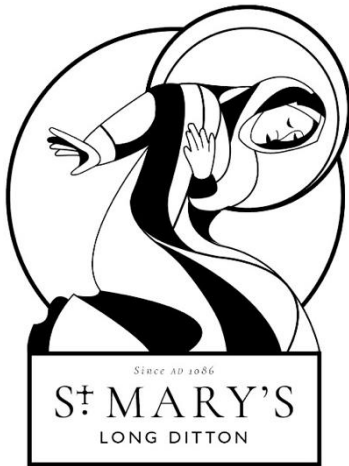




Welcome to St Mary's Church

Following Christ, serving you

SUNDAY SERVICES 9th August 2026

8.00am

HOLY COMMUNION

Revd. Miranda Ransi presiding

10:15am

PARISH COMMUNION

Revd. Miranda Ransi presiding

Hymns: 380, 413, 422, 170

6:00pm

EVENING PRAYER

10TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?”’ (that is, to bring Christ down) ‘or “Who will descend into the abyss?”’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’

Gospel Reading – Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, ‘It is a ghost!’ And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, ‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.’ Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’ When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; 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

Wednesday 10:00am – Holy Communion

Revd. Carole Bourne presiding

Thursday 11:00am – Funeral of Sheila Minter RIP

Friday, 12:00pm – Burial of Ashes of Judith Williamson RIP

At Long Ditton Cemetery

Sunday 16th August – 11th Sunday after Trinity Sunday

8am – Holy Communion

Canon Richard Truss presiding

10.15am – Parish Communion

Canon Richard Truss presiding

6:00pm – Evening Prayer

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 | Matthew 15:[10-20], 21-28

Parish news and notices

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'**.