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ST MARY'S
SHIREHAMPTON

Season of Creation 2

Sunday 13th September 2026

"let your light shine before others"

This week



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

10:30am – Holy Communion
Rev Alison Sowton

4:45 - 5:30pm Songs of Praise Café
at Community Centre, Dursley Rd,
BS11 9XH.

Mair Blandford will be talking about
John Newton's conversion on a
slave ship. All welcome.

Monday 14th **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Tuesday 15th **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning



3:30 – 5:30pm Harvest Pop Up
(please see details opposite)

Wed 16th **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Thursday 17th **11am** Holy Communion Service
Rev Duncan Jennings

Friday 18th **10am – 2pm** Hot Drinks &
WELCOME Welcoming Space with food
available (grant-funded).

Saturday 19th **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Sunday 20th **8:30am** Rise & Shine 'Rooted Life
Group' – a safe space to explore
faith and life over coffee and
breakfast pastries



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Looking ahead

Tuesday 15th September 3:30 – 5:30pm

Harvest Pop Up including crafts and a chance to create
your Harvest Competition entry – create a
root vegetable character using potato, carrot, swede,
sweet potato etc.

Sunday 27th September 10:30am

Harvest Festival Service followed by a Bring & Share
lunch – we will be collecting non-perishable food for
Bristol North West Foodbank, so please bring these
along with you. Or cash donations towards the Vicar's
Discretionary Fund to support families in crisis would be
most welcome.

Saturday 17th October 7-10pm

Harvest Ceilidh at St Mary's Shirehampton.
Enjoy an evening of music, dancing and laughter.
Rosie will guide you through all dances, so whether
you're a complete beginner or a regular ceilidh- goer,
you're sure to have a great time.
Refreshments will be provided.
£5 per ticket.

ALFA Christian Community: at Fulligrove House,
Woodwell Road, BS11 9UG. All welcome to these events.

Quiet Garden Morning, Monday 14th September,
10.30am-12.30pm. The theme is "The mercy of God".

Drop ins on Wednesdays 2:30 – 4:30pm.

Garden Cream Tea - Saturday 19th August, 2.30-
4.30pm.

A note from Foodbank North West: "Our staff and
volunteers would like to say a huge thank you to all the
local churches that continue to support us each year."
There is a notice at the back of the church listing their most
requested items and if you are able to bring something to
our Harvest Festival or at any other time, that would be
most appreciated.

For your prayers: Maureen M, Muriel V, Peter L, Ian H, Genevieve, Dot,
Owen T, Paul, Jean E, Pam, Marilyn, Ron B, Jason, Teresa, Mike T, Geoff S.

From our Parish Prayer list for September

Home Ground, Broadleaze, Penpole Lane, Penpole Close.



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Hymns

All creatures of our God and King
Such love, pure as the whitest snow
I the Lord of Sea and Sky
Indescribable

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty
power;
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.**

Post Communion Prayer

**Lord of all Creation, as we have received the bread and wine,
Fruits of the earth and tokens of salvation,
so with joy we celebrate your goodness
and commit ourselves to serve you on your earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Psalm 139: 1 - 14

- ¹ O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.
³ You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.
⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.
⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.
⁷ Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?
⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.
¹¹ If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night',
¹² even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.
¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

Matthew 5: 13 – 16

- ¹³ 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.
¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Season of Creation 3 – Sunday 20th September

First Reading: Psalm 65

Gospel Reading: Luke 12: 16 - 30