

# St Mark's Church, Bromley

26 April 2026

4th Sunday of Easter

The Rev'd Michael Gentry - Vicar

## Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May – A Prayer Festival

The heart of mission is prayer, and this prayer festival will explore different ways of praying. It will take place in West Malling, at St Benedict's Centre and Malling Abbey between 10am and 4pm on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May. The keynote speaker will be Canon Dr Neville Emslie, Director of Mission and Ministry in the Diocese of Canterbury and workshops will include pilgrimage, Christian meditation, Celtic Prayer, Labyrinth Pilgrimage, Praying with Dreams, Ignatian Prayer & the Jesus Prayer. There is a suggested donation £10-20, and if you would like more information or to book tickets, please contact Susanne Carlsson, the Diocesan Director of Spirituality at [susanne.carlsson@rochester.anglican.org](mailto:susanne.carlsson@rochester.anglican.org)

### Top of the Pew Quiz

It is that time of year again when St Mark's needs to assemble a team for the inter-church Top Of The Pew general knowledge quiz competition. Everyone who plays in the team always enjoys the competition, so you may do also. As always we are keen to expand the number of team members we can draw from, and I suspect that many of you are hiding your intellectual prowess under a bushel. So if you would like to join us and to give it a go please contact Philip Hood, the Churchwarden or the Vicar.

### In the service today:

**Servers:** Ursula Phillips and Emily Jones

**Reader:** Ursula Phillips

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

**Director of Music:** Richard Sutton ATCL

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### Hymns

<b>Processional:</b>	486	We have a gospel to proclaim
<b>Gradual:</b>	239	Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy
<b>Offertory:</b>	361	Forth in the peace of Christ we go
<b>Communion:</b>	118	The Lord is risen indeed!
<b>Final:</b>	394	Let all the world in every corner sing

**Setting:** Festive Eucharist - Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

**Anthem:** With all the morning stars we sing - Barry Ferguson (b.1942)

**Organ Voluntary:** Introduction & Toccata, Op.25 - Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

**Collect:** Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Reading: Acts 2. 42-47:** Many were baptised and were added to the community. <sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

**The Gospel: John 10. 1-10:** 10 Jesus said to the Pharisees: "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a

bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

### **Prayers**

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

Bidding - You show us the way, you lead us to life

**Response - Lord, hear these prayers.**

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

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

**For the recently departed:** Hazel Robins and Ian Dawes

**To add names to or remove names from these lists please contact Ruth Russell -**  
[hr@stmarksbromley.org.uk](mailto:hr@stmarksbromley.org.uk)

**Post Communion Prayer:** Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; 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 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

10am Parish Eucharist

### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May – St Mark's Friendship Group**

12-2pm in the church hall – BYO lunch – Please join us for a really interesting talk from John Keefe; the second instalment of his “History of the Nation's Past”. Everyone is most welcome to join us.

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Sixth 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 close of business today. Please speak to the Vicar or contact Ruth Russell, our Electoral Roll Officer, if you have any questions or would like more information.  
Ruth Russell - [hr@stmarksbromley.org.uk](mailto:hr@stmarksbromley.org.uk).

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

The PCC can now confirm that this consultation process is complete, and that no objections to this proposal have been received from any member of the St Mark's congregation. These two restricted funds will now be combined in line with the decision of the PCC.

### **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.

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