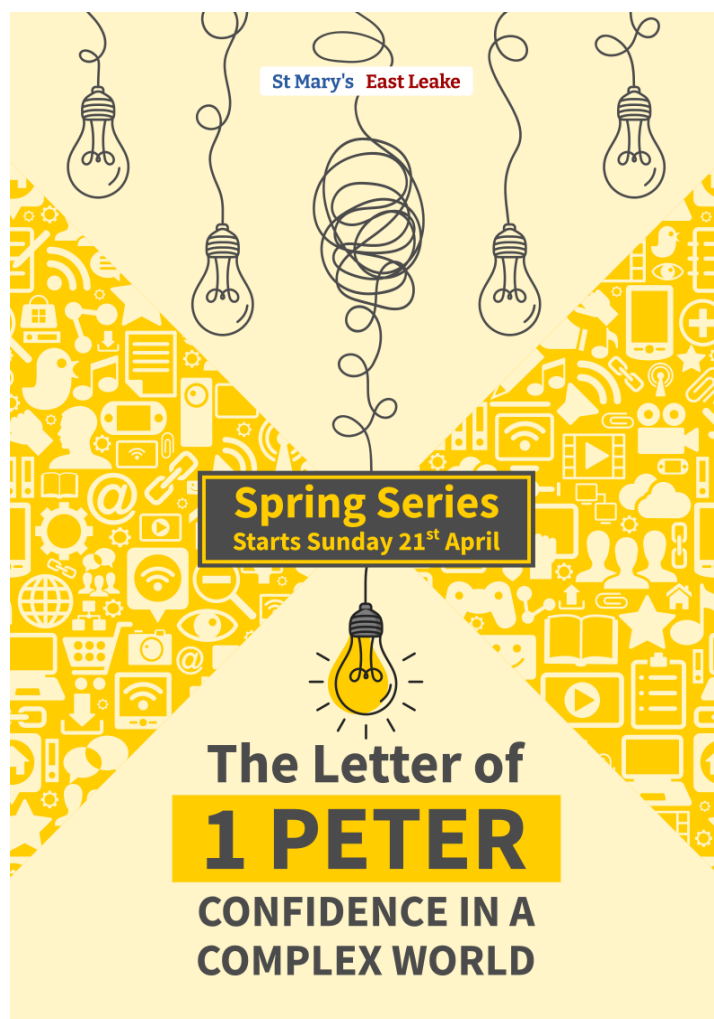




Living Everyday with Confidence

This spring, we are preaching through the first letter of Peter. Writing to ordinary Christians living in a complex world, Peter helps ignite their imagination and inspire their hope for the possibilities of everyday life. He explains how personal confidence is rooted in the Gospel and our identity in Christ. It's a letter that is a trove of wisdom, grounded in the grittiness of real life and will challenge you to see your daily context afresh and to live confidently in a complex world. So come and join us as we dive into 1 Peter, starting this Sunday, at both our morning services.



Welcome Event Sunday 28th April, 3pm

If you're new to St Mary's, or just want to find out more about what goes on, come along to our welcome event and hear something of the story of St Mary's and our vision for the future. Explore what's happening in the life of St Mary's and meet others in a similar place to you. Contact: daniel@eastleakechurch.org

Soup Lunch: Noon Thursday 25th April Everyone welcome, just turn up for a feast of homemade soups and desserts. No charge but donations invited for the Christian Aid.

Male Voice Choir Concert: Fri 19th April at Coctock Church Starts 7pm. Everyone is welcome. Tickets £5.

Bubbles & Bingo Ladies Night Sunday 21st April, 7:30pm £3 per person or £15 for a table of 6. More detail at the back of church or contact camille@eastleakechurch.org.

Sunday: 9:15am Holy Communion **11am** Morning worship





A simple pattern of prayer for the week ahead.

Opening Words

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd... and I lay down my life for the sheep.' *John 10:11*

Pause for reflection as we offer the day to God.

Lord Jesus, by faith you are my good shepherd: keep me today under your protection and guiding hand, and give me grace to follow in your footsteps. Amen.

Bible Reading

Friday: John 21:15-19 *Jesus and Peter*

Saturday: Acts 20:1-12

Sunday: Acts 20:13-21

Monday: Acts 20:22-31

Tuesday: Acts 20:32-38

Wednesday: Acts 21:1-6

Thursday: Acts 21:7-16

Friday: Acts 21:17-26



These readings look at the end of Paul's 2nd missionary journey and Paul's return to Jerusalem to stand trial and give testimony about the resurrection of Jesus

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Collect for the day

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.

A prayer for farmers

Lord of the Harvest, we pray for farmers struggling to make fields ready to plant and pastures ready to graze. Help them to not be overcome by worry. Instead, give them wise judgement to make the best of difficult circumstances. Send drier weather soon, may seedings not be washed away, and may we be blessed with a good summer and a bountiful harvest. Amen.

John Stott's Prayer for Peace

Almighty God, King and Judge of all, look in pity upon the nations oppressed by strife, bitterness and fear. We acknowledge our share in the sins which have brought us so often to the brink of destruction. May your goodness lead us all to repentance and away from war. Restrain the pride, the passions and the follies of man, and grant us your grace, mercy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

A prayer for mental illness

O God, the maker of our minds and healer of their ills: bless all your children who suffer from mental distress. Help them to trust you, even on the darkest days, and to know that you are with them in their deepest need. Release them from the cause of their sickness, that they may love and serve you with all their strength and with all their mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for the Church

Eternal God, keep your chosen people true to their ancient calling, alive to their present opportunity, and confident of their glorious inheritance in Christ. Amen

Add your own prayers or say the Lord's Prayer

Final prayer

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach me today to hear your voice and to follow your will, that all may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Picture of the week



Mass Marmalade Production: This year's first batch of St John the Baptist Marmalade is ready - a total of 76 jars make and on sale now at Stanford - Just £2.50