



To give to St Mary's

St Mary's Link



Candlemas

" for my eyes have seen your salvation "

This week



Monday 2nd

10:30am – Sung Eucharist
Rev Alison Sowton

5 – 6pm Deeper at St Andrew's Avonmouth - *informal worship*

9:30am Morning Prayer

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

Tuesday 3rd

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

Wednesday 4th

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning



Thursday 5th



Friday 6th

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



Saturday 7th

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

Sunday 8th



10:30am Goldies at St Mary's

7:15 – 9pm Rooted Bible Study

11am Holy Communion Service
Rev Duncan Jennings

6pm Shirehampton Area Choir rehearsal

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

10:30am – Holy Communion
Rev Alison Sowton

Sunday 1st February 2026



AVONSIDE MISSION AREA

Sunday 1st February 5-6pm @ St Andrew's Avonmouth
Sunday 1st March 5-6pm @ St Edyth's Sea Mills

An opportunity to have more time and space to continue cherishing God's presence, bringing worship and prayer to the Lord in an informal setting. Gathering in the round with song booklets, with guitar/piano, with our Bibles and with expectant hearts...

Shirehampton Area Choir rehearsals for the Easter Saturday service begin on Friday 30th January at 6pm.

In preparation for delivery of new chairs, we are asking that any family kneelers are collected, so if there are any kneelers here that you or family members have a connection with, please could you collect them as soon as you are able? Thank you.

Monday 16th February 7:30pm

West Bristol Concert Band Winter Concert.
Bring friends and family for a relaxed and enjoyable evening of live music. £5 on the door, children free.

If you would like to join our **Electoral Roll**, please speak with Alison to find out more and to collect a form for your completion. Joining the roll is a way to confirm your commitment to the church community and to take part in its governance.

ALFA Christian Community

Drop-ins every Wednesday, 2:30 - 4:30pm
at Fulligrove House, Woodwell Road, BS11 9UG and all are welcome.

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

From our Parish Prayer list for February

Dursley Road, Coaley Road, Hung Road, Churchdown Walk, Charlbury Walk, Stroud Road, Kemble Gardens, Winchcombe Grove, Woodwell Road, Valerian Close, The Cotswold Community Centre.



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Voluntary Hymns	Pastorale	W B Haynes
	When morning gilds the sky	
	Make way make way	
	King of glory King of peace	
Communion	When Mary came to the temple	
	Come people of the risen King	
Voluntary	Prelude and fugue in A minor BWV551	
	J S Bach	

Collect:
 Lord Jesus Christ,
 light of the nations and glory of Israel:
 make your home among us,
 and present us pure and holy
 to your heavenly Father,
 your God, and our God.
Amen

Prayer after Communion:

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son
 that love is the fulfilling of the law:
 grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hebrews 2: 14 - end

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Luke 2: 22 – 40

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
 according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Racial Justice Sunday – Sunday 8th February