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# St Mary's Link



ST MARY'S  
SHIREHAMPTON

**Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

“ What you should want most is God's kingdom and doing what he wants you to do “

## Upcoming Diary

**TODAY**



**10:30am** – All Age Harvest Service with Holy Communion  
Rev Alison Sowton  
Katie Fairbairn (preach)  
Amy Boucher



Please stay after the service for a Bring and Share Lunch and to hear the results of the Spud Bud competition.

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup>**

**9.30am** Morning Prayer

**10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>**

**10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning



**No Choir Rehearsal this week.**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning



**10:15 – 10.45am** Prayer Hub in the Lady Chapel



**10.30am** Goldies at St Mary's

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**11am** Holy Communion Service  
Rev Trevor Hearn

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup>**

**10am – 1pm** Hot Drinks & Welcoming Space. Hot & cold food available in the afternoon, grant-funded.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>**

**10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>**



'Refresh' – social action from home



**10:30am** – Sung Eucharist  
Rev Duncan Jennings  
Katie Fairbairn



5pm 'Deeper' at St Andrew's Avonmouth

## Dates for your diary

Please stay after the service, if you can, for a Bring and Share lunch. Results of the Spud Bud competition will also be revealed at this time.



**AVONSIDE MISSION AREA**

Avonmouth · Lawrence Weston · Sea Mills · Shirehampton · Stoke Bishop

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 5-6pm @ St Andrew's Avonmouth

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 5-6pm @ St Edyth's Sea Mills

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 5-6pm @ St Andrew's Avonmouth

Informal worship, allowing for time to linger in the Lord's presence, for time to seek and pray in line with God's will for us at this time.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 5 – 6.30pm** ASMA Celebration at St Mary's Stoke Bishop.

Come along to be encouraged by what is happening across the Mission Area, as we praise God together and pray for our churches and communities.

Service 5-6pm, followed by tea and cake. All ages welcome. Accessible service for everyone.

Please can all those who are knitting/crocheting poppies for our Remembrance Sunday display bring them into church by **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October**? Thanks.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** – Glow Party – more details to follow.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am – 12.30 pm** – drop in session for Hearing Loss and Deafness at Avonmouth Community Centre BS11 9EN. Session open to everyone, so come along to learn about the services available to support you or your loved ones.

**For your prayers:** Janet S, Maureen M, Sheila S, Julie M, Solveig G, Vicki C, Sue S, Maureen G, Graham, June B, Michael C, Owen, Muriel V, Eileen M, Mary D, Yadira, John C, Peter L, William H.

### From our Parish Prayer list for October

The Lawns, Sedgewick House, Barwick House, Penpole Park, Oaktree Court, The Ridge, Clifford Gardens, Wood View, Grainger Court, Hermitage Close, Penpole Avenue, Mead Close, Penpole Place, Sunnyhill Drive, The Orchards.



**Vicar:** Revd Alison Sowton – 330 3452 / 0773 971 2548 – [revalison@stmarysshire.org](mailto:revalison@stmarysshire.org)  
**Churchwarden:** Mrs Anne Ford – 982 1675  
**Head Verger:** Mrs Jill Eynon – 982 4349  
**Church Office:** 9077026 **email:** [stmarysshirehampton@outlook.com](mailto:stmarysshirehampton@outlook.com) **Organist:** Mr Tim Forder 923 5895  
Work hours: Mon to Thurs 9.30am – 2.30pm

<b>Songs</b>	We plough the fields and scatter All things bright and beautiful
<b>Communion</b>	Be still and know Give thanks with a grateful heart
<b>Final Song</b>	Indescribable

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord of the harvest,  
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation  
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:  
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us  
and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Matthew 6: 25 - 33**

<sup>25</sup> “So I tell you, don’t worry about the things you need to live - what you will eat, drink, or wear. Life is more important than food, and the body is more important than what you put on it. <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds. They don’t plant, harvest, or save food in barns, but your heavenly Father feeds them. Don’t you know you are worth much more than they are? <sup>27</sup> You cannot add any time to your life by worrying about it.

<sup>28</sup> “And why do you worry about clothes? Look at the wildflowers in the field. See how they grow. They don’t work or make clothes for themselves. <sup>29</sup> But I tell you that even Solomon, the great and rich king, was not dressed as beautifully as one of these flowers. <sup>30</sup> If God makes what grows in the field so beautiful, what do you think he will do for you? It’s just grass - one day it’s alive, and the next day someone throws it into a fire. But God cares enough to make it beautiful. Surely he will do much more for you. Your faith is so small!

<sup>31</sup> “Don’t worry and say, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> That’s what those people who don’t know God are always thinking about. Don’t worry, because your Father in heaven knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> What you should want most is God’s kingdom and doing what he wants you to do. Then he will give you all these other things you need.

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October**