



To give to St Mary's

# St Mary's Link



ST MARY'S  
SHIREHAMPTON

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026

"But to what will I compare this generation?"

## This week



**10:30am** – Sung Eucharist  
Rev Alison Sowton



**3pm** – Dance Explosion  
A local dance show featuring young people from Confidance Clubs.  
*More details opposite.*



**5 – 6pm** at St Andrew's Church  
Avonmouth  
*Note: There is no Deeper in August*

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>** **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>** **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

**Wedn'day 8<sup>th</sup>** **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

**Mothers' UNION** **2pm** – Mothers' Union at church

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>** **11am** Holy Communion Service  
Rev Tina Hodgett

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

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>** **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning



**12 – 2pm** – Pop Up Skills Day  
*Come teach a skill to others or learn a new skill.*

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>** **8:30am** Rise & Shine  
'Mary's Munchies' Breakfast



**10:30am** – Holy Communion  
Rev Alison Sowton

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 3pm @ St Mary's Shirehampton Dance Explosion** – a local dance show featuring young people from 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!

## Cool Space

We plan to keep the church building open until 4pm during the hot spell next week, where people can utilise the shade and sit for a while. Cold drinks (water/squash) will be available and children are welcome to use the play area. The cold drinks are free.



**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 12 – 2pm** – Pop Up Skills Day – do you have a skill you would like to teach? Come along and teach your skill! Would you like to learn a new skill? Then come along and try out things such as sign language, craft & more. A sign-up sheet for skills teaching is at the back of church. All welcome.

**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.

**Recently deceased:** Please pray for the family and friends of Richard Hyde (Doreen's son). A Thanksgiving Service for his life takes place here on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 2:15pm.

### From our Parish Prayer list for July

Station Road, St Bernard's Road, Park Road, Avonwood Close, Bucklewell Close, Woodwell Road, Cedar Row, The Public Hall and Library, St. Bernards School.



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<b>Voluntary Hymns</b>	Two short pieces Jesus shall reign I danced in the morning Meekness and Majesty	Samuel Wesley
<b>Communion Final hymn</b>	Just as I am	(choir sing)
<b>Voluntary</b>	Teach me to dance to the beat Hornpipe	G F Handel

**Collect**  
Almighty God,  
send down upon your Church  
the riches of your Spirit,  
and kindle in all who minister the gospel  
your countless gifts of grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,  
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance,  
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **Romans 7: 15 – 25**

<sup>15</sup> I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!  
So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

## **Matthew 11: 16 – 19, 25 - end**

<sup>16</sup> 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,  
<sup>17</sup> "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn."  
<sup>18</sup> For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; <sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'  
<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.  
<sup>28</sup> 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

### **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

First Reading: Romans 8: 1 - 11

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23