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ST MARY'S SHIREHAMPTON

First Sunday of Advent **Sunday 29th November 2026**

" He will never give up on you. Never forget that. "

This week



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



4pm Christingle Service - come and find out what the symbols of the Christingle mean.

Collection in aid of The Children's Society. Scan the QR code opposite to donate directly to them.

Monday 30th **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Tuesday 1st **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Wed 2nd **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Goldies UK **10:30am** Goldies at St Mary's

Thursday 3rd **11am** Holy Communion Service
Rev Duncan Jennings

Friday 4th **10am – 2pm** Hot Drinks & Welcoming Space with food available (grant-funded).

WELCOME

Saturday 5th **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Sunday 6th **10:30am** – Sung Eucharist
Rev Duncan Jennings
Judy Helme



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.

Prayers for the recently departed:
Heather Ricketts.

From our Parish Prayer list for December
Penpole Lane, Shirehampton Road, and all our Churches



Looking ahead

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

Please pick up an Advent flyer if you haven't already done so – these can be shared with friends and neighbours.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the Christmas Fayre, whether in setting up, clearing away, running a stall, donating items or coming along to enjoy the event. Thanks also to everyone who helped put up the tree and in decorating the church.

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.

Please note there is **no Coffee Morning on Monday 14th December** as there is a Christmas service taking place at church that morning. Please let others know.

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Songs In Christ alone
You have done great things
Holy forever

Post Communion Prayer:

Generous God, bless all of us who are gathered here.
May we know the fullness of your presence at every meal and in all our sharing, longing for that day when we will share together in your heavenly banquet. **Amen**

1 Corinthians 1: 3 - 9 *(The Message Version)*

3 May all the gifts and benefits that come from God our Father, and the Master, Jesus Christ, be yours.
4-6 Every time I think of you—and I think of you often!—I thank God for your lives of free and open access to God, given by Jesus. There's no end to what has happened in you—it's beyond speech, beyond knowledge. The evidence of Christ has been clearly verified in your lives.
7-9 Just think—you don't need a thing, you've got it all! All God's gifts are right in front of you as you wait expectantly for our Master Jesus to arrive on the scene for the Finale. And not only that, but God himself is right alongside to keep you steady and on track until things are all wrapped up by Jesus. God, who got you started in this spiritual adventure, shares with us the life of his Son and our Master Jesus. He will never give up on you. Never forget that.