



Welcome to St Mary's Church

Following Christ, serving you

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

10.15 am PARISH COMMUNION

Hymns: 250, Bind us together Lord, 453, 442

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Collect for 6th Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.

1st Reading – Acts 10: 44-end

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

2nd Reading – 1 John 5: 1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for

whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Reading – John 15: 9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

SUNDAY SERVICES

8am Holy Communion

10.15am Parish Communion

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

to help you prepare to worship next Sunday

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end | 1 John 5: 9-13 | John 17: 6-19

Weekly News Letter

CLEANING & FLOWER ROTA I am still looking for volunteers to join either the Flower Rota or the Cleaning Rota.

The more people we have on the list the longer gap between duty dates/weeks coming up. Please consider joining us.

I am willing to answer any questions concerning the requirements!

It would be lovely if you joined the team and helped us as an extra pair of hands. Please contact Tessa 020 8398 4807 or by mail tessa.vallings@btinternet.com

CHURCHYARD TIDY-UP Peter and Judith Topp will be tidying up the churchyard on Saturday 8th May morning from 10am for a couple of hours. The work involves collecting up the debris that falls off the trees, clearing ivy, weeding, etc. and they would love to have some socially distanced assistance. Do come and join in. For more details email peter.topp2@btinternet.com or ring 07973 751719.

100 CLUB The 100 Club draw for May took place in the churchyard after the 10.15 service on 2 May.

The following membership numbers are winners!!

1st Prize: No. 22

2nd Prize: No. 20

3rd Prize: No. 11

Congratulations to all the winners! The next 100 Club draw will take place on Sunday 6th June.

Good luck to everyone.