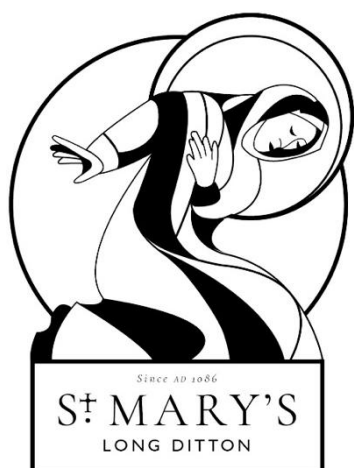




Welcome to St Mary's Church

Following Christ, serving you

SUNDAY SERVICES 25th October 2026

8.00am

HOLY COMMUNION

10:15am

PARISH COMMUNION

Antem: God Be in My Head (Rutter)

Hymns: 515, 321, 612, 585

6:00pm

EVENING PRAYER

BIBLE SUNDAY

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 – Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 24:30-35

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

Monday 9:15am – No Morning Prayer

1:30pm – Funeral of Janet Boulting RIP

Revd Alison Baverstock presiding

Wednesday 10am – Holy Communion

Revd Carole Bourne presiding

Friday 11:00am – Funeral of Jean Mellow RIP

Revd Alison Baverstock presiding

Sunday 1st November – All Saints' Day

8am – Holy Communion

10.15am – Parish Communion with Holy Baptism

4pm – All Souls' Service of Memories

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1 John 3:1-3 | Matthew 5:1-12

Parish news and notices

LADIES – SAVE THE DATE – Wednesday, 2nd December – for a ‘Ladies’ Meal Out’ at The Angel Pub. Details to follow in due course.

The charity **READING FORCE**, founded by Revd Alison Baverstock in Aldershot in 2011, connects military families (including veterans) through shared-reading. On **Armistice Eve, Tuesday 10th November**, they are hosting a very special evening in the **Prince Consort’s Library in Aldershot**. Valerie Singleton OBE and Janet Ellis MBE (both ex-*Blue Peter*) will read from a specially selected programme of poems and prose related to war. We will have musical interludes provided by the Lord Lieutenant for Surrey’s trumpeter. Just 60 places are available. A link to secure a ticket can be found on Eventbrite: [A special celebration on Armistice Eve Tickets, Tuesday, November 10 * 6 PM - 7:30 PM | Eventbrite](#) or by emailing alison@readingforce.org.uk.

FRIENDSHIP LUNCH Friday 6th November at 1pm - join us for a delicious two course lunch followed by tea or coffee, and why not bring a friend or two with you as everyone is welcome! If you would like to join us and/or have any dietary requirements, just let us know before Wednesday 4th November. Please contact either Diana Jemmett (020 8398 1184) or Hilary (Billy) Lach (07532 004460), or add your name to the sign-up list on the notice board in the History corner at the back of the church. We look forward very much to welcoming you and any others you may bring along, but please do let us know that you intend to join us.

CAKE SALE on Sunday 15th November. Please bring cakes for selling (large or small) and money for buying.

The next **BOOKBOX** will on **Wednesday, 18th November at 8:00pm in the Community Hall** – Steve Owens from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission will outline the creation of the Imperial War Graves Commission, the development of memorials and cemeteries, before moving on to outline the Commission’s work around the world today. He will include stories relating to those buried locally, of which St. Mary’s provides some first-class examples.

FILM FRIDAY 22nd November at 2.00pm in the Community Hall. The film being shown is the Alfred Hitchcock directed 1954 mystery thriller 'REAR WINDOW' with James Stewart and Grace Kelly. All are welcome to attend and enjoy refreshments afterwards. For more details contact Joanne Hall 020 8398 5637.