

those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'
Matthew 14.22-33

Post Communion Prayer: God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through 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:

Keith Hemmings, Darren Fortnam, Bill Moodie, Chris & Jenna, Eunice Moore

For the recently departed:

Pamela Swan, Richard Baddeley, Johnathan Roggoff

Those whose years mind falls at this time:

Arline Barbara Day, Laurence Piper

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 12th August

11.30am – Mid-Week Eucharist

Friday 14th August

8.30am – Morning Prayer

Sunday 16th August

8am - BCP Holy Communion

11am – Parish Eucharist

Saturday 29th August

Handsworth Group trip to Lichfield

Sunday 30th August

8am - BCP Holy Communion

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

Sunday 30th August

8am - BCP Holy Communion

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 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.**

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St Mary's Church, Handsworth

Sunday 9th August

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

11am Parish Eucharist & Baptism

President & preacher: Revd Lizzie Longhurst (Rector)

Hymns

Entrance	36	And can it be that I should gain
Gradual	835	Will your anchor hold (R)
Offertory	822	When morning gilds the skies (R)
Communion	152	Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
Final	777	To God be the Glory (R)

Collect: Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ²This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. ¹² Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' ¹⁴So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, ¹⁵ and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' ¹⁶'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' ¹⁷The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan."' So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they

conspired to kill him. ¹⁹ They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' ²¹ But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' ²² Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; ²⁴ and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. ²⁵ Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed. ²⁸ When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt. *Genesis 37.1–4, 12–28*

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

O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; •
make known his deeds among the peoples.

² **Sing to him, sing praises, •
and tell of all his marvellous works.**

³ Rejoice in the praise of his holy name; •
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.

⁴ **Seek the Lord and his strength; •
seek his face continually.**

⁵ Remember the marvels he has done, •
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

⁶ **O seed of Abraham his servant, •
O children of Jacob his chosen.**

¹⁶ Then he called down famine over the land •
and broke every staff of bread.

¹⁷ **But he had sent a man before them, •
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.**

¹⁸ They shackled his feet with fetters; •
his neck was ringed with iron.

¹⁹ **Until all he foretold came to pass, •
the word of the Lord tested him.**

²⁰ The king sent and released him; •
the ruler of peoples set him free.

²¹ **He appointed him lord of his household •**

and ruler of all he possessed,

²² To instruct his princes as he willed •

and to teach his counsellors wisdom.

⁴⁵ **That they might keep his statutes •**

and faithfully observe his laws. Alleluia.

Psalm 105.1–6, 16–22, 45b

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

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!' *Romans 10.5–15*

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

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' ²⁸ Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹ He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And