

## DIARY DATES

*Please pray for our services and events today and during the week.*

### Monday 23 March

1.15pm Handbells Practice

7.30pm Bellringing Practice

### Tuesday 24 March

8.00am Morning Prayers at the Old Hospital

1.45pm Toddlers in church

### Wednesday 25 March

10.00—11.30am Coffee morning in church

7.30pm Homegroup: everyone welcome.

Please ask James & Lucy Rogers or  
Mike & Celia Jenkinson for more details

### Saturday 28 March

9.00 –10.00am Tea, Toast & Prayer

### Sunday 29 March Palm Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion (CW)



10.00am All Age Service including procession around the village.

### Monday 30 March

7:30pm Music for Holy Week with the Pilning Festival Choir at St Peter's Church, Pilning



Baptism of Jude Thaws to be held on Sunday 22 March 2026 at 12 noon.

Please pray for the family on this special occasion.

Please email items for this Notice Sheet to [office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk) by **12 Noon on Tuesday each week**. Our website, [www.almondsburychurch.org.uk](http://www.almondsburychurch.org.uk) includes the notice sheet, so all content will be on the web.

### Collect for Fifth Sunday in Lent

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The latest three Notice Sheets are normally available at [www.almondsburychurch.org.uk/notice-sheets/](http://www.almondsburychurch.org.uk/notice-sheets/)

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Bristol Diocese: Thursday and Friday

Rest Day: Saturday

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**Church Office opening hours.** Currently there are no set opening hours. We will aim to reply to emails within 48 hours Monday-Friday

## St Mary's Almondsbury Church News



Sunday 22 March 2026

# Wake me up!

### Bible Readings

Psalms 130

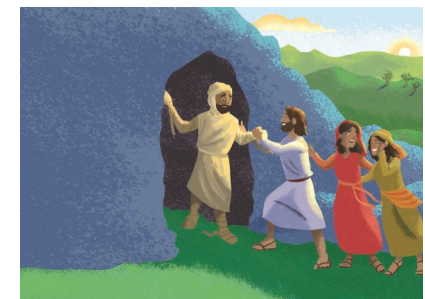
John 11.1-45

### 8.30am Holy Communion (CW)

Led by Anjali Kanagaratnam

### 10.00am All Age Service

Led by Hannah Roberts and Anjali Kanagaratnam



**Creating connections with God, each other and our community.**

## From the Vicar

### Support for Charities

I wanted to let you know that following a recent review, the PCC has agreed to a refocused approach to how we support charities as a church.

We'll continue supporting a few long-standing charities (through regular donations e.g. Remembrance Service, Christingle), but we'll also focus each year on two "charities of the year" — one local and one international. The aim is to help us build closer relationships with them and engage more fully as a congregation. This will be instead of the Charity of the Month.

Each charity will have a "champion" to keep us updated and help us think about how we can support them — through prayer, giving, and practical involvement. The church will also give regular donations to these charities through the year.

This year, the local charity we will be supporting is **Beloved**, supporting women working in the indoor sex industry in Bristol and the international charity is **Nobo Academy**, a school for Karen refugees on the Thai- Burmese border, administered by Christchurch, Bangkok.

We hope this will help us be more connected and intentional in our outward giving.

With thanks for your generosity,

Anjali

### Prayer for you or for others

If you would like someone to pray with you after a service, for anything concerning you in your life or someone else's, please speak to a Minister.

## YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING



**Do come and join us for a drink,  
cake & chat**

WEDNESDAYS 10-11.30am  
IN ST MARY'S CHURCH  
ALMONDSBURY

### Standing/Sitting During Worship

During worship we are invited to sit or stand. This is only an invitation. Please move or stay seated as works best for you as we worship God together.

### BABIES AND TODDLERS

Every Tuesday in term time 1.45pm until 3.15pm in Almondsbury Church. All parents, grandparents and carers with their babies and toddlers are welcome.



### Prayer requests

The PCC encourages us all to pray for....

1. Peace in areas of conflict
2. Appointment of a new Bishop of Bristol

## TEA, TOAST & PRAYER

Everyone is invited to join us for Tea, Toast & Prayer in the Church from 9.00am on Saturday 28 March. Praying from 9.30am. Please join us for this important time.



## Giving to Almondsbury Church

Please consider how much you should give to Almondsbury Church to help it fulfil its mission and to thrive.

If you can give regularly by standing order, that would be really helpful, but any one-off gift, large or small, is valuable

Standing Orders and one-off gifts can be set up using internet banking with payments made to Almondsbury PCC  
Sort Code 40-14-20, A/C No 21074598

You can also use the 'Giving Machine' at the back of church.

If you pay tax, please complete a Gift Aid Form (at the back of church) and this will add 25% to the value of your gift.

Full information is at [www.almondsburychurch.org.uk/giving](http://www.almondsburychurch.org.uk/giving)

Paul van Rossum, Church Treasurer.

### TUESDAY PRAYER

All are invited to a time of morning prayer every Tuesday morning at 24 Gloucester Road (Old Cottage Hospital). Arrive from 8am, pray from 8.15am-8.45am.

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The Church Wi-Fi password is: godisgood