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ST MARY'S SHIREHAMPTON

Remembrance Sunday **Sunday 8th November 2026**

" This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you "

This week



9:45am Remembrance Sunday service with Archdeacon Becky Waring
followed by procession to the War Memorial for a service and the two-minute silence
Refreshments at the Cricket Club afterwards, with thanks to them.

Service sheet for the service at the War Memorial can be accessed by scanning the QR code opposite.

4:45 – 5:30pm Songs of Praise Café at the Community Centre, Dursley Rd BS11 9XH. Chris Morton will be talking about his book 'Remembrance Day'.

Monday 9th **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

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

Wed 11th **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Mothers' Union 150 years **2pm** Mothers' Union at Church

Thursday 12th **11am** Holy Communion Service
Judy Helme

Friday 13th WELCOME **10am – 2pm** Hot Drinks & Welcoming Space with food available (grant-funded).

Saturday 14th **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning
including informal crafting group

Sunday 15th Rooted **8:30am** Rise & Shine 'Rooted Life Group' – a safe space to explore faith and life over coffee and pastries

10:30am – Holy Communion
Rev Duncan Jennings

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, Alison.

From our Parish Prayer list for November
Kingsweston Avenue, Shire Gardens, The Bean Acre, Merrimans Road, Old Quarry Road, Old Quarry Rise, Nigel Park, Barracks Lane & Nova Primary School



Looking ahead

Saturday 28th November 10am – 2pm Christmas Fair
A list of required donations will be available soon but will be in line with previous years – for example, pre-loved items and toys in good condition, new toiletries, cakes and books.
We require volunteers to make this event a success.

Sunday 29th November 4pm Christingle Service

Sunday 13th December 6pm – Candlelit Carol Service

Wednesday 17th December 6 – 7pm Carols by Disco Light

Monday 21st December 7pm Longest Night Service

Our Advent flyer will be available to pick up soon.

We would welcome volunteers
- to our Welcomers Team
- to tend to the flowers left in the Memorial Chapel and keeping that area tidy.

If you are able to help, we would love to hear from you.

Coop Community Fund – St Mary's Shire has been chosen as a Coop Local Community Fund and this will run for 12 months until 24th October 2027. If you shop at the Coop and have their app, we would love you to select our cause since the more members who choose us, the more funding we will receive. Please spread the word. Thank you.

Alison's knee surgery took place on Monday 2nd November and she is grateful for all your prayers.

With the support of local clergy and all at St Mary's, our services and activities will largely stay the same during this time. We are grateful to everyone who is helping to ensure that church life carries on smoothly.

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

***Quiet Garden Morning*, Monday 9th November, 10.30am -12.30pm**. The theme is "A still small voice".

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

***Afternoon Cream Tea* - Saturday 21st November, 2.30-4.30pm.**

Job opportunity – ALFA vacancy for role of lunch club coordinator from January – please contact Chris via info@alfacc.org.uk – poster with details at back of church.

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Voluntary	Meditation on Crimond	J Stuart Archer
Hymns	I vow to thee my country	
	For the healing of the nations	
	God save our gracious King	
Voluntary	Nimrod	E Elgar

Collect:
God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

John 15: 12 – 14

12 ‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you.

2nd Sunday before Advent – Sunday 15th November

First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1 – 11 Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 14 - 30