



To give to St Mary's

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ST MARY'S
SHIREHAMPTON

6th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 12th July 2026

“ Let anyone with ears_listen! ”

This week



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

10:30am – Holy Communion
Rev Alison Sowton

4:45-5:30pm Songs of Praise
Café at the Community Centre,
Dursley Road, BS11 9XH. Lyn
Morton will talk about the Girls'
Brigade. All welcome.

Monday 13th **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Tuesday 14th **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Wedn'day 15th **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Thursday 16th **11am** Holy Communion Service
Rev Melanie Griffiths

2:15pm Thanksgiving Service for
Richard Hyde

Friday 17th **10am – 2pm** Hot Drinks &
WELCOME Welcoming Space with food
available (grant-funded).

Saturday 18th **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Sunday 19th **8:30am** Rise & Shine 'Rooted Life
Group' – a safe space to explore
faith and life over coffee and
breakfast pastries



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Children are welcome to use the quiet play area during the service. This is towards the front of the left-hand side, through the Side Chapel. An adult must stay with them to supervise.

Cool Space

Please keep an eye out on our noticeboards to see if we are open for our Cool Space during the week ahead. When helpers are available and the weather is hot, we aim to keep our doors open to 4pm, where people can utilise the shade and sit for a while. Free cold drinks (water/squash) will be available and children are welcome to use the play area.

Saturday 15th August 2 – 4pm Patronal Festival
Cream Tea. There will be Art & Flower Displays,
harp music, children's play area and more. Please
invite family, friends and neighbours as all are
warmly welcome.

Sunday 16th August 10:30am Patronal Service

ALFA Christian Community:
*All below events take place at Fulligrove House,
Woodwell Road, BS11 9UG.*

Monday 13th July 10:30am – 12:30pm
Quiet Garden Morning
The theme is 'The Lord is my Shepherd'. All welcome.

Saturday 18th July 2:30 – 4:30pm
Garden Cream Tea

Drop ins every Wednesday 2:30 – 4:30pm

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

Recently deceased: Please pray for the family and friends of Richard Hyde (Doreen's son). A Thanksgiving Service for his life takes place here on Thursday 16th July at 2:15pm.

From our Parish Prayer list for July

Station Road, St Bernard's Road, Park Road, Avonwood Close, Bucklewell Close, Woodwell Road, Cedar Row, The Public Hall and Library, St. Bernards School.



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Voluntary Hymns	Prelude on Down Ampney Lead us heavenly Father Lord Jesus Christ Colours of day	H Sumsion
Communion Final hymn	Just as I am	(choir sing)
Voluntary	Jubilate, everybody Elegy	George Thalban Ball

Collect
 Creator God,
 you made us all in your image:
 may we discern you in all that we see,
 and serve you in all that we do;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you feed us with the living bread from heaven; renew our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love. Teach us to hunger for Christ who is the true and living bread, and to live by every word that comes from your mouth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Romans 8: 1 – 11

8 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Matthew 13: 1 – 9, 18 - 23

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!'

¹⁸ 'Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

7th Sunday after Trinity – Sunday 19th July

First Reading: Romans 8: 12 - 25

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43