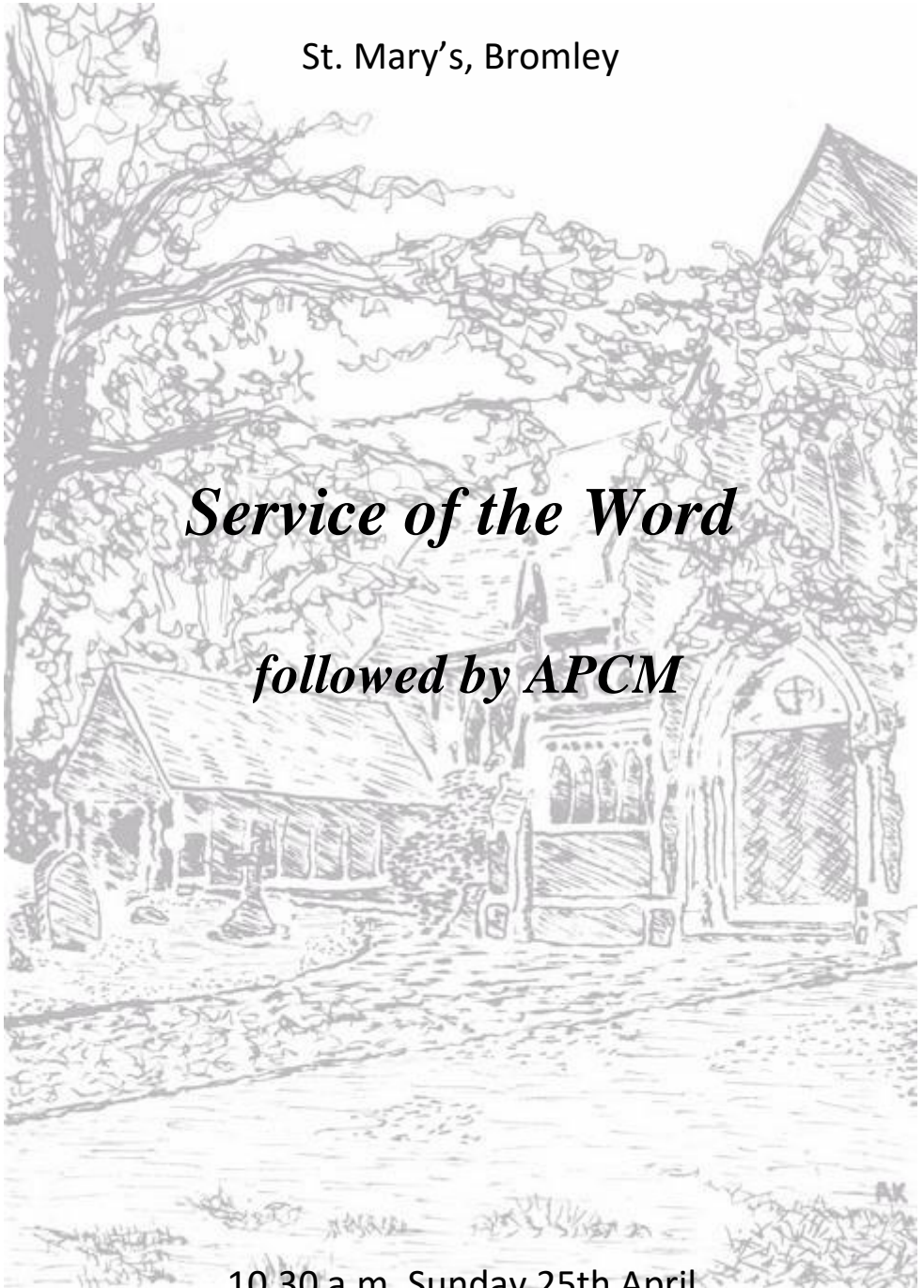


St. Mary's, Bromley

*Service of the Word*

*followed by APCM*

10.30 a.m. Sunday 25th April



**Welcome to our morning worship  
and Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

the order of events is as follows

- 10.30 a.m. Service of the Word
- 11.15 a.m. The service ends.  
You are welcome to have a stretch and walk around.  
We ask that you continue to observe Social  
Distancing. Please do not mingle in the church  
building. Return to the seat you had for the service.
- 11.30 a.m. Annual Parochial Church Meeting

## ¶ THE PREPARATION

### The Greeting

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Choir** - The King of love my shepherd is

### Opening Prayers

**We give you thanks, heavenly Father,  
for you have delivered us from the power of darkness,  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son;  
grant that, as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us  
he may raise us to eternal joy;  
through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have  
sinned in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse us from our sins,  
and restore us in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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.**

## **¶ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **Psalm 145.15 - end**

- 15 The Lord upholds all those who fall ♦  
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, ♦  
and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand ♦  
and fill all things living with plenty.
- 18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways ♦  
and loving in all his works.
- 19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, ♦  
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- 20 He fulfils the desire of those who fear him; ♦  
he hears their cry and saves them.
- 21 The Lord watches over those who love him, ♦  
but all the wicked shall he destroy.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, ♦  
and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*At the end of each reading the responses are:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**First Reading**

Acts 4.5-12

**Choir** - Faithful shepherd, feed me

**Second Reading**

1 John 3.16-24

**Sermon** – Canon Alison Tyler

**Affirmation of faith**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Choir** - How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

## ¶ PRAYERS

### Prayers of intercession

*a series of prayers are read, the responses are:*

Let us pray to the Father:

**In Christ our Lord.**

*and at the end*

God of mercy:

**you know and love us**

**and hear our prayer:**

**keep us in the eternal fellowship**

**of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## ¶ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

**Choir** - Great is thy faithfulness

## ¶ CONCLUSION

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**