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# St Mary's Link



ST MARY'S  
SHIREHAMPTON

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026

“ and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops ”

## 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

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>** 10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** 10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

**Wedn'day 24<sup>th</sup>** 10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>** 11am Holy Communion Service  
Rev Alison Sowton

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** 10am – 2pm Hot Drinks & Welcoming Space with food available (grant-funded).  
**WELCOME**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>** 10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>** 10:30am – Worship for All with Baptism  
Rev Alison Sowton



**A big thank you** to everyone who made a donation to this year's Christian Aid Week. Also a big thank you to Stephen Simmons for his hard work with the collection tin. We raised £220.35 to help the world's poorest people.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 3pm @ St Mary's Shirehampton Dance Explosion** – a local dance show featuring young people for ConfiDANCE Clubs. Donations upon entry and profits raised from refreshments will be split between ConfiDANCE Clubs and 'Rosey in Gaza' (a grass roots organisation providing food, clothing and children's activities to the children of Gaza). Cakes, sweets & drinks on sale during the interval. Come and join us!



**Could you be our New Community Connector?** St Mary's Church Shirehampton is looking for a passionate and approachable Community Connector to help build and strengthen connections across our community, including those on the margins who may feel isolated or overlooked. The role is for 16 hours per week (2.5 year contract with the possibility of further funding beyond this). If interested, please contact Rev Alison Sowton for an informal conversation or an application pack on [office@stmarysshire.org](mailto:office@stmarysshire.org)  
**Closing Date: 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026**  
*This post is subject to safer recruitment procedures and an occupational requirement that the successful applicant is a practising Christian.*  
An advert can be found on the back noticeboard.



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

## From our Parish Prayer list for June

Priory Road, Walton Road, Church Leaze, Bradley Crescent, Bradley Avenue, Pembroke Avenue, Pembroke Road, Hampton Corner, Waverley Road, Severn Road, The Health Centre



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<b>Voluntary Hymns</b>	Invocation Come down O love divine Make me a channel of your peace God's spirit is in my heart	Basil Harwood
<b>Communion</b>	Author of life divine 10,000 reasons	Richard Shepherd
<b>Voluntary</b>	Praeludium no3	Joseph Haydn

**Collect**  
Gracious Father,  
by the obedience of Jesus  
you brought salvation to our wayward world:  
draw us into harmony with your will,  
that we may find all things restored in him,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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.**

### **Romans 6: 1b - 11**

6 What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

### **Matthew 10: 24 – 39**

<sup>24</sup> 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup> 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

<sup>36</sup> and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

<sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10: 40 - end