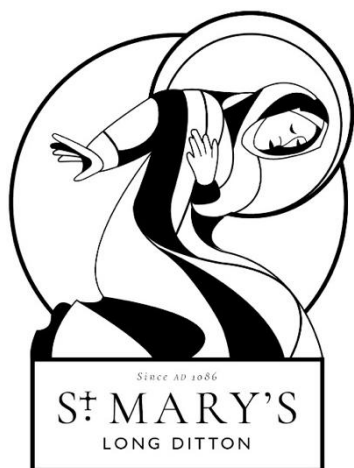




Welcome to St Mary's Church

Following Christ, serving you

SUNDAY SERVICES 12th July 2026

8.00am

HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. William Allberry presiding

10:15am

PARISH COMMUNION

Rev. William Allberry presiding

Anthem: Tantum Ergo (Bruckner)

Hymns: 444, 515, 376, 267

6:00pm

EVENING PRAYER

6TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 – Isaiah 55:10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Second Reading - Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit^[a] is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! 'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name 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.

Church Diary

Wednesday 10:00am – Holy Communion
Canon Richard Truss presiding

Sunday 19th July – 7th Sunday after Trinity Sunday
8am – Holy Communion
Rev. Tom Musson presiding
10.15am – Parish Communion with Baptism of Zara Pegna
Rev. Tom Musson presiding
6:00pm – Choral Evensong

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 44:6-8 | Romans 8:12-25 | Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

CHORAL EVENSONG MUSIC

Introit: Holy is the True Light (Harris)
Hymns: We Have a Gospel to Proclaim (612)
Forth in Thy Name O Lord I Go (430)
Neary Responses,
Brewer Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis
Te Lucis/Evening Hymn (Gardner)

Parish news and notices

There will be a **SUNDAY STROLL** after this morning's service, leaving the Church at **12:00pm**. Car sharing is available. This will be a 3-mile walk along the towpath at Hampton Court. All are welcome including friends, family, children, dogs etc. A gentle stroll that lasts around an hour. No need to book, just turn up at the Church at 12:00pm and say hello. For further details call Felix on: 07977 112920.

EMLY DEANERY GATHERING – A special service will be taking place on **Tuesday, 14th July at Holy Trinity Church, Claygate**, organised by Bishop Paul. It runs from **7:30pm-9:00pm**. All are welcome to attend.

The next **BOOKBOX** will be taking place on **WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY AT 8pm in the Community Hall**. **SARAH QUAIL**, historian and a former Mayor of Chichester, will talk about her work in local government and her explorations as a social historian particularly focussing on women's suffrage, and her links to St. Mary's.

FILM FRIDAY – 17th JULY at 2:00pm in the Community Hall. The film being shown is the 2025 biographical drama *H IS FOR HAWK* starring Claire Foy and Brendan Gleeson. Everyone is welcome to attend and refreshments are served afterwards. For more details contact Joanne Hall (020 8398 5637).

CHURCH BBQ - SATURDAY 18TH JULY AT 12:30PM in the Community Hall Play Area. Cost: £5 per adult, no charge for children. Bring your own drinks and glasses. We need to know how many people are coming, so there is a sign-up list at the back of the church. (Please also indicate on the form if you are a vegetarian or have any other dietary requirements). **SIGN UP IS BY 15TH JULY AT THE LATEST**. Alternatively, to book a place phone Joanne Hall (020 8398 5637) or Diana Jemmett (020 8398 1184) before that date.