



Welcome to St Mary's Church

Following Christ, serving you

SUNDAY SERVICES 7th June 2026

8.00am

HOLY COMMUNION

10:15am

PARISH COMMUNION

Anthem: Holy, Holy, Holy (Schubert)

Hymns: 622, 432, 591, 548

6:00pm

EVENING PRAYER

1ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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.

PRAYER FOR GROWTH AND RENEWAL

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions and power to our witness. Help our church, St. Mary's, to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community of Long Ditton, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading – Romans 4:13-end

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written,

'I have made you the father of many nations') - in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of 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

Wednesday 10:00am – Holy Communion at LDSM
Canon Richard Truss presiding

Sunday 14th June 2026 – 2nd Sunday after Trinity Sunday
8am – Holy Communion
10.15am – Parish Communion
Rev. William Allberry presiding
6:00pm – Evening Prayer

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Exodus 19:2-8a | Romans 5:1-8 | Matthew 9:35-10:8 [9-23]

Parish news and notices

The next **BOOKBOX** will be taking place on **WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE AT 8PM in the Community Hall. MERLE NYGATE**, author of espionage thrillers, will talk about her latest book, *'The protocols of Spying'*, which touches on the Middle East conflict, British intelligence and the shadow war that weaves them together with tradecraft, betrayal and the human cost of intelligence work.

The next **WALK AND TALK** is in **Richmond Park on Sunday 14th June – further details TBC.**

These walks are free and open to everyone who wishes to get some fresh air and meet new people. Dogs, children, friends, neighbours – all are welcome and there is no need to book your place, please just turn up and say hello! You'll need some walking shoes and suitable clothing if the weather looks a bit changeable. Parking at most walks is free. Car sharing from St Mary's Church, Long Ditton is available but please call Felix on 07977 112920 to arrange a lift.

FILM FRIDAY - 19TH JUNE AT 2PM in the Community Hall. The film being shown is the 2016 British war comedy **DAD'S ARMY** with a stellar cast including Toby Jones, Bill Nighy, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Ian Lavender, Tom Courtney and Michael Gambon. All are welcome (no charge) and refreshments are served afterwards. For more details contact Joanne Hall (020 8398 5637).

Another date for your diary: **SATURDAY, 4TH JULY AT 8PM** there will be a performance of **THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK** by **The Songbirds & Friends** at St Mary's Church. This is a fundraiser for St. Mary's. Tickets are £15 each – please call Janet Burton on: 07810 810822 or email: janetpb15@gmail.com. You can also pay on the door. Janet also has posters and flyers for anyone who would like them.

CHURCH BBQ - SATURDAY 18TH JULY AT 12:30PM in the Community Hall Play Area. Cost: £5 per adult, no charge for children. Bring your own drinks and glasses. We need to know how many people are coming, so there is a sign-up list at the back of the church. (Please also indicate on the form if you are a vegetarian or have any other dietary requirements).