



To give to St Mary's

St Mary's Link



ST MARY'S
SHIREHAMPTON

5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday 3rd May 2026

“ I am the way, and the truth, and the life. ”

This week



10:30am – Sung Eucharist
Rev Alison Sowton



5 - 6pm Deeper @ St Andrew's
Avonmouth

Monday 4th

No Coffee Morning
due to Bank Holiday.



2 - 4pm Community Fun Afternoon
with play area, dancers, face paints,
refreshments & more... free event

Tuesday 5th

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

Wedn'day 6th

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning



10:30am Goldies at St Mary's

Thursday 7th

11am Holy Communion Service
Rev Alison Sowton

Friday 8th



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

Saturday 9th

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning
with informal crafting group

Sunday 10th



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

10:30am – Holy Communion
Rev Alison Sowton

12pm APCM – please bring your
annual reports with you.



APCM

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The **PCC and Synod nomination forms** are available for completion ahead of our **APCM being held on Sunday 10th May at 12pm**. If you would like to take the opportunity to serve your church and community, please pick up a form at the back of the church – this includes all current PCC members who wish to be re-elected.

The **annual report and accounts** for the year ended December 2025 are available to pick up. Please have a read through and bring these along with you to the APCM.

Monday 4th May 2 – 4pm – Shire Noise

Free Community Fun Afternoon here with games, colouring corner, Lego, face paints, dancers, refreshments and more.

All welcome.

Please note there is no Coffee Morning today.

Saturday 16th May 7pm – Bristol Concert Wind

Band presents “Music from the Adverts”.

Please note the earlier start time.

Tickets £10 at the door; Under 18s Free

Saturday 9th May, 1.30-4pm Sea Mills Flower and Craft Show at St Edyth's Church, BS9 2HU

Lots of exhibits, variety of creative and informative stalls, lovely refreshments, musical entertainment! Please come, and please enter!

Deadline for entries 4 pm Wednesday 6th May!

Entry forms downloadable

from bit.ly/SMFCSSchedule or email seamillsflowershow@gmail.com if you prefer.

For your prayers: Maureen M, Muriel V, John C, Peter L, Ian H, Genevieve, Dot, Sue S, Owen T, Paul, Jean E, Kate, Pam, Marilyn, Ron B, Lucy.

From our Parish Prayer list for May

Ermine Way, Barrow Hill Crescent, Barrow Hill Rd, Corston Walk, Chelwood Rd, Fairford Rd, Portbury Grove, Portbury Walk, St Mary's Rd, St Mary's Walk, Orchard Crescent, Priory Gardens, Penlea Court, Old Barrow Hill, Beachley Walk, Kilminster Rd, Old Park Rd, Meadow Grove, Watling Way, Antona Court, Antona Drive, West Town Rd, Shirehampton Primary & Nursery School and Autistic Unit, Jim o'neil House, Antona Court, Granville Lodge, Beachley Walk Centre & Nursery.

Vicar: Revd Alison Sowton – 324 5582 / 0773 971 2548 – revalison@stmarysshire.org
Churchwarden & Safeguarding: Sharon Viney 0779 5800 366 safeguarding@stmarysshire.org
Youth Worker: Amy Boucher youthminister@stmarysshire.org **Ops Manager:** Gosia ops@stmarysshire.org
Head Verger: Jill Eynon – 982 4349 **Organist:** Tim Forder 923 5895
Church Office: 9077026 **email:** stmarysshirehampton@outlook.com Work hours: Tues to Thurs 9.30am – 4pm

Voluntary	Bouree from Fireworks music	G F Handel
Hymns	Be thou my vision	
	In Christ alone	
	Beauty for brokenness	
Communion	The Call	Stuart Beer
	Open the eyes of my heart	
Voluntary	Trumpet tune and peal	
	H Purcell	arr Pearsall

Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Prayer after Communion

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.**

Acts 7: 55 - 60

⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’ ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.

John 14: 1 - 14

14 ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ ⁵Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ ⁶Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’ ⁸ Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ ⁹Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

6th Sunday of Easter – Sunday 10th May

First Reading: Acts 17: 22 - 31

Gospel Reading: John 14: 15 - 21