

**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*

For the recently departed:

Nicholas Aston

Those whose years mind falls at this time:

*Ruth Daniel, Barbara Cutayar, Joy Hill, Irene Millicent Coward, Sidney Simkin,
Mercedes Herbert*

*For the schools in and around the parish: St Mary's Academy, Cherry Orchard
School, Grove Primary School, King Edvard 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 22nd July

11.30am – Mid-Week Eucharist

Thursday 23rd July

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

*(Open to all, with the topic of climate
change)*

Friday 24th July

8.30am – Morning Prayer

Sunday 26th July

8am - BCP Holy Communion

11am – Parish Eucharist

Saturday 30th August

Handsworth Group trip to Litchfield

Sunday 31st August

8am - BCP Holy Communion

Sunday 31st August cont.

11am – Parish Eucharist – Pulpit & Altar
swaps with the Handsworth Clergy

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 19th July

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

11am Parish Eucharist

President & preacher: Revd Lizzie Longhurst (Rector)

Hymns

Entrance	544	Oh God beyond all praising
Gradual	549	Oh God, you search me and know me
Offertory	317	How deep the Father's Love for us
Communion	561	O Lord hear my prayer
Final	574	O Praise ye the Lord

Collect: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish
us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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:*

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and
stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of
the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed
that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and
the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the Lord stood
beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God
of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and
your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to
the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of
the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you
and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will
not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' ¹⁶Then Jacob woke
from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!'
¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than
the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' ¹⁸So Jacob rose early in the
morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a
pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹He called that place Bethel; but the name
of the city was Luz at the first.

Genesis 28.10-19a

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

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; •
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**² You mark out my journeys and my resting place •
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

³ For there is not a word on my tongue, •
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

**⁴ You encompass me behind and before •
and lay your hand upon me.**

⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, •
so high that I cannot attain it.

**⁶ Where can I go then from your spirit? •
Or where can I flee from your presence?**

⁷ If I climb up to heaven, you are there; •
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

**⁸ If I take the wings of the morning •
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

⁹ Even there your hand shall lead me, •
your right hand hold me fast.

**¹⁰ If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me •
and the light around me turn to night,'**

¹¹ Even darkness is no darkness with you;
the night is as clear as the day; •
darkness and light to you are both alike.

**²³ Search me out, O God, and know my heart; •
try me and examine my thoughts.**

²⁴ See if there is any way of wickedness in me •
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139.1-11, 23-24

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

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸I consider

that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and 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. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Romans 8.12-25

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

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' ³⁷He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

Post Communion Prayer: Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**