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ST MARY'S
SHIREHAMPTON

16th Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 5th October 2025

"we have done only what we ought to have done"

This week



'Refresh' – social action from home

10:30am – Sung Eucharist
Rev Alison Sowton

Monday 6th

9:30am Morning Prayer

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning

Tuesday 7th

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning



7:30pm Shire Area Choir rehearsals
for the Christmas concert

Wed'sday 8th

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning
Please note the Prayer Hub is no longer running.

Mothers' UNION

2pm Mothers' Union at Tithe Barn

Thursday 9th

11am Holy Communion Service
Rev Josh Bradshaw

Friday 10th

WELCOME

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

Saturday 11th

10am – 12pm Coffee Morning
*Including informal crafting group &
dressing of the Harvest altar (please
come along if you wish to help)*

Sunday 12th



10:30am – Harvest Service
Worship for All
(no Mary's Munchies today)
Rev Alison Sowton
Rev Josh Bradshaw
Amy Boucher
Please stay after the service for a
Bring and Share Lunch and to hear
the results of the Spud Bud
competition (don't forget to bring your
entry!).

Sunday 12th October Harvest Festival followed by a
Bring & Share lunch.

Donations of non-perishable food items to Bristol North
West Foodbank. A poster at the back of church shows
their most-needed items.

Saturday 18th October 7pm Concert featuring Bristol
Male Voice Choir & Swansea Male Voice Choir

Tuesday 21st October 6 – 7:30 pm Glow Celebration
for primary school children & their families.

A reminder that if you purchase items online, it is
possible for donations to be made to this church by
using the **easyfundraising** platform at no additional
cost to you. To set up:

1. Visit easyfundraising.org.uk and search for
St Mary's Shire, then click 'Support this cause'.
Create your own easyfundraising account.
2. Via easyfundraising, search for your retailer
(there are over 4,500 that participate).
3. Click 'Shop now' to visit the retailer's website
then shop as normal. The retailer will give a free
donation to St Mary's Shire.

Wednesday 22nd October 7pm (light refreshments in
Cote Café from 6pm) - St Monica Trust organ recital
with world renowned organist Thomas Trotter at their
chapel in Cote Lane, BS9 3TN. Tickets £8 can be
purchased online [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/organ-
recital-with-world-renowned-organist-thomas-trotter-
tickets-1577607720159?aff=oddtcreator](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/organ-recital-with-world-renowned-organist-thomas-trotter-tickets-1577607720159?aff=oddtcreator)

Bookings are now being taken for the **Foodbank's Eat
Well Spend Less Cookery course** taking place over 6
weeks on Tuesdays 9.30am – 12 noon between 14th
October to 16th November. Poster at back of the church.

ALFA Christian Community – drop-in resumes on
Wednesday 8th October at Fulligrove House,
Woodwell Rd. BS11 9UG. All welcome.

For your prayers: Maureen M, Maureen G, Muriel V, John C, Peter L, Ian H, Genevieve,
Dot, Sue S, Owen T, Sheila S, Claire B, Paul, Lyn S, Andi P, Derek, Trevor, Janet S, Jean E.

From our Parish Prayer list for October

The Lawns, Sedgewick House, Barwick House, Penpole Park, Oaktree Court,
The Ridge, Clifford Gardens, Wood View, Grainger Court, Hermitage Close,
Penpole Avenue, Mead Close, Penpole Place, Sunnyhill Drive, The Orchards.



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Hymns Be still for the presence of the Lord
Dear Lord and Father of mankind
Amazing Grace
I will offer up my life

Collect
Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers 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**

2 Timothy 1: 1 - 14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Luke 17: 5 – 10

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' ⁶ The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

⁷ 'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!" '

Harvest Thanksgiving – Sunday 12th October

First Reading: Philippians 4: 4 - 9

Gospel: John 6: 25 - 35