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# St Mary's Link



ST MARY'S  
SHIREHAMPTON

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025

"You also must be ready"



Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

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

10:30am – Holy Communion  
Rev Alison Sowton

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Morning Prayer

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

**Please note there is no coffee morning today**

12:30pm Funeral of Chris Eynon

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>



10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

2pm Mothers' Union at the Tithe Barn

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>

11am Holy Communion Service  
Rev Alison Sowton

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>



10am – 2pm Hot Drinks & Welcoming Space with food available.

6 - 7pm VJ Day Firepit, Praise & Peace Gathering in the Churchyard

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>



10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

2 – 4pm Patronal Festival Afternoon Tea for £5. Come along see the Art & Flower Displays and historic photos. Children's play area available..

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>



*No Rooted service this morning*

10:30am – Patronal Service – Worship for All  
Rev Alison Sowton

**Many thanks** to all who helped in any way with the Pop Up Village – we saw lots of families coming along, many coming inside for the first time, and they really appreciated the effort that had gone into this and for making this available. Special thanks to Amy.

## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 6 – 7pm VJ Day Firepit, Praise & Peace Gathering in St Mary's Churchyard

Join us around the firepit to sing a variety of classic hymns and pray for peace in our world. Followed by hotdogs and marshmallows.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2 – 4pm Patronal Festival** Afternoon Tea marking 85 years of hospitality ministry at St Mary's, with finger sandwiches, dainty cakes and cup of tea. Afternoon Tea cost is £5. There will be Art & Flower Displays, historic photos, harp music, scavenger hunt and children's play area. All warmly welcome.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 3:30 – 5:30 pm Harvest** Pop Up including crafts, scavenger hunt and build a Spud Bud competition!

Derek and Alison wish to express their thanks for all prayers and good wishes. Derek remains in Southmead Hospital at present and we hope he will be well enough for a heart procedure in the next couple of weeks.

Bristol North West Foodbank are looking for donations via



monthly donations and one-off donations to help fund their activities. Online donations may be made by clicking on the QR code.

**For your prayers:** Janet S, Maureen M, Maureen G, Muriel V, John C, Peter L, Ian H, Genevieve, Dot, Lucy, Sue S, Owen T, Sheila S, Claire B, Paul, Lyn S, Andi P, Derek.

### Recently bereaved: Chris Eynon

- please pray for Jill, Andrew, Shelley and family.

His funeral will take place here this Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 12:30pm.

### Albert Price

– please pray for Jean and family.

His funeral takes place here on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 1:45pm.

### From our Parish Prayer list for August

Lower High Street, High Street, The Green, Park Hill, The Coop, High Street shops, Snapdragons Pre-School & Nursery.



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<b>Voluntary Hymns</b>	Jesu meine freude One more step along the way I go In heavenly love abiding Great is thy Faithfulness	J S Bach
<b>Communion</b>	Lead me Lord Father hear the prayer we offer	S Wesley
<b>Hymn</b>	Let everything that has breath	
<b>Voluntary</b>	Voluntary in C minor	M Greene

**Collect**  
 Lord God,  
 your Son left the riches of heaven and  
 became poor for our sake:  
 when we prosper save us from pride,  
 when we are needy save us from despair,  
 that we may trust in you alone;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son  
 and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips  
 but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Loving God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life.**

**Draw us and all people to serve your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16**

11 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

### **Luke 12: 32 - 40**

<sup>32</sup> ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup> ‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup> ‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

### **Patronal Festival – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

Epistle: Galatians 4: 4 - 7

Gospel: Luke 1: 46 - 55