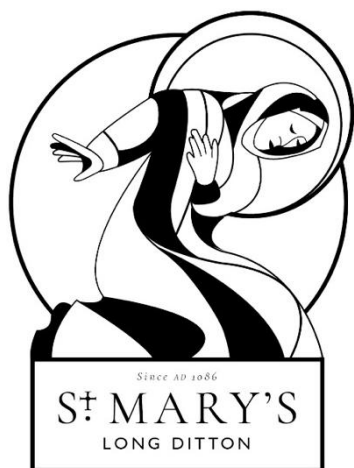




Welcome to St Mary's Church

Following Christ, serving you

SUNDAY SERVICES 2nd August 2026

8.00am

HOLY COMMUNION

10:15am

PARISH COMMUNION

Hymns: 555, 515, 278, 455

6:00pm

HYMNS & PIMMS

9TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ - I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit - I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet 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.
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Church Diary

Wednesday 10:00am – Holy Communion

Revd. William Allberry presiding

Sunday 9th August – 10th Sunday after Trinity Sunday

8am – Holy Communion

Revd. Miranda Ransi presiding

10.15am – Parish Communion

Revd. Miranda Ransi presiding

6:00pm – Evening Prayer

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Romans 10:5-15 | Matthew 14:22-33

Parish news and notices

Do join us **this evening at 6:00pm for a celebration of Hymns and Pimms**. A new event in which we have asked members of the congregation to nominate a favourite hymn, say why, and then we all sing it. This promises to be a very enjoyable event. We have received some wonderful hymn choices, some well-known, others less so. All followed by Pimms served by our wonderful Social Team.

ALPHA COURSE starting **Thursday 3 September 8pm at the Rectory**, 5 Church Meadow for five weeks. Alpha is a series that explores the basics of the Christian faith. All are welcome. Here are some quotes from people who have previously done the Alpha course at St Mary's:
I enjoyed the social and relaxed atmosphere of the meetings and the open discussions of Christianity. (Sue)
Although the guy talking in the videos was too smooth, the course certainly impressed me, and I did learn quite a lot. (Gerda)

I went into the Alpha Course feeling unsure, but the gentle, discussion-based format helped me relax and explore faith without pressure or performance. Alpha became a space where my relationship with God felt clearer, calmer, and more personal. I would highly recommend this course. (Lucy).

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**. **Andrew Lownie** - distinguished publisher, literary agent and author - will talk about his book ***‘Entitled: The Rise and Fall of the House of York’***.