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St Mary's Link



Season of Creation 3

Sunday 20th September 2026

ST MARY'S
SHIREHAMPTON

"And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?"

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

Monday 21st **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Tuesday 22nd **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Wed 23rd **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

12:30pm Funeral of Kenneth Hayward

Thursday 24th **11am** Holy Communion Service
Rev Alison Sowton

Friday 25th **10am – 2pm** Hot Drinks & Welcoming Space with food available (grant-funded).
WELCOME

Saturday 26th **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Sunday 27th **10:30am** – Harvest Festival Worship for All Service
Rev Alison Sowton
Amy Boucher
Please stay after the service for a Bring and Share Lunch and to hear the results of the Root Vegetable Character competition (don't forget to bring your entry!).



Looking ahead

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 payable at the door by cash or card.

Mission Giving – thanks for all your suggestions for charities to support in 2026. These have been discussed by the PCC and the chosen charities are:
Local: Bristol Churches City Fund (50%) – *supporting the most vulnerable via key projects & initiatives across the region.*

Local: South West Youth Ministries (50%) – *placing trainee children & youth workers with churches, local ministries & schoolwork projects to help them become positive Christian role models.*

National: Navigators UK – *helping individuals grow in their faith in Jesus and becoming discipline makers.*

International: Open Doors – *supporting persecuted Christians in more than 70 countries, providing Bibles, emergency relief, advocacy, training and socio-economic support.*

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

Drop ins on **Wednesdays** 2:30 – 4:30pm.

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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Voluntary Hymns	Vater unser in Himmelreich O for a thousand tongues to sing For the fruits of his creation Lord for the years	J S Bach
Communion Hymn	For the beauty of the earth Blessed be Your name	Andrew Carter
Voluntary	Menuetto from Gothic Suite	L Boelmann

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 65

- ¹ Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.
- ² To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins; when our misdeeds prevail against us,
you will purge them away.
- ³ Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there.
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house, even of your holy temple.
- ⁴ With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.
- ⁵ In your strength you set fast the mountains and are girded about with might.
- ⁶ You still the raging of the seas, the roaring of their waves and the clamour of the peoples.
- ⁷ Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble at your marvels;
the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise.
- ⁸ You visit the earth and water it; you make it very plenteous.
- ⁹ The river of God is full of water; you prepare grain for your people, for so you provide for the earth.
- ¹⁰ You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.
- ¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.
- ¹² May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness and the hills be girded with joy.
- ¹³ May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep and the valleys stand so thick with corn
that they shall laugh and sing.

Luke 12: 16 - 30

¹⁶Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" ¹⁸Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

²²He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

Harvest Festival – Sunday 27th September

Gospel Reading: John 6: 1 - 15