

Diary

Weds. 28th 10.30am CAMEO meets at Holy Spirit Church
 7pm Bellringing Practice at St. Mary's
 Thu. 29th 10am Holy Communion (CW) at Holy Spirit (tbc)
 Fri. 30th 4.30pm Rainbows meets at Holy Spirit Church
 5.40pm Brownies meets at Holy Spirit Church
 7pm Choir Practice at St. Mary's Church

Notices

- 1. Family Services.** At Holy Spirit the All-Age Worship services are usually on the first Sunday of each month at 11am. The next one is on Sunday 1st November. The monthly Family Services at St. Mary's, 'Catch the 9.15!', are on the 3rd Sunday of each month. The next one is on Sunday 15th November.
- 2. PCC Meetings.** The next meeting of the PCC at St. Mary's is at 7pm on Tuesday 10th November. The next meeting of the PCC at Holy Spirit is at 7pm on Wednesday 25th November.
- 3. Tabletop Sale.** The next monthly Tabletop Sale at The Church of The Holy Spirit is on Saturday 14th November, from 1pm – 3pm. Please contact Liz Nicholls on **07719959391** or email liznicholls@blueyonder.co.uk for more information.
- 4. Easy Fundraising.** Don't forget, when shopping on-line, to use www.easyfundraising.org.uk to raise some extra money for St. Mary's at no cost to yourself. We now have **32** people supporting us who have raised **£980.90** so far! Ask Andy King for more details. **(07708590704)**
- 5. Church News.** If you would like to be added to (or removed from) the weekly mailing list to receive the Church News and other messages via email, or to submit queries or notices for the Church News, please contact andy@saintmarys.org.uk.

Next Sunday

4th Sunday before Advent

1st November 2026

ALL SAINTS' DAY

St. Mary's:

9.15am Holy Communion (CW)

6.30pm Celtic Prayer

Isaiah 65: 17 – end,

John 6: 24 - 35

Holy Spirit:

11am All Age Worship

Carrie Tucker

Morning Readings: Revelation 7: 9 – end, 1 John 3: 1 – 3,
 Matthew 5: 1 - 12

Team Rector:

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Tamerton Foliot & Southway Team Ministry

25th October 2026

Last Sunday after Trinity

Bible Sunday

Today's Services

St. Marys

10am Holy Communion (CW)

Nehemiah 8: 1 – 4a, 8 – 12,

Colossians 3: 12 – 17,

(CAHON) 314, 310, 337, 332

6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

Ecclesiastes 11 & 12,

(CAHON) 382, 420, 580, 188

Team Service

Matthew 24: 30 - 35

Andy King

2 Timothy 2: 1 – 7

Psalms 119: 89 - 104

Holy Spirit

N.B. No service at Holy Spirit today

This morning we welcome Rev'd Alex Randle-Bissell, Plymouth City Dean, to preside at our Team Service.

Today the long Trinity season comes to an end. Its general theme has been the nourishing of Christian faith and discipleship. The image of spiritual 'nourishment' is highlighted today as we mark Bible Sunday.

Collect

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

Please remember in your prayers this week:

Those living in: Upland Drive, Moorland View, Abney Crescent, Oldlands Close, Eastcote Close, Colston Close. Our schools: Mary Dean Primary, Beechwood Primary, Oakwood Primary, Widewell Primary and other nursery schools. Notre Dame High School. Industry: All our businesses, pubs and shops. Southway Community Centre. Our Doctors' surgeries and other health care facilities. Our Uniformed organisations. All our Community workers.

First Reading Nehemiah 8: 1 – 4a, 8 – 12

¹ All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel.

² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁴ The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose;

⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.

¹⁰ Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

¹¹ So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' ¹² And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

Second Reading Colossians 3: 12 – 17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Reading Matthew 24: 30 - 35

³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

³² 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³ So also, when **(Continued on Insert)**

Coffee, Cake and Chat

A Community Group meets on the first Tuesday of each month in St. Mary's Church Hall from 10.30am to 12pm. It is a chance for anyone to come along for a coffee, some cake and a chat. The next one is on Tuesday 3rd November.

Tea and Cake

A social group meets at The Church of The Holy Spirit, Southway from 2pm – 4pm on the first Thursday of the month. The next one is on Thursday 5th November.

CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other)

Cameo meets for Bible Study on Wednesdays at The Church of The Holy Spirit, at 10.30am. The group meets again this Wednesday, 28th October.

Commemoration Of The Departed

There is a list at the back of St. Mary's Church, and in the foyer at The Church of The Holy Spirit, for you to add the names of those loved ones you would like to be remembered during the All Souls' Day services. These will be on Monday 2nd November at 10am at Holy Spirit and at 7pm at St. Mary's.

Exciting News for Rainbows and Brownies

Congratulations to Sarah who recently qualified as a Leader! Wonderful news for the 2nd Southway Rainbows and Brownies who meet each week (during term time) on Friday at Holy Spirit Southway Hall. There is always room for more members, so if you are interested or know someone who might be then you can contact Sarah via sarahfacer82@gmail.com

Rainbows are 4 - 7 year olds who meet from 4:30pm to 5:30pm.

Brownies are 7 - 10 year olds who meet from 5:40pm to 7:10pm.

They are also looking for enthusiastic volunteers to assist with the groups. Which group you assist and how many hours is up to you: for example, once a month, once every 8 weeks, or a couple of weeks in a row, depending on your availability. If you are interested, you will be asked to complete a DBS check and safeguarding training.

In the near future Sarah and the team hope to start/reopen Guides for 10 - 14 year olds!

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebboxes and leaflets are available again this year, in both Churches, for this year's Shoebox Appeal. Online boxes are also available - see the leaflet. Please help yourselves! Shoebboxes need to be returned to Church by Sunday 15th November. Please let Andy King know if you complete an online shoebox so we can keep count of our totals. andyk2802@gmail.com or 07708590704. Thank you.