

St Mary's Church, Handsworth

Sunday 5th July

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

11am Parish Eucharist

President & preacher: Revd Lizzie Longhurst (Rector)

Hymns

Entrance	733	The strife is o'er, the battle won
Gradual	66	Be thou my vision
Offertory	334	I heard the voice of Jesus say
Communion	219	Give thanks with a grateful heart
Final	811	What a friend we have in Jesus

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: *A reading from the book of Genesis:*

The servant who Abraham had sent said to Laban: ³⁴So he said, 'I am Abraham's servant. ³⁵The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. ³⁶And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. ³⁷My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; ³⁸but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son." ⁴²I came today to the spring, and said, "O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! ⁴³I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' ⁴⁴and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also'—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son." ⁴⁵Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." ⁴⁶She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she

For your Prayers

For all who are unwell at this time:

Pamela Swan, Keith Hemmings, Darren Fortnam, Bill Moodie, Kenmore Hall

For the recently departed:

Nicholas

Those whose years mind falls at this time:

*Jacqueline Babbs, Norman Oliver Rogers, Joan Nora Edmead,
Andrew William Aston*

*For all those who have been ordained deacon and priest during
this season of Peter-tide.*

*For the schools in and around the parish: St Mary's Academy, Cherry Orchard
School, Grove Primary School, King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar School, St
Clare's Roman Catholic Primary School, St Teresa's Roman Catholic Primary
School, & Handsworth Wood Girls' Academy*

This Week & Upcoming at St Mary's & the wider Handsworth & Winson Green Group

Wednesday 8th July

11.30am – Mid-Week Eucharist

Thursday 9th July

7pm – Admission of Churchwardens service at

St Hilda's Warley Woods

(269 Abbey Rd, Smethwick, B67 5NQ)

Friday 10th July

8.30am – Morning Prayer

Sunday 12th July

8am - BCP Holy Communion

11am – Parish Eucharist

Thursday 16th July

2pm - St Mary's Academy Year six leavers service

St Mary's Contact Information

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also watered the camels. ⁴⁷Then I asked her, “Whose daughter are you?” She said, “The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.” So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. ⁴⁸Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. ⁴⁹Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.’ ⁵⁸And they called Rebekah, and said to her, ‘Will you go with this man?’ She said, ‘I will.’ ⁵⁹So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. ⁶⁰And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, ‘May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.’ ⁶¹Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. ⁶²Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. ⁶³Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. ⁶⁴And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, ⁶⁵and said to the servant, ‘Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?’ The servant said, ‘It is my master.’ So she took her veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. ⁶⁷Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalm: *The liturgical deacon leads the psalm which is said antiphonally:*

Hear, O daughter; consider and incline your ear; •
forget your own people and your father’s house.

¹¹ **So shall the king have pleasure in your beauty; •
he is your lord, so do him honour.**

¹² The people of Tyre shall bring you gifts; •
the richest of the people shall seek your favour.

¹³ **The king’s daughter is all glorious within; •
her clothing is embroidered cloth of gold.**

¹⁴ She shall be brought to the king in raiment of needlework; •
after her the virgins that are her companions.

¹⁵ **With joy and gladness shall they be brought •
and enter into the palace of the king.**

¹⁶ ‘Instead of your fathers you shall have sons, •
whom you shall make princes over all the land.

¹⁷ **‘I will make your name to be remembered through all generations; •
therefore shall the peoples praise you for ever and ever.’**

Psalm 14.10-17

New Testament Reading: *A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:*

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans 7.15-25

Gospel: *Please turn to face the gospel as it is read from the central aisle.*

At that time Jesus said, ¹⁶‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, ¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”’ ¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’ ²⁵ At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30

Post Communion Prayer: Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Coffee/tea and biscuits served in the refectory
after this service.
All welcome!***
