

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



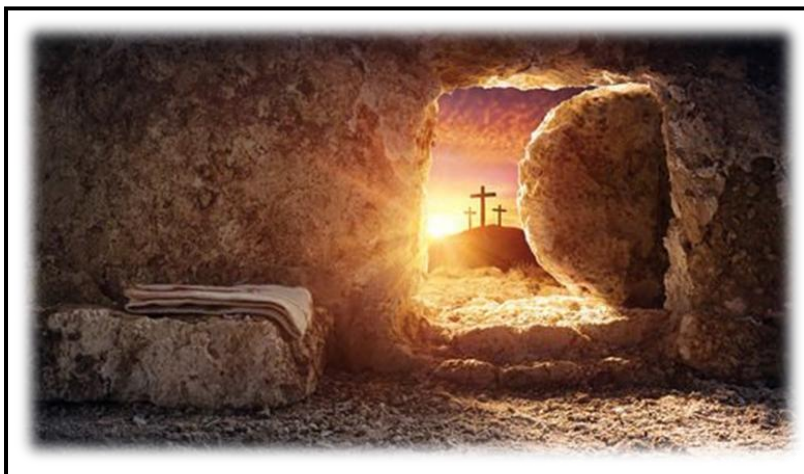
**Sunday 20 April 2025**  
**Easter Day**

## **Services today**

10.30am Holy Communion  
Celebrant and preacher - Rev Jane Peters  
Reader - Freya Myers  
Intercessions - Sue Harrison

## **This week**

Tue 22 April 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter  
Wed 23 April 10.00am – Morning Prayer in the Chapel  
10.30am - 12.30pm - Community Café  
Thur 24 April 9.30am & 12.30pm - Baby and Toddler sessions  
7.00pm - Junior choir practice  
7.30pm - Adult choir practice  
Sun 27 April The Second Sunday of Easter  
10.30am - Holy Communion - Rev Canon Owen Beament



Craft and Chatter would like to thank everyone for their support, we have made £300 towards church funds

## Readings

### Collect

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.

### First Reading: Acts 10. 34 - 43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

### Gospel reading: Luke 24. 1 – 12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

## Post-Communion Prayer

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord

## Hymns

147	Jesus Christ is risen today
136	Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
505	Lord Jesus Christ
Comm: 169	I heard the voice of Jesus say
Anthem:	This joyful Eastertide
160	Thine be the glory

### ***Please remember in your prayers this week...***

#### **The Church....**

Swanscombe Deanery The parishes of Anerley and Beckenham.

#### **The Community...**

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

For the daily reading of God's word. All Bible Societies, Homegroups and their Leaders

#### **The World ...**

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

#### **The Sick ...**

For those who are recently unwell including Graham Smedley, Rebecca Gowing, Elizabeth Barnes, Helen Crowe and Bob Norfolk-Thompson from our Morning Prayer and cafe group. We continue to pray for Sally Aldred and Angela Ash, and for those who seek our support by bringing these prayers to our church.

#### **The Departed ...**

For those who have recently died, and those who mourn their loss.  
We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week: Dora Brand, Irene Hance, Benjamin Marshall, Richard Sinclair, Gladys Webber, Alan Spicer and Christine Davies.

### **Donations for Bromley Foodbank can be left in the church porch**

Items most needed are:

- Tinned tomatoes
- Sweets
- Tinned cold meats
- Shaving foam
- Razors

## NOTICES

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 12.00noon**

To elect Parochial Church Council (PCC) Roles (which include Churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary and Trustees – nomination forms and APCM papers are at the back of church and our website),

and to present our Annual Report and Financial Statements.

[www.stmarysshortlands.org.uk/news/annual-parochial-church-meeting/](http://www.stmarysshortlands.org.uk/news/annual-parochial-church-meeting/)

**Preparation for New Electoral Roll 2025** - Every sixth year, a new church electoral roll has to be prepared in each parish, this means that everyone - new and existing members – **must** complete a new form to join our Electoral Roll.

**What is the Electoral Roll?** This is a list of everyone who can vote in the APCM, and you will need to be included to stand for election for the above PCC roles. Please read the “Notes” section on the Electoral Roll form on how to complete the form.

- Paper forms are at the back of the church – complete the form and email, drop into the Church House letterbox or post it to us, OR
- Visit our website (see above link) and complete the online form, OR
- Scan the QR Code below and complete the form on your mobile device.



**Closing date for receipt of forms is 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**The Mission of the month for April is Spana**, the charity helps working animals in developing countries. Raffle tickets in aid of the charity are on sale after the 10.30am services and at the Wednesday café. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, the 16th of April at the café. Each Mission for the month receives equal donations from the church & donations from individuals.

### **VE Day Tea Party May 10<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm St Mary's Church, Shortlands**

1940s Dress Optional - £10p/p Tickets available on Sundays and Wednesdays after the service until Wed April 30th and also from the church office.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Rev Dave Edmondson from 6 May  
[www.stmarysshortlands.org.uk](http://www.stmarysshortlands.org.uk)

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