



To give to St Mary's

St Mary's Link



Season of Creation 4

Sunday 27th September 2026

ST MARY'S
SHIREHAMPTON

"They all had plenty to eat"

This week



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!).

*Please bring donations of non-
perishable food for Bristol North
West Foodbank.*



*Or cash donations for the Vicar's
Discretionary Fund to support
families in crisis are welcome.*



Monday 28th **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Tuesday 29th **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Wed 30th **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Thursday 1st **11am** Holy Communion Service
Rev Duncan Jennings

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

Saturday 3rd **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Sunday 4th **10:30am** – Holy Communion
Rev Tina Hodgett



Looking ahead

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.

Recently bereaved: Please pray for Danny Durbin's family and friends.

From our Parish Prayer list for September

Home Ground, Broadleaze, Penpole Lane, Penpole Close.



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Songs We plough the fields and scatter
 Bringing in the sheaves
 We're all in this together

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**

John 6: 1 – 15 (*Easy to Read Version*)

⁶ Later, Jesus went across Lake Galilee (also known as Lake Tiberias). ² A great crowd of people followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he did in healing the sick. ³ Jesus went up on the side of the hill and sat there with his followers. ⁴ It was almost the time for the Jewish Passover festival.

⁵ Jesus looked up and saw a crowd of people coming toward him. He said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough bread for all these people to eat?" ⁶ He asked Philip this question to test him. Jesus already knew what he planned to do.

⁷ Philip answered, "We would all have to work a month to buy enough bread for each person here to have only a little piece!"

⁸ Another follower there was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Andrew said, ⁹ "Here is a boy with five loaves of barley bread and two little fish. But that is not enough for so many people."

¹⁰ Jesus said, "Tell everyone to sit down." This was a place with a lot of grass, and about 5000 men sat down there. ¹¹ Jesus took the loaves of bread and gave thanks for them. Then he gave them to the people who were waiting to eat. He did the same with the fish. He gave them as much as they wanted.

¹² They all had plenty to eat. When they finished, Jesus said to his followers, "Gather the pieces of fish and bread that were not eaten. Don't waste anything." ¹³ So they gathered up the pieces that were left. The people had started eating with only five loaves of barley bread. But the followers filled twelve large baskets with the pieces of food that were left.

¹⁴ The people saw this miraculous sign that Jesus did and said, "He must be the Prophet who is coming into the world."

¹⁵ Jesus knew that the people planned to come get him and make him their king. So he left and went into the hills alone.

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