



Welcome to St Mary's Church

Following Christ, serving you

SUNDAY SERVICES 29th September 2024

8.00am

HOLY COMMUNION

10:15am

PARISH COMMUNION

**Anthem: Give Us the Wings of Faith
(Bullock)**

Hymns: 377, 246, 401, 179

6:00pm

EVENING PRAYER

MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading – Genesis 28:10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

Second Reading – Revelation 12:7-12

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, ‘Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!’

Gospel Reading – John 1:47-end

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’ Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’ And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray for all preparing for baptism and marriage, those who are sick or in hospital, and those who have died, and all who mourn.

Church Diary

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

Monday 9:15am - Morning Prayer
Wednesday 10:00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 6th October – Harvest Festival
8:00am – Holy Communion
10:15am – All Sorts Parish Communion
6:00pm – Evening Prayer

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

to help you prepare to worship next Sunday

Joel 2:21-27 | Matthew 6:25-33

Parish news and notices

FACULTY NOTICE – David Watkins is applying for a faculty to introduce a memorial on his grandfather's grave. Details of the proposed work are available on the noticeboard in the History corner.

CALLING ALL BUDDING PHOTOGRAPHERS! Janet Burton would like more photographs to go on the cover of The Lychgate, preferably ones which showcase aspects of the community, rather than the church. So stroll around Long Ditton and snap away! Photographs should be sent to her please: janetpb15@gmail.com.

CAKE SALE TODAY after the 10:15am service (in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support).

Please buy a cake/cakes to support this very worthwhile charity. There will also be a 'Guess the Weight of the Cake' competition (£1 a go). All proceeds will go towards a very worthwhile charity.

EXTRA SLEEP OUT - 1st Long Ditton Guides are participating in an Extra Sleep Out to support the Kingston's Big Sleep Out in October 2024. Please give what you can and sponsor them for sleeping out in St. Marys Church & Community Hall on a cold autumn night to raise funds to support KCAH, Kingston's homelessness charity since 1993. Sadly, homelessness has risen 30% locally in the past year alone, with people sleeping rough in and around Kingston town centre every night. The Guides will be sleeping out for one night to make sure that other people don't have to! Please give what you can to help this worthy cause

QUIZ NIGHT SATURDAY 5th OCTOBER 6.30pm at Long Ditton Parish Hall

Tickets £10 each - contact Joanne Hall joanne-h@hotmail.co.uk or Diana Jemmett diana.e.jemmett@gmail.com or order through Eventbrite on the church website (stmaryslongditton.org.uk). Maximum 8 people per team. Bring your own food, drinks, glasses and money for the raffle. Always a fun evening, so start swotting up now!

HARVEST FESTIVAL will be celebrated next Sunday, 6th October. Please bring donations to any of the services that day (dried/tinned goods only please, e.g. tea/coffee/pasta/rice/cereal/soup). These will be taken to a local Women and Children's Refuge. Thank you!

NEXT BOOKBOX will be on **Wednesday, 16th October at 8:00pm in the Community Hall** – Matthew Taylor will talk about the incredible story of enslaved African-Americans who found freedom fighting for Britain in the Royal Navy during the war of 1812. His book *Black Redcoats* will be available to order from The Regency Bookshop. £10 tickets will be available from Regency Bookshop and Eventbrite.

FILM FRIDAY on 18th October at 2:00pm in the Community Hall – The film being shown is the 2011 romantic comedy-drama SALMON FISHING IN THE YEMEN (with Ewan McGregor, Emily Blunt and Kristin Scott Thomas). All are welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards. For more details contact Joanne Hall on: 07771 711006 or joanne-h@hotmail.co.uk.