



Pew Sheet for 10 August 2025

A warm welcome to everyone attending the 9.30am service

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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

Collect:

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns:

- 497** Let all the World in every corner Sing
- 368** All my hope in God is founded
- 435** Glorious things of thee are spoken (1st tune)
- 496** Lead us heavenly father Lead us
- 453** Great is thy faithfulness

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:

Hebrews 11:1-3

The Meaning of Faith

11 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith^[a] our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

Hebrews 11:8-16

The Faith of Abraham

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.^[a] ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Luke 12:32-40

³² 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Watchful Slaves

³⁵ 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he^[a] would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Post-communion prayer:

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 10th August - for your information, there will be a baptism held directly after the 9.30am service.

September Knit and Natter dates - Monday 1st September 7.30pm, Wednesday 10th September 10.30am in the Leverton Room.

Enquiries Kate Nowak.

Sunday 7th September the annual Church barbecue will be held at 12 after the morning service. If you would like to attend, then please pay £5 on the day. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church for contributions to the barbecue. Salads and puddings are most welcome! Enquiries Sara Tomlin

Saturday 13th September is HERITAGE OPEN DAY from 11am to 5pm. We will be offering refreshments to visitors during that time. If you are able to help for just an hour it would be most appreciated. Please sign the sheet at the back of church or speak to Christine Clarke.

We are planning an exhibition marking the 130th anniversary of the opening of the present church building and a small display about '2,000 years of architecture in Cuddington and Worcester Park'. Please invite friends and neighbours, and do come along and enjoy the displays, to the accompaniment of some organ music. Enquiries to David Rymill.

Sunday 14th September – 3pm. 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 the below -

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