



Pew Sheet for 26 October 2025

A warm welcome to everyone attending the 9.30am service

The Last Sunday after Trinity

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

Collect:

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns:

CP311	Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour
CP478	In heavenly love abiding
CP375	Amazing Grace
CP564	Restore in us O God
CP516	Love divine, all love excelling

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:

2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Luke 18.9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be

merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

Post-communion prayer:

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 2nd November – All Saints' and All Souls' Day

3.00 pm, Memorial Service of Comfort - A gentle service for all who wish to remember loved ones who have died, whether recently or long ago. There will be an opportunity to light a candle and hear the names of loved ones remembered during the service, if you wish.

6.00 pm Choral Service with special readings, hymns, and anthems led by the Choir - reflecting the meaning of this special day.

Monday 3rd and Wednesday 5th November - Knit & Natter - Monday 3rd 7.30pm and Wednesday 5th 10.30am both in the Leverton Room.

Saturday 8th November - Mayor Poppy Wreath Laying - at 12.40pm

the Mayor will arrive at St Mary's to lay a wreath (greeted by Rev Canon Dr Joshva Raja, Vicar of St Mary's & Cllr Graham Jones)

Sunday 9th November - Remembrance Day - 10.30 am Family Parade

Service joining with members of the Uniformed Organisations, as we remember those who gave their lives in the service of this country.

16th November - Safeguarding Sunday - 9.30 am Sung Holy

Communion service, focussing on creating safe spaces for all, in the church, family and community

Sunday 23rd November - Christmas Fair 11am to 2pm - In order to make this a success we really need some help with gift ideas. We would love you to make (or buy) Christmas decorations, craft items, Christmas-themed presents. Your creativity knows no bounds! We would also like donations of luxury food items, pet items or accessories, bottles (within date), gifts. Many thanks. [Enquiries to Sara Tomlin](#)

30th November is Advent Sunday and Gift Day - a conversation on Stewardship and gifts to the church and a conversation on mission strategies of St Marys after the service

30th November - 6.00 pm 'From Darkness to Light' A gentle, reflective service to begin Advent – the Season of Waiting. Led by Maggie

Advent Bible Study, 'Waiting in Uncertain Times'

1st December - Led by Jason

8th December - Led by Maggie

15th December - Led by Maggie and Jason

7.30 – 8.30pm, on Mondays in the Church Hall