ST MARY'S
CUDDINGTON

Pew Sheet for 25th October 2026

A warm welcome to everyone attending today's service

Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity

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

Collect:

Almighty God,
in whose service lies perfect freedom:
teach us to obey you
with loving hearts and steadfast wills;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns:

CP474	**Immortal, Invisible God only Wise**
CP390	**Blessed Assurance**
CP426	**Firmly I believe and Truly**
EWS11	**As We are Gathered**
EWS8	**A new Commandment**
CP621	**Who would true valour see**

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Readings

1 Thessalonians 2.1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Matthew 23 34-end

Therefore I send you prophets, sages, and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town, so that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. Truly I tell you, all this will come upon this generation.

'Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you, desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

Post-communion prayer:

Father of light,
in whom is no change or shadow of turning,
you give us every good and perfect gift
and have brought us to birth by your word of truth:
may we be a living sign of that kingdom
where your whole creation will be made perfect
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 6pm to 7pm four series of Faith Conversations focusing on Rowan Williams' book "Being Christian" - for those who wish to increase confidence in faith - Joshva and Jason in the Church Hall.

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER – 3pm There are still a few tickets left for the Ripieno Choir's wonderful Allhallowtide programme of Baroque music by J S Bach (*Jesu Meine Freude*), J C Bach and Heinrich Schutz's German Requiem at All Saints Weston Green, off Hampton Court Way. Styled **My Heart's Comfort** it is an intimate reflection and joyful affirmation in the face of mortality. Tickets from www.ripienochoir.org.uk

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER - Indian cooking demonstration and meal - **POSTPONING THIS EVENT**

SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER - All Saints Sunday Service at 9.30 am
SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER - All Souls Sunday Service at 4pm - a service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving remembering loved ones and giving thanks for their lives.

Sunday 8TH NOVEMBER - Remembrance Sunday 10.30 am service with uniformed organisations.
Sunday 15TH NOVEMBER - Safeguarding Sunday

Sunday 15TH NOVEMBER - 4 pm Youth Conversations with Martin Gerrard at the church Hall
Sunday 22ND NOVEMBER 9.30 am service - **Gift Day**
Sunday 22ND NOVEMBER - 6 pm Healing Service at St Mary Cuddington All are welcome.

SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER - Quiz Night - 7pm start tickets are now on sale at £10 each. Mark Hodge is the quizmaster, and a meal will be provided.

We are holding a raffle, so could you please bring any raffle prizes and leave them under the table at the back of the Church. Many thanks.

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER - HOMEMADE SUNDAY after morning service. Please start baking, making craft items, or growing plants in preparation for this. More details to follow.

PRAYER CHAIN. St Mary's has a group of people who pray especially for those who ask. Prayers are said for a week unless asked otherwise and are strictly confidential, not shared with anyone else. Should anyone wish for special prayers at any time those on the chain are - Joshva, Judith Round, Yvonne Daoud, Rod and Christine Clarke, Kate Nowak, Malcolm Coffey, Lia Chia, Saskia Harris, Annie Paul, Carole Brough, Jenny Snailham, Daphne Richardson, Olga Champ, Margaret Lelliot.

Each Sunday, following the 9:30am service, someone is available in St Mary's Chapel to listen, pray, and offer pastoral support.

The church is also open every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:30am to 12:00pm for anyone who would like to come in for quiet prayer, reflection, or simply to spend time in the presence of God. On Thursday mornings from 9am I join Rod to pray together at the Church using the Church of England morning prayers. All are welcome.

First and second Sunday of the month we have an 8am service - 1st and 8th November