela Ash, Sally Aldred, Toby and Emily.

Also, all those who bring their prayers to our Church.

The Departed ...

For those who have recently died including Janet Whitlock, and for all who mourn.

We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week: Charles Frost, Dennis Glover, Dora Brand, Gwyneth Richardson and Colin Walklin.

**The Church is open for private prayer
Monday to Saturday 9am to 12 noon.**

NOTICES

- **Wednesday Services at 10am:** There will be a Holy Communion once a month subject to cover in the Chapel - please note the next dates are on the 24th April, 22nd May, 26th June, 17th July and 21st August - look out for future dates on the pew paper and at the back of the church. On the other Wednesdays we will be having Morning Prayer led by our own Licensed Lay Ministers and Pastoral Assistants - please do join us.
- If you wish to contact Rev Jane Peters on church matters please do so through her email which is revjane@virginmedia.com.
- **New TakeTime meditation group:** Saturday 11th May, 8th June, 13th July and 10th August from 10.15 – 11am. Meeting in the chapel for a seated relaxation exercise and a guided meditation imagining yourself with Jesus. No Bible knowledge needed, just sit back, listen and be at rest.
- **Save the date:** Friends' Wine Tasting Saturday 20th April 7pm for 7.30pm start, St Mary's Church Hall. Tickets from the Church/Church Office, and the Community Café, £12 per person.
- Janets Whitlock's thanksgiving service will be on 26th April in Maidenhead, details on the board at the back of the church.
- **Plant Sale:** Saturday 11 May from 11am - 2pm in the church grounds. Refreshments will be available from St Mary's Community Café.



Baby & Toddler sessions
9.30am & 12.30pm
Starts again
Thurs 18th April




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The Fairtrade Stall
April: Today
May: Sun 12th & Wed 29th
June: Sun 9th & Wed 26th



If you would like to have flowers in church at any time, in memory of a loved-one, please contact Cecilia on 07511885941



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