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ST MARY'S
SHIREHAMPTON

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday 18th January 2026

"Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

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



followed by a Bring and Share lunch to give thanks for Rev Trevor Hearn's ministry and Tim Forder's 40 years of musical ministry at St Mary's

Monday 19th

9:30am Morning Prayer

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

Tuesday 20th

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning



3:30 – 5:30pm Craft & Cake Pop Up
Including crafts, refreshments & Youth chill out zone

**Wed'sday
21st**

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

**Thursday
22nd**

11am Holy Communion Service
Rev Alison Sowton

**Friday 23rd
WELCOME**

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

Saturday 24th

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

Sunday 25th



10:30am – Worship for All with Holy Communion
Rev Alison Sowton

We invite you all to stay after today's service, if you are able, for a very special Bring & Share lunch in thanksgiving for Rev Trevor Hearn's long ministry and to also recognise Tim Forder's 40 years of musical ministry at St Mary's.

We hope you are able to join us.

Our coffee team is getting smaller due to illness, so if you are able to help in the week and/or on Sundays, please could you let Alison or the office know? The more people we have on the rota, the fewer times people will need to help.

In preparation for delivery of new chairs, we are asking that any family kneelers are collected, so if there are any kneelers here that you or family members have a connection with, please could you collect them as soon as you are able? Thank you.

Monday 16th February West Bristol Concert Band Winter Concert. *More details to follow.*

Bookings are being taken for the **Foodbank's Eat Well Spend Less Cookery course** taking place over 6 weeks on Tuesdays 9.30am – 12 noon from 13th January.

To book, please call 0117 923 5343 or email office@bristolnwfoodbank.org.uk. This is a basic course aimed at people who are new to cookery, or those who would like to regain confidence in cooking. You are welcome to bring one support person with you if needed, either to settle in for the first session of for the duration of the course.

There is a poster at back of the church with more details.

ALFA Christian Community

Drop-ins every Wednesday, 2:30 - 4:30pm

at Fulligrove House, Woodwell Road, BS11 9UG and all are welcome.

For your prayers: Maureen M, Muriel V, John C, Peter L, Ian H, Genevieve, Dot, Sue S, Owen T, Paul, Andi P, Jean E, Millie, Ross, Kate, Pam, Marilyn, Ron B.

From our Parish Prayer list for January

Wellington Mews, Cottonwick Close, Station Road, Nibley Road, Myrtle Drive, Cerney Lane, Evenlode Gardens, Burford Grove, Northleach Walk, Riverside Close, Gower Court, Stow House, Avon Autistic Foundation



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Voluntary	Where'er you walk	G Handel
		arr by Andrew Moore
Hymns	Take my life and let it be	
	Blessed be Your name	
	When we walk with the Lord	
Communion	Brother James Air	James Lecta Macbeth
Hymn	Lord the light (Shine Jesus shine)	
Voluntary	Postlude on "Was Lebet"	
		Richard Dunster Sigterman

Collect
Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches
of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

1 Corinthians 1: 1 - 9

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints,
together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and
ours:
³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ
Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶just
as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any
spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the
end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you
were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 1: 29 - 42

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason that he might be revealed to Israel.' ³²And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' ³⁹He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

3rd Sunday of Epiphany – Sunday 25th January

Gospel: Matthew 4: 12 – 23