



To give to St Mary's

St Mary's Link



ST MARY'S
SHIREHAMPTON

7th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 19th July 2026

"Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father"

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
Mothers' Union

Monday 20th **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Tuesday 21st **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Wedn'day 22nd **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Thursday 23rd **11am** Holy Communion Service
Rev Alison Sowton

Friday 24th **10am – 2pm** Hot Drinks & Welcoming Space with food available (grant-funded).
WELCOME

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

Sunday 26th **10:30am** – Worship for All with Holy Communion
Rev Alison Sowton
Amy Boucher
Worship for All

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



Welcome to our service that includes a celebration of 150 years of Mothers' Union. Please stay after the service for hot and cold drinks and cake.

Thank you to everyone who responded so quickly on Tuesday morning when a tree in the churchyard caught fire. St Mary's team acted promptly to keep people safe, and we are grateful to the local shopkeepers who brought fire extinguishers to assist while we waited for the Fire Brigade.

Saturday 15th August 2 – 4pm Patronal Festival Barbecue. 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 events take place at Fulligrove House, Woodwell Road, BS11 9UG.

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.

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.



Vicar: Revd Alison Sowton – 324 5582 / 0773 971 2548 – revalison@stmarysshire.org
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Voluntary Hymns	Prelude on St Columbus O Jesus I have promised My Jesus, my Saviour My God is mighty to save	Peter King	Collect Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
Communion Final hymn	We meet you, O Christ - S Lole (<i>choir sing</i>)		
Voluntary	Guide me O thou great Redeemer Prelude on Darwalls 148 th	Percy Whitlock	

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.**

Romans 8: 12 – 17

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Matthew 13: 24 – 30, 36 – 43

²⁴ He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” ²⁸He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” ²⁹But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’ ³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ ³⁷He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

8th Sunday after Trinity – Sunday 26th July

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52