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ST MARY'S
SHIREHAMPTON

4th Sunday of Easter

Sunday 26th April 2026

“ And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had “

This week



10:30am – Worship for All with Baptism of Matthew and Aurora
A special welcome to all their family and friends
Rev Alison Sowton

Monday 27th 10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

Tuesday 28th 10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

Wednesday 29th 10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

12:30pm Funeral of David Roberts

Thursday 30th 11am Holy Communion Service
Rev Duncan Jennings



2-4pm Bereavement Journey at church

Friday 1st
WELCOME 10am – 2pm Hot Drinks & Welcoming Space with food available (grant-funded).

Saturday 2nd 10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

Sunday 3rd 10:30am – Sung Eucharist
Rev Alison Sowton



5 - 6pm Deeper @ St Andrew's Avonmouth

Mondays 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.



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. 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.

APCM

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The **PCC and Synod nomination forms** are available for completion ahead of our **APCM being held on Sunday 10th May at 12pm.** If you would like to take the opportunity to serve your church and community, please pick up a form at the back of the church – this includes all current PCC members who wish to be re-elected.

The **annual report and accounts** for the year ended December 2025 are available to pick up. Please have a read through and bring these along with you to the APCM.

Monday 4th May 2 – 4pm – Shire Noise

Free Community Fun Afternoon here with games, colouring corner, Lego, face paints, dancers, refreshments and more.

All welcome.

Please note there is no Coffee Morning that day.

Saturday 16th May 7:30pm – Bristol Wind Band

perform their latest concert,
More details will follow shortly.

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.

From our Parish Prayer list for April

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



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Songs Lord reign in me
Happy Day
What a beautiful name
Come on and celebrate
House of the Lord

Collect

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must be born again of water and the Spirit, and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth. Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean. Here we are clothed with Christ, dying to sin that we may live his risen life. As children of God, we have a new dignity and God calls us to fullness of life.

Amen

Acts 2: 42 – end (New Living Translation)

⁴² All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

⁴³ A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. ⁴⁴ And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵ They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶ They worshipped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— ⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

John 10: 1 – 10 (New Living Translation)

¹⁰ "I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! ² But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice."

⁶ Those who heard Jesus use this illustration didn't understand what he meant, ⁷ so he explained it to them: "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. ¹⁰ The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

5th Sunday of Easter – Sunday 3rd May

First Reading: Acts 7: 55 - end

Gospel Reading: John 14: 1 – 14