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ST MARY'S SHIREHAMPTON

2nd Sunday before Advent **Sunday 15th November 2026**

" Therefore encourage one another and build up each other "

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 Duncan Jennings

Monday 16th **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Tuesday 17th **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning



3:30-5:30pm Winter Pop Up with family board games, lego building, play area and refreshments

Wed 18th **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

1pm Memorial Service for Edna Canby

Thursday 19th **11am** Holy Communion Service
Rev Duncan Jennings

Friday 20th **10am – 2pm** Hot Drinks & Welcoming Space with food available (grant-funded).

Saturday 21st **10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

Sunday 22nd

10:30am – Worship for All with Holy Communion
Rev Duncan Jennings
Amy Boucher

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 Fayre
We need your help to make the fayre a success and would love donations of:

- Pre-loved items (good condition)
- Teddies (can be pre-loved, in good condition)
- New toiletries/tins and non-alcoholic bottles for the tombola
- Chocolate and sweets for the tombola
- Cakes to sell on the day (please include an ingredients list)
- Books in good condition
- Alternatively, you may wish to sponsor a stall
- Volunteers to help set up, run stalls & clear away

Any help or donations are greatly appreciated, thank you.

Sunday 29th November 4pm Christingle Service

Sunday 13th December 6pm – Candlelit Carol Service

Wednesday 16th December 6 – 7pm Carols by Disco Light

Monday 21st December 7pm Longest Night Service

Advent flyers are now available to pick up.

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.

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

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	Pie Jesu from Requiem	G Faure
Hymns	Among us and before us	
	Be thou my vision	
	Blessed be your name	
Communion	Loving shepherd of thy sheep	P Ledger
Final Hymn	I the Lord of sea and sky	
Voluntary	Minuetto from "Dix Pieces"	E Gigout

Collect:
Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post Communion Prayer:
Lord, we have broken your bread and received your life. By the power of your Spirit keep us always in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

1 Thessalonians 5: 1 – 11

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything
written to you. [2]For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the
night. [3]When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as
labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! [4]But you, beloved, are not in
darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5]for you are all children of light and children of the day;
we are not of the night or of darkness. [6]So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep
awake and be sober; [7]for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.
[8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a
helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through
our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.
[11]Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25: 14 - 30

[14] 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;
[15]to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he
went away. [16]The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and
made five more talents. [17]In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.
[18]But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his
master's money. [19]After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.
[20]Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying,
"Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." [21]His master said to
him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in
charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." [22]And the one with the two talents also came
forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." [23]His
master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things,
I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." [24]Then the one who had
received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping
where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; [25]so I was afraid, and I went and
hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." [26]But his master replied, "You wicked and
lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?
[27]Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received
what was my own with interest. [28]So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.
[29]For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who
have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30]As for this worthless slave, throw him into the
outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Christ the King – Sunday 22nd November

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 31 - end