



Pew Sheet for 20 July 2025

A warm welcome to everyone

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Please come into the hall for refreshments after the 09:30 service.

Collect:

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns:

- 89** O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
- 470** I the Lord of sea and sky
- 490** Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
- 384** Be still my soul
- 455** Guide me O thou great redeemer

Although there is no formal collection during the offertory hymn, please feel free to make a contribution to the work of St. Mary's either in the Treasury box at the back of church, or using the card reader, also at the back of church. Thank you.

Readings:

Colossians 1: 15-28

The Supremacy of Christ

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in ^[a] him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in ^[b] him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled ^[c] in his fleshly body ^[d] through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

Paul's Interest in the Colossians

²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations

but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Luke 10: 38-42

Jesus Visits Martha and Mary

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing. ^[a] Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Post-communion prayer:

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly
quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 17th July - 2.30pm THURSDAY CLUB: We meet again on Thursday in the Church Hall for a social afternoon of board games and refreshments. Everybody is very welcome. Any queries please contact Judith via the Parish Office.

Saturday 19th July - The Women's Group will be meeting at 3pm (please note the change from our normal time) when we will be having afternoon tea in Carla's garden. Please meet at 2.45pm in the church car park to share lifts. Also, please let us know if you will be coming and if you have any dietary requirements. We hope the sun will shine for us but if it is wet we will meet in the church hall. Any queries please contact Christine.

Are you free on a Friday morning once a month? Would you be willing to make the refreshments for the **Toddler Group**? Extra help would be appreciated so if you are interested to know more, please speak to Christine Clarke.

Sunday 14th September - 11am. Join us for a special **Thanksgiving Service for our Pets and their friendship to us** here at **St Mary's Church, Cuddington**. Bring your beloved pets - great and small - for a joyful time of thanksgiving, prayer, and blessing. This family-friendly service celebrates God's creation and our companionship with animals. If you are coming along with pets, please keep them with you all the time. All are very welcome.

The social committee has also planned some dates for our diaries: -
Parish BBQ - Sunday 7th September.

Quiz Night - Saturday 25th October ***Enquiries: Sara & Daphne***