

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 by the end of today; Sunday 19th 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: Gaye Blagden & Ryan Cupido-Weaich

Reader: Barbara Pikesley

Intercessions: The Rev'd Michael Gentry – The Vicar

Organist: Sarah Best

Vicar: The Rev'd Michael Gentry vicar@stmarksbromley.org.uk

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Please see the porch noticeboard and notices in church for details of all regular and seasonal services and the website: www.stmarksbromley.org.uk

St Mark's Church, Bromley

19 April 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter

The Rev'd Michael Gentry - Vicar

Hymns

Processional:	452	Stand up, and bless the Lord
Gradual:	113	Love's redeeming work is done
Offertory:	374	How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
Communion:	115	Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain
Final:	408	Love Divine, all loves excelling

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

Anthem: This joyful Eastertide - Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Organ Voluntary: Praeludium (Op 156) - Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Collect: Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Reading: Acts 2. 14a, 36-41: On the day of Pentecost,¹⁴ Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd,³⁶ "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."³⁷ 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?"³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptised 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."³⁹ 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."⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptised, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

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

The Gospel: Luke 24. 13-35: ¹³ On that same day, two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognising him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ 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?" ¹⁹ Jesus 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, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ 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. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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 Jesus." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus, and he vanished from their sight. ³² 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?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Prayers

Today's Bidding and Response During Prayers:

Bidding - Lord in your mercy

Response – Hear our prayer

For all who are unwell at this time:

James Bunting, Tobias Franzén, Mary Marsh, Roderick Cupido, Cheryl Nicholls,
Bob and Jenny Humble, Ian Dawes, Chrislyn and William Wright
and Heather, Keith & Colin Pagano

For the recently departed: Hazel Robins

To add names to or remove names from these lists please contact Ruth Russell -
hr@stmarksbromley.org.uk

Post Communion Prayer: Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

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

Forward Programme

Saturday 25th April – Patronal Festival – St Mark's Day – to note only for this year

Sunday 26th April – Fourth Sunday of Easter

10am Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 6th May – St Mark's Friendship Group

12-2pm in the church hall - BYO lunch – more details on the notice board at the back of the church – please join us, everyone is most welcome.

Sunday 3rd May – Fifth 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.

2026 Revision of the Electoral Roll at St Mark's

Formal notice is hereby given that this year's revision of the Electoral Roll at St Mark's will take place on Sunday 26th April 2026. Only a revision is required this year, which means that **if you are already on the Electoral Roll you need take no further action**. If however, you would like your name to be added to the Electoral Roll, please complete an application form, available at the back of the church this morning, on or before Sunday 26th April. Please speak to the Vicar or contact Ruth Russell, our Electoral Roll Officer, if you have any questions or would like more information.

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