

Part of Thy Kingdom Come and our Rhythm of Life

This May, you are invited to step into a nine day journey from the **15th to the 23rd** that weaves across the whole Diocese of Bristol—an adventure of prayer, story, and hope.

Walk with us on our Bristol Diocesan Pilgrimage 2026, as together we walk, pray, and sow seeds of God's kingdom in every corner of our diocese.

The Pilgrimage will stop at St Mary's, Almondsbury on the evening of **Wednesday 20th May**.

After a night in the church and breakfast, pilgrims will leave St Mary's for the next stage of the walk towards Henbury and Sea Mills.

St Mary's has been asked to provide an evening meal on the 20th, breakfast and showers on the 21st, please contact Lucy Rogers if you can help.

You can find more information or to reserve a spot to join the walk on the Diocese of Bristol website: details by scanning QR code below:-



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

Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

The latest three Notice Sheets are normally available at www.almondsburychurch.org.uk/notice-sheets/
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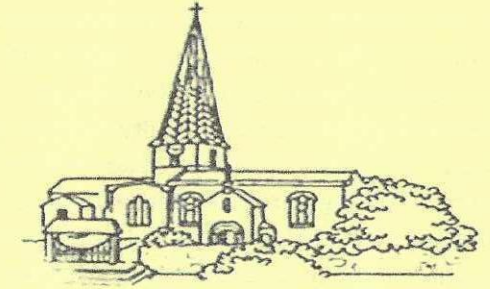
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Church Office opening hours. Currently there are no set opening hours. We will aim to reply to emails within 48 hours Monday-Friday

St Mary's Almondsbury Church News



In the community, for the community

Sunday 3rd May 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Water



Bible Readings

John 16:4b-15

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

Led by Anjali Kanagaratnam & Val Slade

10.00am All Age Communion

Led by Anjali Kanagaratnam & Val Slade

Knowing Jesus and making Him known

From the Vicar

Many of you will be aware that I have a diocesan role in racial justice alongside my parish role.

I have been leading a project that is exploring the future of All Saints Church on Corn Street, believed to be the burial place of Edward Colston. We completed the first stage of consultations last year focusing on the views of a range of key stakeholders. We are now looking to explore these findings further in a broader, second stage of consultations which will include three open focus groups that are open to all.

So, if you are curious about what I do in the other part of my role or want to find out more about this project and sign up to contribute to the discussion... you can find more information on the diocesan website: <https://www.bristol.anglican.org/news/all-saints-church-consultation-phase-two-announcement--have-your-voice-heard.php>

The Familiar Stranger

Our six-part sermon series on the Holy Spirit continues this week. It draws on the book 'The Familiar Stranger: (Re)introducing the Holy Spirit to those in search of an experiential spirituality' by Tyler Staton. The full series is:

19 April	The Familiar Stranger
26 April	Breath
3 May	Water
10 May	Dove
17 May	Simon and Nicodemus
24 May	The Way of Love

Copies of the book are available from Eden.co.uk or, including Kindle and Audio versions, from Amazon.co.uk. If you would like to look at a copy of the book before deciding please speak to Paul van Rossum

QR code for donations to St Mary's Church.
Thank you for your generosity.



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

Are you interested in coming to the New Wine Festival this year? 28 July - 2 August, 2026 at Bath Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallet. Find out more at <https://new-wine.org>. We are going but staying off site in Wells (rather than camping on site) and would love to meet up at the festival with any folk that are interested in visiting or staying. Pam and Paul

ENCOUNTER

All are Invited to an informal evening service in church with sung worship, time to pray and explore the Bible. We meet at 6.30pm on the first Sunday of every month, the next service is **tonight**.

BABIES AND TODDLERS

Every Tuesday in term time 1.45pm until 3.30pm 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

DIARY DATES

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

Sunday 3rd May

6.30pm Encounter Service

Monday 4th May

1.15-2.15pm Handbells Practice

Tuesday 5th May

8am Tuesday Prayer - Old Cottage Hospital

1.45 - 3.30pm Toddlers in church

Wednesday 6th May

10.00 - 11.30am Coffee morning in church

7.30pm Home Group - more details below

The annual revision of the church roll will take place between 3rd and 15th May. (See Form 2 displayed at the entrance to the church). Applications for membership should be made using the forms at the welcome desk, which can then be posted under the vestry door or sent electronically to Mike Jenkinson, at macjenkinson@gmail.com. Applications received after the 15th May will not be included in this year's revision.

WEDNESDAY HOME GROUP

This week's Home Group is at the Old Hospital. We are studying a series on Angels. Everyone is very welcome. For more information please speak to James or Lucy Rogers, or Mike or Celia Jenkinson.

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.

www.almondsburychurch.org.uk

The Church Wi-Fi password is: godisgood