



ST MARY'S

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Pew Sheet for 8 February 2026

A warm welcome to everyone attending today's services

The Second Sunday before Lent

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

Collect:

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns:

CP202	Holy Holy Lord
CP233	Jesus Calls Us
CP383	Be Still for the presence of the Lord
CP507	Lord of all hopefulness
CP453	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:

Romans 8 18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labour, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 6 25-end

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is

alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Post-communion prayer:

God our creator,
by your gift

the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour’s cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dates for your diary

1ST FEBRUARY TO 1ST MARCH - The annual revision of the Church Electoral Roll will take place between 1st February and 1st March. If you filled in an Electoral Roll Form in 2025 when the Roll was completely revised you do not need to complete another form.

If, however, you did not fill in a Roll form last year and wish to be on the Electoral Roll blank forms are available at the back of church. Completed forms should be returned to Paul Nowak.

WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2026 - Ash Wednesday 8.00 "Making Sense of Lent" - Monday Evening Series

Mondays 23 February, 2 March, 9 March, 16 March, and 23 March

- 7.30 pm - Tea and coffee in the Church Hall
- 7.45 pm - Session led by Maggie

All are very welcome.

Special Service

- Sunday 15 March, 9.30 am - Mothering Sunday
- Sunday 29 March, 6.00 pm - Special Service on the *Crucifixion* at St Mary's.

Holy Week Services (Monday–Thursday)

- 8.00 pm each evening - Holy Communion at St Mary's.

Good Friday (at the Church Hall unless stated otherwise)

- 10.00 am - Non-Eucharistic Service
- 12.00 - 3.00 pm - Meditative Liturgy of the Last Supper
- There will also be a workshop during the day. We will share more details here soon.

Easter Day

- 6.00 am - Easter Sunrise Service, followed by breakfast
- 8.00 am and 9.30 am - Regular Easter Day services

27TH SEPTEMBER 2026 - Confirmations will take place at St Mary's, hopefully led by Bishop Paul - we welcome anyone who wishes to be confirmed to register with Rev Joshva.