



Welcome to St Mary's Church

Following Christ, serving you

SUNDAY SERVICES 11th May 2025

8.00am

HOLY COMMUNION

10:15am

PARISH COMMUNION

**Anthem: The Lord is My Shepherd
(Goodall)**

Hymns: 145, 594, 149, 311

6:00pm

EVENING PRAYER

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading – Acts 9:36-end

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Second Reading – Revelation 7:9-end

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Gospel Reading – John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; 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

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

Monday 9:15am – Morning Prayer
Wednesday 10:00am – Holy Communion
Rev'd William Allberry presiding

Sunday 18th May 2025 – 5th Sunday of Easter
8:00am – Holy Communion
10:15am – Parish Communion
12 midday – Annual Parochial Church Meeting
6:00pm – Choral Evensong

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

to help you prepare to worship next Sunday

Acts 11:1-18 | Revelation 21:1-6 | John 13:31-35

Parish news and notices

THE DITTONS FAIR – Sunday 11th May 1pm onwards Churches Together in the Dittons will be hosting a **PRAYER SPACE** and **PLANT CRÈCHE**.

This year marks the **80th Anniversary of Christian Aid** and as we begin **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** please make your gift using an 'e-envelope' <https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2025/st-marys> that Katharine Lankey our Christian Aid co-ordinator has set up. Collection buckets will also be available at the back of Church. The money raised during **Christian Aid Week** funds projects all over the world. With your support, more families can build reliable and diverse incomes that bring them food security, better health, safer homes, increased resilience and hope.

Our **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** is on **Sunday 18th May midday in Church**. We have vacancies for two Church Wardens and four members of the Parochial Church Council. Nomination forms are at the back of church.

LADIES NIGHT OUT! The ladies are invited to a curry night at The Red Rose in Surbiton on **Thursday, 15th May at 7:00pm**. Please contact Joanne (joanne-h@hotmail.co.uk) or Diana (diana.e.jemmett@gmail.com) by Monday, 12th May if you would like to come.

FILM FRIDAY 2:00pm on Friday 16th May in the Community Hall. The film being shown is the 2005 black comedy **KEEPING MUM** starring Rowan Atkinson, Kristin Scott Thomas, Maggie Smith and Patrick Swayze. All are welcome to attend and enjoy refreshments afterwards. For more details, contact Joanne Hall (020 8398 5637).

Our next **BOOKBOX** is on **Wednesday 21st May at 8pm** – Dr. Richard Milburn MBE will speak about how to bring an end to the \$20Bn per year illegal wildlife trade, which threatens thousands of species with extinction. Based on his new book 'Killing the Trade', Richard will speak about what drives the illegal wildlife trade and how we can bring it to an end, sharing examples from over a decade of work in the sector, including helping to protect gorillas in the Democratic Republic of Congo and elephants Zambia. The book will be available to order from Regency Bookshop.

100 CLUB – The 100 Club draw for May took place in St. Mary's Community Hall on Sunday, 4th May. The results were as follows:

1st Prize: 71

2nd Prize: 40

3rd Prize: 67

Congratulations to all the winners!

The next draw will take place in St. Mary's Community Hall after the 10:15am service on Sunday, 1st June. Good luck to everyone, but especially to those who haven't won a prize so far this year!