



# Welcome to St Mary's Church

*Following Christ, serving you*

## SUNDAY SERVICES 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**8.00am**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**10:15am**

**PARISH COMMUNION**

**Anthem: O Thou the Central Orb**

**(Wood)**

**Hymns: 606, 181, 241, 530**

**Postlude: Choral - Improvisation on 'Now  
Thank We All Our God' (Karg Elert)**

**6:00pm**

**EVENING PRAYER**

## PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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 – Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

## **Gospel Reading – Luke 1:46-55**

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

## **Post Communion Prayer**

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

<p><b>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.</b></p>
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## **Church Diary**

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

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – Holy Cross  
8:00am – Holy Communion  
10:15am – Parish Communion with Baptism of Sienna Guiver  
4:00pm – Pet Blessing Service

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS  
Numbers 21:4-9 | Philippians 2:6-11 | John 3:13-17

## Parish news and notices

A **PET BLESSING SERVICE** is being held **next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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!**

Our next **BOOKBOX** will be on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 8:00pm** – **Tim Harrison**, Editor of 'The Good Life', will be speaking about *101 Things You Didn't Know about Richmond Park*. Walled in by Charles 1<sup>st</sup> in the 1630s, so that he could hunt deer, Richmond Park is the largest Royal Park, contains 130,000 trees and has 700 deer, but here are 101 facts that you **didn't** know about the 2,360-acre space on our doorstep!

The next **FILM FRIDAY** is on **19<sup>th</sup> September at 2:00pm in the Community Hall**. The film being shown is the 2025 biographical drama **MR BURTON** about the early life of Welsh actor Richard Burton (with Harry Lawtey, Toby Jones and Lesley Manville). All are welcome to attend and enjoy refreshments afterwards. Contact Joanne Hall for more details (020 8398 5637).

**CAKE SALE in aid of MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> September**. Please bring cakes for selling and money for buying, to raise funds for this very worthwhile charity.

**Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness (KCAH)** have a number of events coming up to raise awareness for their mission and to raise funds:

**Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 4:00pm-7:00pm - Open Day at All Saints Church, Kingston**. An opportunity to see the work of KCAH and meet the team.

**Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 6:30pm-11:00pm – KCAH Live** at Ram Jam Records, Kingston  
An evening of live music and community in support of the KCAH mission.

**Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> October from 3:30pm at St. Peter's Church Hall, Kingston – A Mile in Their Shoes**.

A sponsored walk to raise awareness of the daily realities face by those without a home.

**ST. MARY'S QUIZ NIGHT – 6:30pm on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> October at Long Ditton Village Hall**. Bring your own food/drink/glasses and money for the raffle. £10 a ticket from Joanne Hall (020 8398 5637/email [joanne-h@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:joanne-h@hotmail.co.uk)) or Diana Jemmett (020 8398 1184/email [diana.e.jemmett@gmail.com](mailto:diana.e.jemmett@gmail.com)). Maximum 8 per team. Start swotting up now!