



# St Mary's Link



First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022

ST MARY'S  
SHIREHAMPTON

“ Therefore you also must be ready, “

## Upcoming Diary

TODAY



**9:45am** – Combined Family Service with Holy Communion  
Rev Alison Sowton

**6pm** Advent Service of Light  
Rev Alison Sowton

Monday 28<sup>th</sup>

**9am** – Morning Prayer

**12 – 2pm** Coffee Afternoon at Tithe Barn – soup & roll available

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>

**10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning at church

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>

**10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning at Tithe Barn

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>

**11am Holy Communion**  
Rev Trevor Hearn

**7.30pm** PCC meeting at church

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>

**10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning at Tithe Barn

**11.30am** – funeral of James Goslin

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>



**10am – 1pm** Christmas Fayre with games, crafts, cakes, refreshments and Santa.

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>



**8.30am** – Rise & Shine – breakfast and short service for children and families



**10.30am** – Sung Eucharist  
Rev Alison Sowton

**4pm** – Christingle Service

## Winter Months' Opening Times for Refreshments

Day:	Time:	Where:
Mondays	12pm - 2 pm	Tithe Barn
Tuesdays	10am - 12pm	St Mary's Church
Wednesdays	10am - 12pm	Tithe Barn
Fridays	10am - 12pm	Tithe Barn
Saturdays	10am - 12pm	St Mary's Church

Soup and bread roll is available for a donation at the Monday lunchtime session.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 10am – 1pm – Christmas Fayre.** We are looking forward to welcoming you all, along with a very special person in red especially for children. So, please do spread the word to people with children and grandchildren.

We really need your help to make it a success and would love to receive the following donations:

- **crafts** in all shapes and sizes - we look forward to receiving and seeing your handiwork
- **cakes** - all welcome. Whole cakes to cupcakes, scones to tea loafs and much more. Please label with a list of ingredients and if not individually wrapped in cling film, please donate in an air tight container.
- **raffle prizes** such as any unwanted gifts
- **chocolate items** for the MU tombola
- **bottles** (full, unopened and in date) for tombola

**Community of the Sisters of the Church Appeal** - donations of warm hats, gloves and scarves can be left in the trolley in the side aisle.

**Local children in need** - donations of new toys can be left in the church office.

We would like to re-introduce servers to our worship. If you are interested in exploring the ministry of serving, please speak with Alison.

**For your prayers:** Janet S, Maureen M, Sheila S, Grace P, Julie M, Talia, Susan B, Monica S, Mary D, Eileen C, Alexandra, Logan.

**Recently deceased** – please pray for the families of June Goslin and Pam Goulding.

**From our Parish Prayer list for December – Penpole Wood, Oasis School & Golf Course**  
Penpole Lane, Shirehampton Road and all our Churches.



**Vicar:** Revd Alison Sowton – 330 3452 / 0773 971 2548  
**Churchwardens:** Mrs Anne Ford – 982 1675; Mr Richard Powell – 07929 028 777  
**Head Verger:** Mrs Jill Eynon – 982 4349  
**Church Office:** 9077026 **email:** [stmarysshirehampton@outlook.com](mailto:stmarysshirehampton@outlook.com) **Organist:** Mr Tim Forder 923 5895  
 Work hours: Mon to Thurs 9.30am – 2.30pm

**Voluntary**

Veni Emmanuel A Moore

**Hymns & Music**

O come O come Emmanuel

Make way make way

1 red candle

How lovely on the mountains

**Comm** Here is the bread, here is the wine**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**

**Voluntary**

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**Romans 13: 11 - end**

<sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; <sup>13</sup> let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**Matthew 24: 36 – 44**

<sup>36</sup> 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup> Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.