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SHIREHAMPTON

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 18th May 2025

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another."

WELCOME

TODAY



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

Monday 19th

9:30am Morning Prayer

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

Tuesday 20th

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

2pm Funeral of Susan Silvestre

Wednesday
21st

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

10:15 – 11:45am Prayer Hub in the Lady Chapel



Thursday
22nd

11am Holy Communion Service
Rev Alison Sowton

Friday 23rd



10am – 2pm Hot Drinks & Welcoming Space. Hot food available in the afternoon, grant-funded.

Saturday 24th

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

Sunday 25th



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

Monday 26th



Church closed for the Bank Holiday
resuming to normal weekly pattern from Tuesday

Thanks to all who stayed after the service last week for the APCM.

The following elections were made:

Churchwarden:	Sharon Viney
PCC Members:	Anne Ford
	Tim Forder
	Florence Grimes
	Sarah Parry-Reid
	Richard Powell
Deanery Synod (3 rd year):	Pat Davidson
	Derek Sowton

We give thanks to all these individuals for their willingness to stand once again and for all their hard work. Thanks go to Phil Fowler and Colin Godfrey as they stand down after many years on the PCC.

Sunday 8th June

10:30am – Pentecost All Age Service with lots of celebration!

12pm – stay after the service for a bring and share birthday buffet, cake, refreshments and lots of party fun for all. Dress code – bright colours.

Tuesday 17th June 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Pop Up Event – Creation Station with lots of craft, creative play and snacks.

Sunday 5th July 3pm – Dance Explosion

15 year Anniversary! Local dance show featuring young people from ConfIDANCE clubs. Donations on entry. Profits made from refreshment sales will be split between ConfIDANCE Clubs and Blonde Angel Street Team (helping Bristol's homeless on their way back up).

ALFA

Drop ins every Wednesday 2:30 – 4:30pm at Fulligrove House, Woodwell Rd, BS11 9UG

For your prayers: Janet S, Maureen M, Maureen G, Muriel V, John C, Peter L, Ian H, Genevieve, Ma Chris E, Lucy, Sue S, Owen T.

From our Parish Prayer list for May

Ermine Way, Barrow Hill Crescent, Barrow Hill Road, Corston Walk, Chelwood Road, Fairford Road, Portbury Grove, Portbury Walk, St Mary's Road, St Mary's Walk, Orchard Crescent, Priory Gardens, Penlea Court, Old Barrow Hill, Beachley Walk, Kilminster Road, Old Park Road, Meadow Grove, Watling Way, Antona Court, Antona Drive, West Town Road, Shirehampton Primary & Nursery School and Autistic Unit, Jim o'Neil House, Antona Court, Granville Lodge, Beachley Walk Centre & Nursery.



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Ops Manager:	Gosia ops@stmarysshire.org
Organist:	Tim Forder 923 5895
Work hours: Tues to Thurs 9.30am – 4pm	

Voluntary	Duetto	P Whitlock
Hymns	I give to you a new commandment Now the green blade riseth O Jesus I have promised	
Communion	I give to you a new commandment P Nardone	
	I am a new creation	
Voluntary	Prelude in C	J Stainer

Collect
 Risen Christ,
 your wounds declare your love for the world
 and the wonder of your risen life:
 give us compassion and courage
 to risk ourselves for those we serve,
 to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
 and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
 keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Acts 11: 1 - 18

11 Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." ⁸But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

John 13: 31 - 35

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

6th Sunday of Easter – Sunday 25th May

Gospel: John 14: 23 – 39 or John 5: 1 - 9