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ST MARY'S
SHIREHAMPTON

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 1st December 2024

“ Be alert at all times “

Upcoming Diary

TODAY



'Refresh' – social action from home



10:30am – Sung Eucharist
Rev Alison Sowton



4pm Christingle Service – come and find out what the symbols of the Christingle mean. Treats & drinks after the service. Collection in aid of The Children's Society.



5 - 6pm @ St Andrew's Avonmouth

Monday 2nd

9:30am Morning Prayer

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

Tuesday 3rd

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

1pm Funeral of Joan Ashton

7.30pm Shire Area Choir rehearsal for the Christmas concert



Wednesday 4th

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning



10:15 – 10.45am Prayer Hub in the Lady Chapel



10.30am Goldies at St Mary's

Thursday 5th

11am Holy Communion Service
Rev Trevor Hearn

Friday 6th



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

Saturday 7th

10am – 1pm Christmas Fayre
See details opposite



Sunday 8th

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



10:30am – Holy Communion
Rev Alison Sowton

2.30pm Shirehampton Area Choir Christmas Concert
Suggested donation £3, funds raised for St Mary's Shirehampton.



Advent Services and Events

Saturday 7th December 10am – 1pm – Christmas Fayre

We need your help to make the fair a success and would love donations of: Pre-loved items including toys (good condition); New toiletries/tins and non-alcoholic bottles for the tombola; New items for the raffle; Chocolate for the tombola; Cakes to sell on the day (please include an ingredients list).

Any help for setting up, running stalls and clearing away, and any donations are greatly appreciated, thank you.

Sun 8th Dec 2:30pm – Shirehampton Area Choir Concert

Sunday 15th December 6pm - Carol Service

Tuesday 17th December 4pm – Christmas Movie Pop Up

Wednesday 18th December 6–7 pm –Carols by Disco Light

Saturday 21st December 7pm – Longest Night Service

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The Bereavement Journey, a course led by Alison, will take place on **Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 to 3:30pm from January 8th at St Edyth's Church, Sea Mills** for 7 weeks. The course is free to attend. To find out more or to book your place, please contact the church office – you can leave a phone message on 0117 907 7026 or email office@stmarysshire.org Please share details with those you think will be interested. Flyers are available to pick up.
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The Community of the Sisters of the Church would appreciate donations of gloves, warm scarves, hats, socks and toiletry sets for men and women. A trolley will be in the side aisle soon for you to drop off your donations. Please bring by Tuesday 10th December so that these can be delivered to them ahead of their cut-off point. Argos or One4all gift cards for £15 (or donation towards this) for children should be given at the office. Please ask for their bank details to make a direct donation or see their notice at the back of the church.
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The fantastic sum of £931.29 was raised in the 3 collection tins for the Poppy Appeal recently, in aid of the Royal British Legion. Many thanks to Steve Simmons for arranging the collections, and for the generosity of everyone who donated.

For your prayers: Janet S, Maureen M, Sheila S, Julie M, Solveig G, Vicki C, Sue S, Maureen G, Graham, June B, Michael C, Owen, Muriel V, Eileen M, Yadira, John C, Peter L.

From our Parish Prayer list for December
Penpole Lane, Shirehampton Road, and all our Churches

Vicar: Revd Alison Sowton – 330 3452 / 0773 971 2548 – revalison@stmarysshire.org
Churchwarden: Mrs Anne Ford – 982 1675
Head Verger: Mrs Jill Eynon – 982 4349
Church Office: 9077026 **email:** stmarysshirehampton@outlook.com **Organist:** Mr Tim Forder 923 5895
Work hours: Mon to Thurs 9.30am – 2.30pm

Voluntary Aubade-Jardon des tuileres
Richard Lloyd

Hymns Hark the glad sound
Be still and know
O come O come Emmanuel

Communion People look East
E Farjeon arr M Archer

Hymn To be in Your Presence

Voluntary Veni Emmanuel N Rawsthorne

Collect

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Luke 21: 25 – 36

²⁵ 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

2nd Sunday of Advent – Sunday 8th December

First Readings: Malachi 3: 1 - 4 and Philippians 1: 3 - 11

Gospel: Luke 3: 1 - 6