

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

Wednesday 1st July

11.30am – Mid-Week Eucharist

Afternoon – School Visit

7pm - Understanding Hinduism with Rev Prof Ben Das
at Good News Asian Church

Friday 3rd July

8.30am – Morning Prayer

Sunday 5th July

8am - BCP Holy Communion

11am – Parish Eucharist

Thursday 9th July

7pm – Admission of Churchwardens service at
St Hilda's Warley Woods
(269 Abbey Rd, Smethwick, B67 5NQ)

Understanding Hinduism with Rev Prof Ben Das – Wednesday 1st July 7-9pm

Hinduism is a rich and complex system of beliefs and practices that is often misunderstood, or that people are very ignorant of. There are about 30,000 Hindus in Birmingham and this is an excellent opportunity to learn more about their faith and how we can speak about the love of Jesus to them more effectively.

Rev Ben Das is a tutor at the United Theological College in Bangalore and is in Birmingham as part of his sabbatical. He is an expert in Hinduism and is an excellent and engaging speaker. The event is on Wednesday July 1st from 7-9pm and will be at the Good News Asian Church, 46 Chapel St, Birmingham B21 0PA. It is open to church leaders and congregation members who want to learn more about Hinduism. There will be a talk and plenty of time for questions, along with very generous hospitality from the Good News Asian Church.

Change to the Rector's Rest Day

As many of you know that since coming here in 2024 my weekly day off has (normally) been Monday, from July this will be changing to Tuesdays. This will mean from the 6th of July you will be able get hold of me on a Monday, but I will not be contactable on Tuesdays.

Many thanks for your understanding about this change!

St Mary's Contact Information

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

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St Mary's Church, Handsworth

Sunday 28th June

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

11am Parish Eucharist

President: Revd Lizzie Longhurst (Rector)

Preacher: Ruth Cooper (Licensed Lay Reader)

Hymns

Entrance	238	God has spoken - by the prophets
Gradual	841	Ye Servants of God
Offertory	819	When I needed a neighbour
Communion	681	Such love
Final	772	Thy hand, O God, has guided

Collect: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, 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:*

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' ²He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' ⁶Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' ⁸Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. ⁹When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He

bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' ¹²He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' ¹³And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

Genesis 22.1–14

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

How long will you forget me, O Lord; for ever? •

How long will you hide your face from me?

² **How long shall I have anguish in my soul
and grief in my heart, day after day? •**

How long shall my enemy triumph over me?

³ Look upon me and answer, O Lord my God; •
lighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

⁴ **Lest my enemy say, 'I have prevailed against him,' •
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.**

⁵ But I put my trust in your steadfast love; •
my heart will rejoice in your salvation.

⁶ **I will sing to the Lord, •
for he has dealt so bountifully with me.**

Psalm 13

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

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented

your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. ²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6.12–23

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

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

Matthew 10.40–42

Post Communion Prayer: Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son 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

For the recently departed

Those whose years mind falls at this time:

James McDonald Carmichael, Peter Vincent Cattell, Doreen Pocock

For all those who were ordained deacon and priest last weekend.

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