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# St Mary's Link



ST MARY'S  
SHIREHAMPTON

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

“ I am the good shepherd “

## Upcoming Diary

### TODAY



**8:30am** – Rise & Shine – breakfast and short service for families

**10:30am** Holy Communion  
Rev Alison Sowton

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>** 10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** 10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>** 10am – 12pm Coffee Morning



**2 - 4pm** Bereavement Journey at St Edyth's, Sea Mills *for those who have booked a space*

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>** 11am Holy Communion Service  
Rev Alison Sowton

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** 10am – 2pm Hot Drinks & Warm Space. Hot food available in the afternoon.



**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>** 10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>** 9.45am – Combined Family Service with Holy Communion  
Rev Alison Sowton  
Amy Boucher



**For your prayers:** Janet S, Maureen M, Sheila S, Julie M, Alexandra, Logan, Solveig G, Vicki C, Sue S, Maureen G, Graham, June B, Michael C, Owen, Muriel V.

### 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



## Save the date: Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> 2 - 4pm

The Noise Fun Day at St Mary's Shirehampton. Lots of stalls, games and food in the churchyard. We hope you can join us on this bank holiday.

Please note the church will be closed in the morning so there will be no coffee morning that day.

**PCC Nomination forms** are available to pick up ahead of our **APCM being held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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. All current PCC members who wish to be re-elected should also pick up a form.

This is also a chance to include your name on our **Electoral Roll**, entitling you to vote at the APCM, so forms are available to pick up or you can speak to Tim.

**Prayer Hub:** Would you value prayer? It could be for something significant happening in your life or simply to know inner peace more fully. **Every Wednesday from the 15<sup>th</sup> May**, in the side chapel of St Mary's Shirehampton, there will be a couple of people ready to pray for and with you. You may or may not choose to share what it is you would value prayer for - that's up to you. We will lift you and your concerns in prayer both in silence and words. You can book in, or drop in, it's up to you. Bookings will take priority however, so to guarantee a time of your choice we would encourage to book (please use QR code below).

Our Coffee Mornings will continue as usual, so you can sit with a cuppa comfortably before and after. We believe God can meet us when we come before Him in prayer, and that prayer has the power to change things, so why not come and find out for yourself.

Starting on 15 May

Book a slot using the QR code

Or just pop-in!

## Prayer Hub

### Every Wednesday

at  
St Mary's Shirehampton – Lady Chapel  
from 10.15am to 11.45am

for more information call 0117 9687449

**Vicar:** Revd Alison Sowton – 330 3452 / 0773 971 2548 – revalison@stmarysshire.org

**Churchwardens:** Mrs Anne Ford – 982 1675; Mr Richard Powell – 07929 028 777

**Head Verger:** Mrs Jill Eynon – 982 4349

**Organist:** Mr Tim Forder 923 5895

**Church Office:** 9077026 **email:** [stmarysshirehampton@outlook.com](mailto:stmarysshirehampton@outlook.com) Work hours: Mon to Thurs 9.30am – 2.30pm

**Voluntary** Psalm 12 Charles Wood

**Hymns** I will sing the wondrous story  
The Lord's my Shepherd (Townend)  
I give you all the honour

**Communion** King of all ages enthroned on high  
Let everything that has breath (screen)

**Voluntary** Prelude in D A Glazunov

**Collect**

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one  
flock,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**Post Communion Prayer**

**Lord God, you feed us with the living bread from heaven;  
renew our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love.  
Teach us to hunger for Christ who is the true and living bread,  
and to live by every word that comes from your mouth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Acts 4: 5 - 12**

<sup>5</sup> The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."  
<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

**John 10: 11 - 18**

<sup>11</sup> 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

Gospel: John 15: 1 - 8