

For the recently departed:

Nicholas Aston

Those whose years mind falls at this time:

Susan Madeline McGoverne

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**

Tuesday 14th July

9.15am – St Mary's Year Six leavers service

Wednesday 15th July

11.30am – Mid-Week Eucharist

Friday 17th July

8.30am – Morning Prayer

Sunday 19th July

8am - BCP Holy Communion

11am – Parish Eucharist

Thursday 23rd July

7pm – Deanery Synod at St Johns and St Peters Ladywood

Open to all, with the topic of climate change

Saturday 5th September

10am – 4pm – St Mary's ArtFest

Sunday 6th September

8am - BCP Holy Communion

11am – Parish Eucharist for the Patronal Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 12th September

12pm-3pm – Macmillan Coffee afternoon

In aid of Macmillan cancer support

Saturday 19th September

10am – 4pm – St Mary's Open Day for Birmingham Heritage Week

St Mary's Contact Information

The rector can be contacted via email at rector@handsworthstmary.org or by phone **07594731122 / 0121 7148 397**.

If you have any concerns about safeguarding at St Mary's please contact the Parish safeguarding officer on: safeguarding@handsworthstmary.org

St Mary's Church, Handsworth

Sunday 12th July

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

11am Parish Eucharist

President & preacher: Revd Lizzie Longhurst (Rector)

Hymns

Entrance	390	Jesus lives! thy terrors now
Gradual	144	Come ye thankful people come
Offertory	174	Father of heaven whose love profound
Communion	43	As the deer pants for the water
Final	541	O for a thousand tongues to sing

Collect: Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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:*

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²²The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the Lord. ²³And the Lord said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.' ²⁴When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. ²⁶Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. ²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. ²⁹ Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called

Edom.) ³¹Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' ³²Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' ³³Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Genesis 25.19-34

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

Your word is a lantern to my feet •
and a light upon my path.

¹⁰⁶ **I have sworn and will fulfil it, •
to keep your righteous judgements.**

¹⁰⁷ I am troubled above measure; •
give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

¹⁰⁸ **Accept the freewill offering of my mouth, O Lord, •
and teach me your judgements.**

¹⁰⁹ My soul is ever in my hand, •
yet I do not forget your law.

¹¹⁰ **The wicked have laid a snare for me, •
but I have not strayed from your commandments.**

¹¹¹ Your testimonies have I claimed as my heritage for ever; •
for they are the very joy of my heart.

¹¹² **I have applied my heart to fulfil your statutes: •
always, even to the end.**

Psalm 119.105-112

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

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because

of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Romans 8.1-11

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!'

¹⁸'Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

Post Communion Prayer: God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

For your Prayers

For all who are unwell at this time:

*Pamela Swan, Keith Hemmings, Darren Fortnam, Bill Moodie, Kenmore Hall,
Chris & Jenna, Eunice Moore*

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