

## 2026 Revision of the Electoral Roll at St Mark's

On the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026 formal notice will be given to the congregation of the dates of this year's revision of the Electoral Roll at St Mark's. Only a revision is required this year, which means that if you are already on the Electoral Roll you need take no further action, but if you would like your name to be added to the Electoral Roll or you simply want to find out a little more about what this involves, this is a good opportunity. Please speak to the Vicar or contact Ruth Russell, our Electoral Roll Officer for more information.

### Consultation with the congregation regarding the combination of the Church Music and Choir Fund with the Choir Travel Fund

This is a formal request for feedback from anybody who, at any time in the past, donated or might have donated money, to help fund trips for the St Mark's Church choir to visit and sing at cathedrals throughout the country. Surplus money from these donations has been kept in a fund restricted for this purpose, called the choir travel fund. Since the choir has not undertaken any of these visits for many years now, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) has recently approved a proposal to take the action necessary to combine this fund with the more generic church music and choir fund, so that the money can be used to fund the more general needs of the choir. The PCC is keen to stress that should the programme of choir visits be reinstated in the future, such visits could be funded from the church music and choir fund at the discretion of the Director of Music and the PCC. In order to implement this proposal, the PCC must formally consult with anyone who donated or might have donated to the choir travel fund, to make sure that they do not object to this change of use for their original donations. If this applies to you and you would like to comment on this proposal, please do not hesitate to contact Ruth Russell at [hr@stmarksbromley.org.uk](mailto:hr@stmarksbromley.org.uk) on or before Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Many thanks for taking the time to read this, and for the generosity of your original donation.

### Notice to all who are interested in confirmation

Anybody who is interested in confirmation should speak to the Vicar who will be delighted to offer his guidance and support.

#### In the service today:

**Servers:** Ryan Cupido-Weaich and Ursula Phillips

**Reader:** Ryan Cupido-Weaich

**Intercessions:** The Vicar - The Rev'd Michael Gentry

**Director of Music:** Richard Sutton ATCL

**Vicar:** The Rev'd Michael Gentry [vicar@stmarksbromley.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stmarksbromley.org.uk)

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# St Mark's Church, Bromley

5 April 2026

Easter Day

The Rev'd Michael Gentry – The Vicar

*After the vestry prayer the President proclaims from afar: 'Alleluia! Christ is risen'*

**All reply: 'He is risen indeed. Alleluia!'**

*The congregation stands*

*The Paschal Candle is brought into church as a cantor sings (x3): 'The light of*

**Christ: thanks be to God'**

*The Procession moves to the sanctuary during the first hymn:*

### Hymns

<b>Processional:</b>	110	Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
<b>Responsorial Psalm 118:</b>	539	O give thanks to the Lord for he is good
<b>Offertory:</b>	120	Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son
<b>Communion:</b>	117	The Day of Resurrection!
<b>Final:</b>	112	Jesus lives! Thy terrors now

**Setting:** Mass of St Thomas - David Thorne (b.1950)

**Anthem:** Ye choirs of New Jerusalem - Charles Stanford (1852-1924)

**Organ Voluntary:** Toccata in G major — Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

**Collect:** Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

**Psalm response:** "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!" x2

**Reading: Acts 10.34-43:** <sup>4</sup> Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how 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. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They

put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not 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. <sup>42</sup> He 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. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

*Please turn to face the gospel as it is read from the central aisle.*

**The Gospel: John 20. 1-18:** 20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes. <sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

### Prayers

#### **Today’s Bidding and Response During Prayers:**

Bidding – Shake your world,

**Response – Shake your world with peace, hope and love.**

#### **For all who are unwell at this time:**

Hazel Robins, James Bunting, Tobias Franzén, Mary Marsh,  
Roderick Cupido, Cheryl Nicholls, Bob and Jenny Humble.

**For the recently departed:** Robert Crawley

**To add names to or remove names from these lists please contact Ruth Russell -**  
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**Post Communion Prayer:** God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Coffee/tea and biscuits will be served in the church hall after this service. All are most welcome to join us.**

### Forward Programme

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Second Sunday of Easter

10am Parish Eucharist

#### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Meeting of the Parochial Church Council

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Third Sunday of Easter

10am Parish Eucharist

### Recruitment at St Mark’s

Please see the flyer included in your pew paper today, detailing a number of opportunities to get involved with life at St Mark’s and to contribute to your church and your community. Instructions regarding what to do if you would like to know more about any of these opportunities are included on the flyer.

In addition to these vacancies, there are many other areas of church life where we need volunteers to undertake roles and responsibilities, so this morning on Easter Day, as we give thanks for the joy of the Resurrection, I have written to each member of the congregation to ask them to consider how they might offer their gifts and time in the future. There is a letter for everyone (Named Envelope if on the Electoral Roll and blank ones for everyone else) with a survey form enclosed. Please fill out the form ASAP and return it to the box at the back of church. It would be good if you would do it today as it will only take a couple of minutes maybe over coffee. Once we have all the replies, someone will be in touch with further information about the various roles.

**Rev’d Michael Gentry - Vicar**

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