



To give to St Mary's

St Mary's Link

Sunday next before Lent

" This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him! "

This week



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

Monday 16th



9:30am Morning Prayer

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

7:30pm West Bristol Concert Band
Winter Concert. £5 on the door, children free.

Tuesday 17th



10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

3:30 – 5:30pm Pancake Pop Up Event – fun for all the family!
Any donations welcome.

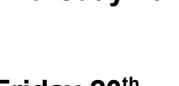
Wed'sday 18th



10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

7pm Ash Wednesday service at St Peter's, Lawrence Weston BS11 0QE (*refreshments from 7pm, service from 7:30pm*)

Thursday 19th



11am Holy Communion Service
Rev Duncan Jennings

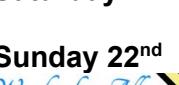
Friday 20th



10am – 2pm Hot Drinks & Welcoming Space with food available (grant-funded).

6:30pm Shirehampton Area Choir rehearsal

Saturday 21st



10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

Sunday 22nd



10:30am – Worship for All with Holy Communion
Rev Alison Sowton

Sunday 15th February 2026

DEEPER AVONSIDE MISSION AREA

Avonmouth - Lawrence Weston - Sea Mills - Shirehampton - Stoke Bishop

Sunday 1st March 5-6pm @ St Edyth's Sea Mills

An opportunity to have more time and space to continue cherishing God's presence, bringing worship and prayer to the Lord in an informal setting. Gathering in the round with song booklets, with guitar/piano, with our Bibles and with expectant hearts...

ASMA Lent Course 2026 – 'The Chosen'

The ASMA Churches are following the same material throughout Lent, giving everyone the flexibility to attend whichever sessions suit them best

St Mary's Shire is hosting 2 sessions each week, featuring episodes from the film "The Chosen" along with related Bible study. These sessions start on

Wednesday 25th February 7:15 – 9:15 @ the Vicarage

Thursday 26th February 2 – 4pm @ St Mary's Shire and for the following 4 Wednesdays & Thursday, and you can choose which day you would like to attend.

Please check the websites of the other ASMA Churches to find out when their sessions are running.

If you are planning on attending the Wednesday session, please let Alison or the office know so that we ensure there is enough space for everyone.

In preparation for delivery of new chairs, we are asking that any family kneelers are collected, so if there are any kneelers here that you or family members have a connection with, please could you collect them as soon as you are able? It is likely the new chairs will be delivered mid-March. Thank you.

If you would like to join our **Electoral Roll**, please speak with Alison to find out more and to collect a form for your completion. Joining the roll is a way to confirm your commitment to the church community and to take part in its governance.

For your prayers: Maureen M, Muriel V, John C, Peter L, Ian H, Genevieve, Dot, Sue S, Owen T, Paul, Jean E, Kate, Pam, Marilyn, Ron B, Claire B.

From our Parish Prayer list for February

Dursley Road, Coaley Road, Hung Road, Churchdown Walk, Charbury Walk, Stroud Road, Kemble Gardens, Winchcombe Grove, Woodwell Road, Valerian Close, The Cotswold Community Centre.



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Voluntary Hymns	Laudate Dominum Morning has broken Dear Lord and father of mankind Will you come and follow me	W A Mozart
Communion	Saint Richards Prayer	J Forbe L'Estrange
Voluntary	There is one Gospel Hungarian March from Faust	H Berlioz

Collect:
Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Prayer after Communion:

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

2 Peter 1: 16 – 21

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’ ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Matthew 17: 1 - 9

17 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’ ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ ⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, ‘Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.’

First Sunday of Lent – Sunday 22nd February

Epistle: Romans 5: 12 - 21

Gospel: Matthew 4: 1 - 11