



To give to St Mary's

# St Mary's Link



ST MARY'S  
SHIREHAMPTON

3rd Sunday of Easter

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

“ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him “



**8:30am** Rise & Shine 'Rooted Life Group' – a safe space to explore faith and life over coffee and breakfast pastries



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

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup>** 10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>** 10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

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

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>** 11am Holy Communion Service  
Rev Tina Hodgett

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>** 10am – 2pm Hot Drinks & Welcoming Space with food available (grant-funded).  
**WELCOME**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>** 10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>** 10:30am – Worship for All with Baptism  
Rev Alison Sowton



**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:nat@stmarysshire.org).



**The Bereavement Journey**, a course led by Alison, will take place on **Thursday afternoons at 2 to 4pm from April 30<sup>th</sup> at St Mary's Church, Shirehampton**. This is a 6-week course with an optional 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@stmarysshire.org) Please share details with those you think will be interested.

The PCC and Synod nomination forms are available for completion, before our APCM on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**. Do have a think about whether you would like to take the opportunity to serve your church and community.

Please also consider joining our electoral roll. The current roll is displayed in the porch for checking if you are unsure if you are already included. New names need to be added before 25<sup>th</sup> April to enable you to vote at the APCM.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2 – 4pm** – Free Community Fun Afternoon here with games, colouring corner, lego, face paints, dancers, refreshments and more. All welcome.

**ALFA Christian Community**  
**ALFA Spring Celebration – 2.30pm Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April**, Community Centre, Dursley Road, BS11 9XH moving on to Fulligrove House garden. Informal, inclusive Christian worship with a nature focus. Refreshments including cream tea at 2.30pm.

**Drop-ins** – every **Wednesday, 2.30-4.30pm** at Fulligrove House, Woodwell Road, BS11 9UG. All welcome.

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



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<b>Voluntary</b>	Intermezzo in F Sonata no 4 J Rheinberger
<b>Hymns</b>	Christ triumphant We have a gospel to proclaim All I once held dear, (Knowing You)
<b>Communion</b>	God has chosen me B Farrell Lord I lift Your name on high
<b>Voluntary</b>	Prelude in C minor J S Bach

### Collect

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and  
fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

### Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice  
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:  
by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Acts 2: 14a, 36 - 41

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

<sup>36</sup> Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

<sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

### Luke 24: 13 - 35

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' <sup>19</sup>He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April