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ST MARY'S SHIREHAMPTON

Christ the King **Sunday 22nd November 2026**

" 'The truth is, anything you did for any of my people here, you also did for me.' "

This week



10:30am – Worship for All with Holy Communion
Rev Duncan Jennings
Amy Boucher

Monday 23rd **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Tuesday 24th **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Wed 25th **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Thursday 26th **11am** Holy Communion Service
Rev Nic Harris

Friday 27th **10am – 2pm** Hot Drinks & Welcoming Space with food available (grant-funded).

WELCOME

Saturday 28th **10am – 2pm** Christmas Fayre with lots of stalls, tombolas, books, cakes. Lunches served from 12pm.

Sunday 29th



10:30am – Community Sunday Café Service
with Amy Boucher and Cariad Sansom



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.

For your prayers: Maureen M, Muriel V, Peter L, Ian H, Dot, Owen T, Paul, Jean E, Pam, Marilyn, Ron B, Jason, Teresa, Mike T, Geoff S, Alison.

From our Parish Prayer list for November
Kingsweston Avenue, Shire Gardens,
The Bean Acre, Merrimans Road, Old Quarry Road, Old Quarry Rise, Nigel Park, Barracks Lane & Nova Primary School



Looking ahead

Saturday 28th November 10am – 2pm Christmas Fayre
We need your help to make the fayre a success and would love donations of:

- Pre-loved items (good condition)
- Teddies (can be pre-loved, in good condition)
- New toiletries/tins and non-alcoholic bottles for the tombola
- Chocolate and sweets for the tombola
- Cakes to sell on the day (please include an ingredients list)
- Books in good condition
- Alternatively, you may wish to sponsor a stall
- Volunteers to help set up, run stalls & clear away

Any help or donations are greatly appreciated, thank you.

Sunday 29th November 4pm Christingle Service

Sunday 13th December 6pm – Candlelit Carol Service

Wednesday 16th December 6 – 7pm Carols by Disco Light

Monday 21st December 7pm Longest Night Service

Christmas Eve 4pm – Crib Service

Christmas Eve 11:30pm Midnight Holy Communion

Christmas Day 10am – Holy Communion service

Advent flyers are now available to pick up.

Our Christmas Tree is being delivered **next Friday 27th**. If you are around, we would love help in putting it in place and decorating it.
Christmas Fayre set up will also be taking place, so any help is welcome.

The latest church directory is now available for members of our electoral roll to pick up. There is a suggested donation of £2 to help cover costs. Please pop into the office on a Tuesday or Thursday to speak with Eleanor, or get one on a Sunday from a warden.

Coop Community Fund – St Mary's Shire has been chosen as a Coop Local Community Fund and this will run for 12 months until 24th October 2027. If you shop at the Coop, we would love you to select our cause since the more members who choose us, the more funding we will receive. Please spread the word. Thank you.

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Songs Give me joy in my heart
From heaven you came
Yesterday, today and forever

Post Communion Prayer:
Lord, we have broken your bread and received your life. By the power of your Spirit keep us always in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Matthew 25: 31 – end *(Easy to Read Version)*

31 "The Son of Man will come again with divine greatness, and all his angels will come with him. He will
sit as king on his great and glorious throne. 32 All the people of the world will be gathered before him.
Then he will separate everyone into two groups. It will be like a shepherd separating his sheep from his
goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.
34 "Then the king will say to the godly people on his right, 'Come, my Father has great blessings for you.
The kingdom he promised is now yours. It has been prepared for you since the world was made. 35 It is
yours because when I was hungry, you gave me food to eat. When I was thirsty, you gave me
something to drink. When I had no place to stay, you welcomed me into your home. 36 When I was
without clothes, you gave me something to wear. When I was sick, you cared for me. When I was in
prison, you came to visit me.'
37 "Then the godly people will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and give you food? When did
we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you with no place to stay and
welcome you into our home? When did we see you without clothes and give you something to wear?
39 When did we see you sick or in prison and care for you?'
40 "Then the king will answer, 'The truth is, anything you did for any of my people here, you also did for
me.'
41 "Then the king will say to the evil people on his left, 'Get away from me. God has already decided that
you will be punished. Go into the fire that burns forever—the fire that was prepared for the devil and his
angels. 42 You must go away because when I was hungry, you gave me nothing to eat. When I was
thirsty, you gave me nothing to drink. 43 When I had no place to stay, you did not welcome me into your
home. When I was without clothes, you gave me nothing to wear. When I was sick and in prison, you
did not care for me.'
44 "Then those people will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty? When did we see you
without a place to stay? Or when did we see you without clothes or sick or in prison? When did we see
any of this and not help you?'
45 "The king will answer, 'The truth is, anything you refused to do for any of my people here, you refused
to do for me.'
46 "Then these evil people will go away to be punished forever. But the godly people will go and enjoy
eternal life."

First Sunday of Advent – Sunday 29th November

Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3 - 9