



# St Mary's Link



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023

ST MARY'S  
SHIREHAMPTON

“Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.”

## Upcoming Diary

### TODAY



**9:45am** – Combined Family Service with Holy Communion  
Rev Alison Sowton

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>



**9am** – Morning Prayer

**12 – 2pm** ‘Warm Place’ at Tithe Barn – with soup & bread served from midday.

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

**10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning at St Mary's

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>

**10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning at Tithe Barn

**7.30pm** – PCC meeting at the Tithe Barn

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

**11am Holy Communion**  
Rev Alison Sowton

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

**10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning at Tithe Barn

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>

**10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning at St Mary's

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>



**8.30am** – Rise & Shine – breakfast and short service for families



**10.30am** – Holy Communion  
Rev Alison Sowton

## Winter Months' Opening Times for Refreshments

Day:	Time:	Where:
Mondays	12pm - 2 pm	Tithe Barn
Tuesdays	10am - 12pm	St Mary's Church
Wednesdays	10am - 12pm	Tithe Barn
Fridays	10am - 12pm	Tithe Barn
Saturdays	10am - 12pm	St Mary's Church

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm** – West Bristol Concert Band Winter Concert.

Entry costs £5 or £3 for concessions, payable at the door.



**Mission Giving 2023** – we are reviewing the charities we support and aim to choose 1 local, 1 national and 1 international charity as our focus.

We would like your help with suggestions and we will select from your proposals.

**Thanks** to everyone who supported Christian Aid by joining in the carol singing and by donating, helping the world's poorest people. A total of £209.01 was raised.

**Shirehampton Area Choir** – rehearsals begin on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February for a performance on Easter Saturday.

**For your prayers:** Janet S, Maureen M, Sheila S, Julie M, Talia, Susan B, Mary D, Eileen C, Alexandra, Logan, Jaxson, Larry.

**Recently deceased** – please pray for the families of Jean Edmonds and Tom Goslin.

### From our Parish Prayer list for January – Cotswold South

Wellington Mews, Cottonwick Close, Station Road, Nibley Road, Myrtle Drive, Cerney Lane, Evenlode Gardens, Burford Grove, Northleach Walk, Riverside Close, Gower Court, Stow House, Avon Autistic Foundation.



**Vicar:** Revd Alison Sowton – 330 3452 / 0773 971 2548 – revalison@stmarysshire.org  
**Churchwardens:** Mrs Anne Ford – 982 1675; Mr Richard Powell – 07929 028 777  
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**Church Office:** 9077026 **email:** [stmarysshirehampton@outlook.com](mailto:stmarysshirehampton@outlook.com) **Organist:** Mr Tim Forder 923 5895  
 Work hours: Mon to Thurs 9.30am – 2.30pm

**Voluntary** Berceuse Rosentraum

**Hymns & Music**

Thank you Lord for this new day  
For I'm building a people of power  
Give me joy in my heart  
One way

**Voluntary** Capricho Catalan I Albeniz

**Collect**

God of all mercy,  
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,  
release to the captives,  
and freedom to the oppressed:  
anoint us with your Holy Spirit  
and set all your people free  
to praise you in Christ our Lord. **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**

**1 Corinthians 1: 10 - 18**

**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God\* that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**Matthew 4: 18 - 23**

<sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.