

Welcome to St. Mary's Shortlands

12 April 2026 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Today

10.30am 10.30am - Holy Communion
Celebrant: Rev George Baisley
Preaching: Ann-Marie Jefferys
Reading: Jan Boam
Intercessions: Kay Coleman

Hymns

143 Come ye faithful raise the anthem
174 Breathe on me breath of God
193 Our blest redeemer
Comm:461 Help us to help each other
Anthem:
609 To God be the glory

This week

Mon 13 Apr 9.30am - We will be taking down the Easter Flowers. Any help will be very much appreciated.
Tue 14 Apr 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter
Wed 15 Apr 10.00am – Holy Communion in the Chapel
10.30am – 12.30pm – Community Café
Thur 16 Apr 9.30am & 12.30pm - Baby and Toddler sessions
7.00pm – Junior choir practice
7.30pm – Adult choir practice



Electoral Roll

You can now join the electoral roll using this QR code. Joining allows you to vote at the APCM and stand for PCC or Deanery roles, showing your commitment & strengthening our church locally & in the wider community. The electoral roll closes on Monday 13th April in preparation for the APCM on 3rd May. If you have any questions speak to Helen Bird, Electoral Roll officer and PCC secretary.
Email - secretary@stmaryshortlands.church

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. Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 1: 4 - end

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'

Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.' Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

The word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'Jeremiah, what do you see?' And I said, 'I see a branch of an almond tree.' Then the Lord said to me, 'You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it.' The word of the Lord came to me a second time, saying, 'What do you see?' And I said, 'I see a boiling pot, tilted away from the north.'

Then the Lord said to me: Out of the north disaster shall break out on all the inhabitants of the land. For now I am calling all the tribes of the kingdoms of the north, says the Lord; and they shall come and all of them shall set their thrones at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, against all its surrounding walls and against all the cities of Judah. And I will utter my judgements against them, for all their wickedness in forsaking me; they have made offerings to other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands. But you, gird up your loins; stand up and tell them everything that I command you. Do not break down before them, or I will break you before them. And I for my part have made you today a fortified city, an iron

pillar, and a bronze wall, against the whole land—against the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests, and the people of the land. They will fight against you; but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, says the Lord, to deliver you.

Gospel reading: Matthew 19:27-30

Then Peter said in reply, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

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.

Please remember in your prayers this week...

The Community...

For the care of our Church and hall. Gardeners, cleaners, maintenance team and flower arrangers.

The World ...

For all victims of conflict, oppression and climate change.

The Sick ...

For those who are recently unwell, including 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 Loxton, David Linstead and Bob Norfolk-Thompson. We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week: Lucy Hill, Charles Frost, Dennis Glover, Gwyneth Richardson and Colin Walklin.

NOTICES

- **Memorial Service for Bob Norfolk-Thompson** – Saturday 18th April at 2pm at St Mary's Church.
- **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 and close friends only. Refreshments will be served at the back of church while we are away. Please do stay. (It would be helpful to have an idea of numbers for catering so, if you know you will be coming, please let Jane know.) No dress code, but if you have a tie, scarf or even socks (!) with birds, flowers, cacti or others of David's passions depicted on them, it would be nice to see. There will also be a Condolence Book at the back of church to sign. If you have a particular memory or anecdote about David it would be great if you could put that in the Book.
- **Hope Explored - 8pm on 22 & 29 April and 6 May**
Three gentle, friendly sessions full of conversation, welcome, and real hope in Jesus. More info contact Rev Dave.

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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