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ST MARY'S
SHIREHAMPTON

19th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 11th October 2026

" invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet "

This week



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

10:30am – Holy Communion
Rev Duncan Jennings

4:45-5:30pm Songs of Praise Café
at the Community Centre,
Dursley Rd BS11 9XH
*Denise Parsons will be giving her
testimony. All welcome.*

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

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

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



2pm Mothers' Union at Church

Thursday 15th **11am** Holy Communion Service
Rev Duncan Jennings

Friday 16th **10am – 2pm** Hot Drinks &
WELCOME Welcoming Space with food
available (grant-funded).

Saturday 17th **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning



7 – 10pm Harvest Ceilidh – bring
along family & friends for an
evening of music, dancing & fun.
Refreshments provided.
£5 payable at the door.

Sunday 18th **8:30am** Rise & Shine 'Rooted Life
Group' – a safe space to explore
faith and life over coffee and
pastries



10:30am – Holy Communion
Rev Alison Sowton

Looking ahead

Tuesday 20th October 6 – 7:30pm Pop Up
Glow Celebration for primary school children and
their families (a responsible adult must stay for the
whole event with their children for supervision
please). This is a free event packed full of glow in
the dark fun, food and faith. Please wear neon
colours and any light up accessories!

Sunday 1st November 4pm All Souls' Service – a
time to name loved ones, pray together and hear the
promise we find in Jesus.

If you would like the names of loved ones read out
in the prayers, please complete a leaflet found at the
back of the church and place in the box marked
'Reply Slips' or email details to
office@stmarysshire.org

Sunday 8th November 9:45am

Remembrance Sunday Service

Please note there will be **no Mary's Munchies**
breakfast this day as our young families join in the
main Remembrance service - we also expect many
of the uniformed organisations to attend. Please
note the service will start at **9:45am** so that we can
proceed to the War Memorial ahead of the 11am
commemoration.

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

Recently bereaved: Please pray for
Danny Durbin's family and friends.
His funeral will take place here on
Friday 23rd October at 2:30pm.

From our Parish Prayer list for October

The Lawns, Sedgewick House, Barwick House,
Penpole Park, Oaktree Court, The Ridge,
Clifford Gardens, Wood View, Grainger Court,
Hermitage Close, Penpole Avenue,
Mead Close, Penpole Place,
Sunnyhill Drive, The Orchards.



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Voluntary Hymns	Vesper Voluntary no 3 Rejoice the Lord is King! Faithful one so unchanging Great is thy faithfulness	Edward Elgar
Communion Hymn	We meet you O Christ And can it be that I should gain	Simon Lole
Voluntary	Dialogue en trio du Cornet et de la Tierce Francois Couperin	

Collect
Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in 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

Isaiah 25: 1 - 9

25 O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin

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the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵ the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Matthew 22: 1 - 14

22 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.'

20th Sunday after Trinity – Sunday 18th October

First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22: 15 - 22