



To give to St Mary's

# St Mary's Link



ST MARY'S  
SHIREHAMPTON

**Baptism of Christ**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

“ He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire “

## Upcoming Diary

TODAY



**8:30am** Rise & Shine 'Mary's Munches' Breakfast



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

**4.45 – 5.30pm** Songs of Praise Cafe at the Community Centre, Dursley Rd, BS11 9XH. All welcome.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30am** Morning Prayer  
**10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>**

**10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning



**1:30-3:30pm** Bereavement Course at St Edyth's Church, Sea Mills. Bookings must be made in advance.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>**

**11am** Holy Communion Service  
Rev Duncan Jennings

**PCC MEETING**

**7pm** PCC meeting at Tithe Barn

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>**



**10am – 2pm** Hot Drinks & Welcoming Space. Hot food available in the afternoon, grant-funded.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>**

**10am – 12pm** Coffee Morning

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>**



**8:30am** Rise & Shine 'Rooted Life Group' – a safe space to explore faith and life over coffee and breakfast pastries



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

## AVONSIDE MISSION AREA

Avonmouth - Lawrence Weston - Sea Mills - Shirehampton - Stoke Bishop

All ASMA churches are invited to join at St Edyth's for an extended time of prayer for our upcoming joint Alpha course and the year ahead.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - Pastries from 8:30am, prayer 9 - 11am**

For more information please contact Liz Fry on 07932 503 724.

There is a free Alpha Taster Session at St Edyth's Church on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January from 7 to 8.45pm. Flyers are available at the back of the church with more information.



**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm** – West Bristol Concert Band will be holding their Winter Concert here at St Mary's. Entry costs £5 or £3 for concessions, payable at the door.



**Launching in February 2025 – our new service 'Rooted'**

Explore Faith – Deepen Community – Grow Together  
**First Wednesday of each month 6 – 7pm**

This new service is designed for those who are seeking to explore and deepen their understanding of the Christian faith. We will celebrate the rhythms and seasons of life in a welcoming and informal service which will be in a modern praise and worship style.

**ALFA Drop-ins** – every **Wednesday, 2.30-4.30pm** at **Fulligrove House, Woodwell Road, BS11 9UG.**

**Garden Cream Tea with various activities, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2.30-4.30pm**, at Fulligrove House Garden, Woodwell Road, BS11 9UG. Indoors if cold or wet with an optional garden quiz. All welcome.

**For your prayers:** Janet S, Maureen M, Sheila S, Julie M, Solveig G, Vicki C, Sue S, Maureen G, Graham, June B, Michael C, Owen, Muriel V, Eileen M, Yadira, John C, Peter L, Ian H Norma W.

### From our Parish Prayer list for January

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

**Churchwarden:** Mrs Anne Ford – 982 1675

**Head Verger:** Mrs Jill Eynon – 982 4349

**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** Epiphany Prelude and interlude  
Alan Bullard

**Hymns** O worship the Lord in the beauty of  
holiness  
Let all the world in every corner sing  
Will you come and follow me

**Communion** Far away what splendour comes this way  
J Baptiste Lully

**Hymn** Rejoice Rejoice Christ is in me

**Voluntary** St Edmund Carillon Malcolm Archer

**Collect**

Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your  
Son:  
may we recognize him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved  
children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
**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**

**Acts 8: 14 - 17**

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22**

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

**Second Sunday of Epiphany – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 1 - 11

Gospel: John 2: 1 - 11