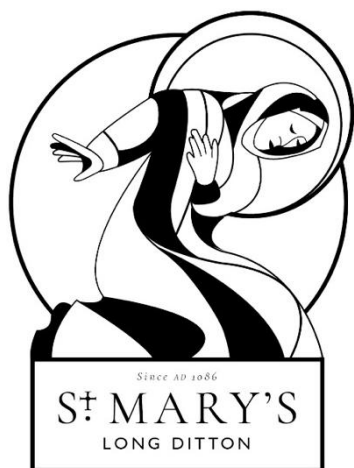




Welcome to St Mary's Church

Following Christ, serving you

SUNDAY SERVICES 19th July 2026

8.00am

HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Tom Musson presiding

10:15am

PARISH COMMUNION

With Holy Baptism of Zara Pegna

Rev. Tom Musson presiding

Anthem: Ave Verum Corpus (Elgar)

Hymns: 444, 515, 376, 267

6:00pm

CHORAL EVENSONG

Introit: Holy is the True Light (Harris)

Anthem: Te Lucis/Evening Hymn
(Gardner)

Psalm 67, Hymns: 612, 430

Postlude: War March of the Priests
(Mendessohn)

7TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 – Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

Second Reading - Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my

barn.” Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he 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.
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Church Diary

Monday 9:15am – LDI End of Term Assembly

1:30pm - LDSM End of Term Assembly

Wednesday 10:00am – Holy Communion

Revd. Carol Bourne presiding

Saturday 2:30pm – Wedding of Sam Vallings and Henrietta Gibbons

Sunday 26th July – 8th Sunday after Trinity Sunday

8am – Holy Communion

10.15am – Parish Communion

6:00pm – Evening Prayer

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1 Kings 3:5-12 | Romans 8:26-end | Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Parish news and notices

100 CLUB - The results of the July draw for the 100 Club were as follows:

1st Prize: No. 22

2nd Prize: No. 48

3rd Prize: No. 51

Congratulations to all the winners. The next draw will take place on **Sunday, 2nd August in St. Mary's Community Hall** after the 10:15am service. Good luck to everyone – but especially to those who have not won anything from the 100 Club this year!

Do join us on **Sunday, 2nd August at 6:00pm for a celebration of Hymns and Pimms**. A new event in which we ask members of the congregation to nominate a favourite hymn, say why, and then we all sing it. A wonderful opportunity to resurrect hymns that have been overlooked or celebrate much loved favourites. There will be an opportunity to make a donation to support your favourite hymn or carol. All followed by Pimms served by our wonderful Social Team.

Please join us for a **PET BLESSING SERVICE on Sunday, 13th September at 4:00pm**. If your pet is too shy or you are worried about bringing them to church, then please come along with a photo of your pet. All are welcome.

The next **BOOKBOX** will be taking place on **WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER at 7:30pm in the Church**. **Andre Lownie** - distinguished publisher, literary agent and author - will talk about his book **'Entitled: The Rise and Fall of the House of York'**.