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St Mary's Link



ST MARY'S
SHIREHAMPTON

Easter Sunday

Sunday 5th April 2026

“ He is not here; for he has been raised “

This week



6:20am – Sunrise Service in Churchyard

10:30am – Family Easter Service with Easter Egg hunt afterwards.
Rev Alison Sowton
Please remember to bring your Easter Bonnet competition entry!

Easter Monday 6th



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No coffee Morning due to Bank Holiday. We open as usual for the remainder of the week ahead.

Tuesday 7th

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

Wed'sday 8th

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning



10:30am Goldies at St Mary's (meeting instead of last week)

Mothers UNION

2pm Mothers' Union at church

Thursday 9th

11am Holy Communion Service
Rev Dr Ian Bailey

Friday 10th



10am – 2pm Hot Drinks & Welcoming Space with food available (grant-funded).

Saturday 11th

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning
Informal crafting group

Sunday 12th

There is no Mary's Munches this morning



10:30am – Sung Eucharist
Rev Duncan Jennings

Thank you to all who have donated towards the flowers for the church today, or at any time, and to Jill Eynon and Shelley Eynon for arranging them so beautifully.

Monday 20th April 7-8pm – Boxing@St.Mary's for 10 to 17 year olds with coach Nat. Sessions will run during term times, entry is free and places must be booked in advance via email: nat@stmarysshire.org. This is an exciting new venture for St Mary's and we pray for a positive impact on young people in our community.



The Bereavement Journey, a course led by Alison, will take place on **Thursday afternoons**

at 2 to 4pm from April 30th at St Mary's Church, Shirehampton. This is a 6-week course with an optional 7th week added at the end. The course is free to attend and is for anyone who has been bereaved at any time and in any way. To find out more or to book your place, please contact the church office – you can leave a phone message on 0117 907 7026 or email office@stmarysshire.org Please share details with those you think will be interested.

We are required to revise the electoral roll ahead of our APCM, which will take place on **Sunday 10th May** after the main service. Forms are available to complete if you wish to be added to our electoral roll and need to be returned to us before 25th April in order to be able to vote at the APCM.

For your prayers: Maureen M, Muriel V, John C, Peter L, Ian H, Genevieve, Dot, Sue S, Owen T, Paul, Jean E, Kate, Pam, Marilyn, Ron B, Lucy.

Recently bereaved:

Please pray for the family and friends of Claire Bush.

From our Parish Prayer list for April

Grove Leaze, Springfield Avenue, Burnham Road, Passage Leaze, Springfield Lawns, Station Road, Hung Road, Penhill Care Home & Mama Bears Pre-School & Nursery



Vicar: Revd Alison Sowton – 330 3452 / 0773 971 2548 – revalison@stmarysshire.org
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Voluntary Hymns Exultate John Marsh
Jesus Christ is risen today
Happy Day
How great is our God
Communion This joyful Eastertide
Thine be the glory
Voluntary Toccata from organ suite M Archer

Post Communion Prayer
Faithful God,
may we who share this banquet
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus
Christ,
our salvation, life and hope,
who reigns as Lord now and for ever.
Amen.

Acts 10: 34 - 43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Matthew 28: 1 - 10

²⁸After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

2nd Sunday of Easter – Sunday 12th April

First Reading: Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 Gospel Reading: John 20: 19-31