

Welcome to St. Mary's

the Parish Church of Shortlands

Sunday 27 April 2024



The Second Sunday of Easter

Services today

10.30am Holy Communion - Rev Canon Owen Beament
Reading: Tim Dawson
Intercessions: Craig Myers

This week

Tue 29 April 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter
Wed 30 April 10.00am – Morning Prayer in the Chapel
10.30am - 12.30pm - Community Café
Thur 1 May 9.30am & 12.30pm - Baby and Toddler sessions
7.00pm - Junior choir practice
7.30pm - Adult choir practice
Sun 4 May The Third Sunday of Easter
10.30am - Holy Communion – Rev Jane Peters
Celebrating 30 years with our Douai friends

Wednesday Services at 10.00am in the Chapel

Holy Communion date - 28 May - For Ascension.

We have Morning Prayer on the other Wednesdays.

Tuesday 6 May at 7.00pm - Service of Installation and Collation

of Revd Dave Edmondson

Sunday 18 May - 6.30pm - Choral Evensong

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 11th May 2025 at 12.00noon

To elect Parochial Church Council (PCC) Roles which include Churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary and Trustees – nomination forms are at the back of church and our website,
and to present our Annual Report and Financial Statements. Papers for the APCM are available at the back of the church and our website.

www.stmarysshortlands.org.uk/news/annual-parochial-church-meeting/

Readings

Collect

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 5. 27 - 32

²⁷ When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Gospel reading: John 20. 19 – end

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to

him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymns

149	Light's glittering morn
140	Christ is alive! Let Christians sing
174	Breathe on me breath of God
Comm: 150	Love's redeeming work is done
Anthem:	A clare benediction - Rutter
605	Through the night of doubt and sorrow

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



Taketime meditation sessions

10.15am-11am in the chapel
10th May, 14th June, 12th July, 13th
Sept, 11th Oct, 8th Nov & 13th Dec

June 8th, July 13th

**Tea Time Together &
Youth Club**

Our Mission of the Month for April is Spana

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

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

Items most needed are:

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

**The Church is open for private prayer
Mon – Fri - 9am to 12 noon (in the chapel on Thursday)**

Please remember in your prayers this week...

The Church....

Tonbridge Deanery. The parishes of Penge, Shortlands, Bickley, Bromley and Bromley Common.

The Community...

For Bromley Churches' Housing Association, and for all homeless people and asylum seekers.

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

The World ...

For peace in the Holy Land, Syria and other troubled areas of the world. For all victims of conflict, oppression and climate change.

The Sick ...

For those who are recently unwell including Graham Smedley, Rebecca Gowing, Elizabeth Barnes, Helen Crowe and Bob Norfolk-Thompson. 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 Pope Francis, giving thanks for his life of ministry.

For those who have recently died, and those who mourn their loss.

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



VE Day Tea Party May 10th 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
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