



# Welcome to St Mary's Church

*Following Christ, serving you*

## SUNDAY SERVICES 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024

8.00am

**HOLY COMMUNION**

10:15am

**PARISH COMMUNION**

With Holy Baptism of Zara Keen

Anthem: Ave Maria (Bruckner B4)

Hymns: 606, 241, 433, 530

4:00pm

**PET BLESSING SERVICE**

Hymns: 250, 251

Postlude: Toccata for organ in the

French style on 'How Much is that doggy in the window' (Doughty)

## PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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.

### First Reading – Isaiah 61:10-end

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

## **Second Reading – Galatians 4:4-7**

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

## **Gospel Reading – Luke 1:46-55**

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

## **Post Communion Prayer**

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; 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**  
**12:00pm – Funeral of Lorna Smith RIP**  
**Wednesday 10:00am – Holy Communion**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity Sunday**  
**8:00am - Holy Communion**  
**10:15am – Parish Communion**  
**6:00pm – Evening Prayer**

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

to help you prepare to worship next Sunday

**Isaiah 50:4-99 | James 3:1-12 | Mark 8:27-end**

## Parish news and notices

**PET BLESSING SERVICE at 4:00pm today.** 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!**

**CHURCHYARD TIDY-UP** – Peter and Judith Topp will be giving the churchyard an early autumn tidy-up on **Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September from 10:00am** for a couple of hours. The work involves collecting up fallen wood, dead heading, clearing ivy off monuments, cutting back overgrown shrubs etc. and they would love to have some assistance. All welcome! Do come and join in. For more details please email: [peter.topp2@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.topp2@btinternet.com) or ring 07973 751719.

**BOOKBOX on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September at 8:00pm in the Community Hall** – Respected author **Bashir Sakhawarz** offers us a searing and vivid account of the life of Deeba, an Afghan woman who faces insuperable odds as she and her family live through decades of foreign invasions and power struggles, from the Soviet Union, Mujahideen, to the British and American forces. *Escape from the Taliban: One Woman's Experiences in Afghanistan* is a riveting read. Copies will be available to order from Regency Bookshop. £10 tickets are now available from Regency Bookshop and Eventbrite.

**FILM FRIDAY on 20<sup>th</sup> September at 2:00pm in the Community Hall** – the film being shown is the 2019 comedy-drama **MILITARY WIVES** (with Kristin Scott Thomas and Sharon Horgan). Refreshments will be served afterwards. For more details please contact Joanne Hall on: 020 8398 5637 or email [joanne-h@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:joanne-h@hotmail.co.uk)

**CAKE SALE on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> September after the 10:15am service (in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support).** Please bring cakes for selling and money for buying – all proceeds will go towards this very worthwhile charity.

**QUIZ NIGHT SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 6.30pm at Long Ditton Village Hall**  
Tickets £10 each - contact Joanne Hall [joanne-h@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:joanne-h@hotmail.co.uk) or Diana Jemmett [diana.e.jemmett@gmail.com](mailto:diana.e.jemmett@gmail.com) maximum 8 people per team. Bring your own food, drinks, glasses and money for the raffle. Always a fun evening, so start swotting up now!