

Welcome to St. Mary's Shortlands

17 May 2026 – 7th Sunday of Easter

Today

10.30am 10.30am - Holy Communion with Junior Church

Celebrant: Rev. Dave Edmondson

Preaching: David Jefferys

Reading: Pat Chase

Intercessions: Sue Harrison

Hymns

278 Alleluia sing to Jesus

391 Blest are the pure in heart

311 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

Comm: SP126 - There is a redeemer

Anthem: Come down o love divine - Harris

166 Crown him with many crowns

6.30pm Friends of St Mary's Evensong

This week

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| Tue 19 May | 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter |
| Wed 20 May | 10.00am – Morning Prayer in the chapel
10.30am – 12.30pm – Community Café |
| Thur 21 May | 9.30am & 12.30pm - Baby and Toddler sessions
7.00pm – Junior choir practice
7.30pm – Adult choir practice |
| Sun 24 May | 8.00am - Holy Communion
10.30am - Holy Communion |

Today - Friends' Annual General Meeting & Evensong

Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available in the Friends Room from 5.30pm before the AGM at 6pm.

Evensong is at 6.30 followed by drinks and nibbles provided by the Friends of St. Mary's.



Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 9.36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Gospel reading: John 10.22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given

me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers this week...

The Community...

For local hospitals and St. Christopher's Hospice, Sloane Hospital, Medical and Social Services in the Borough.

The World ...

For all victims of conflict, oppression and climate change.

The Sick ...

For those who are recently unwell, including Sheila Dowling, Christine Perzyna, Barbara Page 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. We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week: Harold Cowell, David Loades, Revd Canon Doug Redman, Ian Clark, Revd Jim Medcalf, Edith Pattison, Connor McKinnon and Betty Forsyth.

Our Mission of the Month (MOM) for May is Embrace the Middle East

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

Fairtrade Dates

June - Sun 14th, Wed 24th

July - Sun 12th, Wed 22nd

Taketime meditation

10.15am-11am in the chapel.

13th June, 11th July, 12th Sept

NOTICES

- **Cake and Cuppa** - All who give their time and talents in any way to the life of St Mary's are invited to a Thank You in the Vicarage Garden on Sunday 24th May at 3.30pm. Sign up at the back of the church.
- **Save the Date - Parish Picnic Sunday 28th June**. All age Parade service starts at 10.30am with Picnic following. Homemade baking contest where all are welcome to enter.
- **Future Generations Project** - At the APCM there was an update about the project. If you missed it, there is a written update available to take away on the Church Notice Board.
- **After several years of faithful service, Pauline Lambourne** will be stepping down as Parish Safeguarding Officer at the end of July. We are now looking for someone to take on this important role. If you are interested and would like to join a supportive safeguarding team, please speak to Rev. Dave. A role description is available at the back of the church.

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 UHT milk, tinned cold meats & tomatoes, tea, coffee, panty liners, multi-spray wipes, long life dessert & carrier bags

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 safeguarding@stmaryshortlands.church or 020 8658 0470

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