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ST MARY'S  
SHIREHAMPTON

Second Sunday before Advent

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

“ enter into the joy of your master. “

## Upcoming Diary

### TODAY



**8:30am** – Rise & Shine – breakfast and short service for families

**10:30am** Holy Communion  
Rev Alison Sowton



*service sheet can be accessed by the QR scan code opposite.*

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

**9am** – Morning Prayer

**10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

**10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

**3.30 – 5.30pm** - Winter Warmer Pop Up Event with family board games, milkshake bar, warm soup and rolls.

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

**10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>

**11am** Holy Communion Service  
Rev Alison Sowton

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup>



**10am – 2pm** Gift Day, Hot Drinks & Warm Space. Soup will be available in the afternoon.



### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>

**10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>



**9.45am** – Combined Family Service with Holy Communion  
Rev Alison Sowton  
Amy Boucher

Please note we are now open until 2pm on Fridays so that we can serve soup in the afternoon. Please let others know. Thank you.

### Save the Date

#### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 2pm – Gift Day

As part of our ongoing mission in St Mary's, it has been agreed that it is time for new chairs; to enhance comfort and provide a flexible space with furniture that can easily be moved. We will be holding a gift day to raise funds for this project. If you are able to help, we would love to welcome you. Donations can also be made online if easier.

#### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 7:30pm – Gospel Generation

Community Choir Concert “Let's Celebrate Together”. Tickets £5/£3/U16 free. Pay at the door or buy online via their website [www.ggcc.org.uk](http://www.ggcc.org.uk)

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 4pm Christingle service

#### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 10am – 12pm Christmas Fair

We need your help to make the fair a success.

We need donations of:

- Bottles of wine, spirits, soft drinks (unopened in date)
- Toys
- Any unwanted gifts you may have that would be good for prizes
- Crafts in all shapes and sizes that we can sell
- Cakes and bakes nearer the day
- Volunteers to help set up, run stalls & clear away

Please speak to Mary Powell or Emma Jennings if you can help in any way. Thank you.

**The Community of the Sisters of the Church** would appreciate donations of gloves, warm scarves, hats, socks and toiletry sets for men and women. A trolley will be in the side aisle soon for you to drop off your donations. Please bring by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December so that these can be delivered to them ahead of their cut-off point. Argos or One4all gift cards for £15 (or donation towards this) for children should be given at the office. Please ask for their bank details to make a direct donation or see their notice at the back of the church.

**ALFA Christmas wreath making** at Fullgrove House on Friday 1st December, 10am-12noon. Advance booking needed – phone 01179826455. £10 including materials and refreshments.

**For your prayers:** Janet S, Maureen M, Sheila S, Julie M, Alexandra, Logan, Solveig G, Ron B, Vicki C, Sue S, Janet C, Maureen G, Graham.

### 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



**Vicar:** Revd Alison Sowton – 330 3452 / 0773 971 2548 – [revalison@stmarysshire.org](mailto:revalison@stmarysshire.org)  
**Churchwardens:** Mrs Anne Ford – 982 1675; Mr Richard Powell – 07929 028 777  
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**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

<b>Voluntary</b>	Mediation	Bruce H Steane
<b>Hymns</b>	Among us and before us Be thou my vision Blessed Be Your Name	
<b>Communion</b>	Jesu the very thought of thee I the Lord of sea and sky	Simon Lole
<b>Voluntary</b>	March Pontificate	John Marsh

### **Collect**

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### **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.**

### **1 Thessalonians 5: 1 – 11**

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

### **Matthew 25: 14 – 30**

<sup>14</sup> 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

**Christ the King – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Gospel: Matthew 25: 31 - end