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SHIREHAMPTON

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 11th May 2025

“ My sheep hear my voice “

WELCOME

TODAY



8:30am Rise & Shine 'Mary's Munchies' Breakfast

10:30am – Holy Communion
Rev Julie Summers (lead & preside)
Rev Alison Sowton (preach)

APCM

12pm APCM – please stay after the service for the latest news and to elect the new PCC

4:45 – 5:30pm Songs of Praise Café at the Community Centre, Dursley Rd BS11 9XH - all welcome.

Monday 12th

9:30am Morning Prayer

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

Tuesday 13th

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Wednesday 14th

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10:15 – 11:45am Prayer Hub in the Lady Chapel

PRAYER



2pm – Mothers' Union Deanery Festival at St Mary's Shire

Thursday 15th

11am Holy Communion Service
Rev Duncan Jennings

1pm Funeral of Patrick Simmonds

Friday 16th

WELCOME

10am – 2pm Hot Drinks & Welcoming Space. Hot food available in the afternoon, grant-funded.

Saturday 17th



10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

7:30pm Avon & Somerset Police Choir concert
Tickets £10/ Concessions £7 payable at the door.

Sunday 18th



8:30am Rise & Shine 'Rooted Life Group' – a safe space to explore faith and life over coffee and breakfast pastries

10:30am – Holy Communion
Rev Alison Sowton

Our service today is followed by teas and coffees as usual, then our APCM. Please stay if you can so that you can hear about what has been happening over the past year and what plans there are for the future. Elections for the PCC will also take place.

Sunday 8th June

10:30am – Pentecost All Age Service with lots of celebration!

12pm – stay after the service for a bring and share birthday buffet, cake, refreshments and lots of party fun for all. Dress code – bright colours.

Christian Aid Songs of Praise Sponsored hymn singing at **St Edyth's Saturday 17th May 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm.** Come and sing to raise money for Christian Aid's work in emergencies, for refugees and for world development.

Vote for your favourite hymn to be sung by emailing marktemple05@uwclub.net with the words of the first line. Donation and sponsorship forms can be found at www.stedyths.org.uk

ALFA

Monday 12th May 10:30am – 12:30pm Quiet Garden Morning at Fullgrove House Garden, Woodwell Rd, BS11 9UG

Saturday 17th May 2:30 – 4:30pm Garden Cream Tea & various activities at Fullgrove House Garden, Woodwell Rd, BS11 9UG

Drop ins every Wednesday 2:30 – 4:30pm at Fullgrove House, Woodwell Rd, BS11 9UG

For your prayers: Janet S, Maureen M, Maureen G, Muriel V, John C, Peter L, Ian H, Genevieve, Mark, Dot, Chris E, Lucy, Sue S, Owen T.

From our Parish Prayer list for May

Ermine Way, Barrow Hill Crescent, Barrow Hill Road, Corston Walk, Chelwood Road, Fairford Road, Portbury Grove, Portbury Walk, St Mary's Road, St Mary's Walk, Orchard Crescent, Priory Gardens, Penlea Court, Old Barrow Hill, Beachley Walk, Kilminster Road, Old Park Road, Meadow Grove, Watling Way, Antona Court, Antona Drive, West Town Road, Shirehampton Primary & Nursery School and Autistic Unit, Jim o'Neil House, Antona Court, Granville Lodge, Beachley Walk Centre & Nursery.



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Work hours: Mon to Thurs 9.30am – 2.30pm

Hymns The King of love my shepherd is
Such love
10,000 reasons

Communion Living Lord
Great is thy faithfulness

Collect
Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

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.**

Acts 9: 36 - end

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

John 10: 22 - 30

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' ²⁵ Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.'

5th Sunday of Easter – Sunday 18th May

First Reading: Acts 11: 1 - 18

Gospel: John 13: 31 - 35