



To give to St Mary's

Candlemas

St Mary's Link



ST MARY'S
SHIREHAMPTON

Sunday 2nd February 2025

“ for my eyes have seen your salvation “

Upcoming Diary

TODAY



'Refresh' – social action from home

10:30am – Sung Eucharist with Baptism

Rev Alison Sowton

It's a real joy to baptise Ron Bone.

Monday 3rd

9:30am Morning Prayer

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

Tuesday 4th

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning



7:30 – 9pm Shire Area Choir rehearsal for Holy Saturday concert

Wednesday 5th

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning



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



10:30am Goldies at St Mary's



6 – 7pm Rooted service – please see details opposite

Thursday 6th

11am Holy Communion Service
Rev Trevor Hearn

Friday 7th



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

Saturday 8th

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

Sunday 9th



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

10:30am – Holy Communion
Rev Alison Sowton
Rev Julie Summers (preach)

WELCOME

A warm welcome to you all, in particular to the family and friends of Ron Bone who is being baptised today.

Please note there is a quiet activity corner open for young children during the service. A grown up must stay with them for supervision. The area can be found towards the front of the church at the left hand side. This area is available at all of our services.

Our new Safeguarding Officer is Sharon Viney – we thank her for taking on this important role. Should you have any safeguarding concerns or questions, she can be contacted on safeguarding@stmarysshire.org – her contact details are displayed in our porch and on our website. We also thank Claire Staynings for her work in this area over the past few years.

Amy Boucher has a new email address – youthminister@stmarysshire.org so you may use this address to contact her going forward.



Launching in February 2025 – 'Rooted' service
Explore Faith – Deepen Community – Grow Together
First Wednesday of each month 6 – 7pm

This new service is designed for those who are seeking to explore and deepen their understanding of the Christian faith. We will celebrate the rhythms and seasons of life in a welcoming and informal service which will be in a modern praise and worship style.

ALFA

Drop-ins – every **Wednesday, 2:30 – 4:30pm** at Fullgrove House, Woodwell Road, BS11 9UG.

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, Yadira, John C, Peter L, Ian H, Norma W, Fiona, Genevieve.

From our Parish Prayer list for February

Dursley Road, Coaley Road, Hung Road, Churchdown Walk, Charbury Walk, Stroud Road, Kemble Gardens. Winchcombe Grove. Woodwell Road. Valerian Close. The Cotswold Community Centre.



Vicar: Revd Alison Sowton – 330 3452 / 0773 971 2548 – revalison@stmarysshire.org
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Work hours: Mon to Thurs 9.30am – 2.30pm

Voluntary Andante in D flat major from sonata
no 7 J Rheinberger
Hymns A man there lived in Galilee
Be thou my vision
In Christ alone
Communion Christ be the light Bernadette Farrell
Lord the light of your love
Voluntary Fugue in G minor BWV 578 J S Bach

Collect

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us
that to enter the kingdom of heaven
we must be born again of water and the Spirit,
and has given us baptism as the sign and seal
of this new birth.
Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and
made clean.
Here we are clothed with Christ,
dying to sin that we may live his risen life.
As children of God, we have a new dignity
and God calls us to fullness of life. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hebrews 2: 14 - 18

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Luke 2: 22 - 40

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;
³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

4th Sunday before Lent – Sunday 9th February

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1 - 11

Gospel: Luke 5: 1 – 11