



Welcome to St Mary's Church

Following Christ, serving you

SUNDAY SERVICES 15th March 2026

8.00am

HOLY COMMUNION

10:15am

PARISH COMMUNION

Anthem: Lord for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake (Farrant)

Hymns: 530, 487, 253, 497

Postlude: Voluntary in G Op 5 No. 3 (Stanley)

6:00pm

CHORAL EVENSONG

Introit: Looke Downe O Lord (Byrde)

Psalm 23

Hymns: 413, 206

Anthem: Lord Let Me Know Mine End (Greene)

Postlude: Fantasia in D Minor (Byrd)

MOTHERING SUNDAY

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 – I Samuel 1:20-end

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only - may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

Second 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 – John 19:25-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through 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

Monday 9:15am – Morning Prayer

Wednesday 10:00am – Holy Communion

Friday 11:30am – Funeral of Colin Burge RIP

Sunday 22nd March 2026 – 5th Sunday of Lent

8am – Holy Communion

10.15am – Parish Communion

6pm – Evening Prayer

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Ezekiel 37:1-14 | Romans 8:6-11 | John 11:1-45

Parish news and notices

100 CLUB

The results of the March 100 Club draw are as follows:

1st Prize: No. 45

2nd Prize: No. 38

3rd Prize: No. 87

Congratulations to all the winners. The next draw will take place on Sunday, 5th April – Easter Sunday! Good luck to everyone!

FILM FRIDAY 20th March at 2:00pm in the Community Hall. The film being shown is the 2024 comedy-drama 'The Penguin Lessons' (with Steve Coogan and Jonathan Pryce). All are welcome and refreshments are served afterwards. For more details contact Joanne Hall on 020 8398 5637.

WANTED – SOMEONE TO DELIVER A FEW LYCHGATE MAGAZINES.

We would be so grateful to anyone who could deliver 27 Lychgate Magazines to Ditton Reach, off Portsmouth Road. We deliver every two months, and the houses have short front gardens, which makes it an easy round to do. Anyone interested, please contact Val at: val.a.tanner@gmail.com



ST MARY'S LONG DITTON

PALM SUNDAY

8am Holy Communion
10.15am Parish Communion
6pm Evening Prayer

MAUNDY THURSDAY

8pm Holy Communion and Tenebrae

GOOD FRIDAY

12pm The 3 Hour Service
join us for all or part of the service

EASTER DAY

8am Holy Communion
10.15am Parish Communion
followed by Easter Egg Hunt