



To give to St Mary's

St Mary's Link



20th Sunday after Trinity

"Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." "

Sunday 18th October 2026

ST MARY'S
SHIREHAMPTON

This week



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

10:30am – Holy Communion
Rev Alison Sowton

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

Tuesday 20th **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning



6 - 7:30pm Glow Celebration
For primary school children & their families. Please wear bright colours & light up accessories! Lots of games, craft, music and refreshments. Free event.

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

Thursday 22nd **11am** Holy Communion Service
Rev Tina Hodgett

Friday 23rd **10am – 1pm** Hot Drinks & Welcoming Space with food available (grant-funded).
Please note earlier finish today.

2:30pm Funeral of Danny Durbin

Saturday 24th **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Sunday 25th **10:30am** – Worship for All with Holy Communion
Rev Alison Sowton
Amy Boucher



Looking ahead

Sunday 1st November 4pm All Souls' Service – a time to name loved ones, pray together and hear the promise we find in Jesus.
If you would like the names of loved ones read out in the prayers, please complete a leaflet found at the back of the church and place in the box marked 'Reply Slips' or email details to office@stmarysshire.org

Sunday 8th November 9:45am
Remembrance Sunday Service
Please note there will be **no Mary's Munchies** breakfast this day as our young families join in the main Remembrance service - we also expect many of the uniformed organisations to attend. Please note the service will start at **9:45am** so that we can proceed to the War Memorial ahead of the 11am commemoration.

Saturday 28th November 10am – 2pm Christmas Fair

Our Welcomers Team is currently very small, and we're looking to add a few more volunteers to this important ministry. If you'd be willing to help, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

PUMA Christmas – a lorry is going to Ukraine at the beginning of November (the last one this year). If you'd like to send something for Christmas for the children or adults, please can you let Pat have your donations by **Sunday 1st November please**.
She is happy to make suggestions if you're not sure what's needed.

If you prefer, you can donate money by BACS to:
Bank name: Lloyds Bank
A/C name: Ukraine Medical Aid
A/C number: 29712660
Sort code: 30-54-66

Any money donated will buy food when Ali & Sue go to Ukraine at the end of November to supervise the distribution of donations collected in the UK.

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

Recently bereaved: Please pray for Danny Durbin's family and friends.
His funeral takes place here on Friday 23rd October at 2:30pm.



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Voluntary	Short Prelude in E flat major Alfred Hollins	
Hymns	The Lord's my Shepherd (and I will trust) I cannot tell Shout to the north	
Communion	Prayer to Jesus	Richard de Castres
Hymn	Now thank we all our God	
Voluntary	Fugue in B flat major	Felix Mendelssohn

Collect
 God, our light and our salvation:
 illuminate our lives,
 that we may see your goodness in the land of the
 living, and looking on your beauty
 may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ
 our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you feed us with the living bread from heaven; renew our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love. Teach us to hunger for Christ who is the true and living bread, and to live by every word that comes from your mouth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

1 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 10

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
 To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
 Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly
³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and
 steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters
 beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to
 you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just
 as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you
 became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word
 with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in
 Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only
 in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known,
 so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about
 us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to
 serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from
 the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Matthew 22: 15 - 22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their
 disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are
 sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no
 one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful
 to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are
 you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.' And
 they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose
 title?' ²¹They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the
 emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' ²²When
 they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Last Sunday after Trinity – Sunday 25th October

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22: 34 - end