

## DIARY DATES

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

**Monday 10th March 1.15pm** Handbells Practice

**Monday 10th March 7.30pm** Bellringing Practice

**Tuesday 11th March 8.00am** Morning prayers at the Old Hospital

**Tuesday 11th March 1.45pm** Toddlers

**Tuesday 11th March 7.30pm -9.30pm** PCC Meeting

**Wednesday 12th March 7.15pm** Lent Group

**Sunday 16th March 8.30am** Holy Communion (CW)

**Sunday 16th March 10.00am** All Age service

**Please refer to the website for the most up to date information**

*We are sorry to hear of the death of Patrick John Gerald Cottrell whose funeral will be held in church on Monday 10th March at 11.00am.  
Please pray for the family.*



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.

### Prayer

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

Please send **notice sheet items** to [office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk) by **12pm 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 internet unless requested otherwise.

### Collect for The first Sunday of Lent

**Holy God,  
our lives are laid open before you:  
rescue us from the chaos of sin  
and through the death of your Son  
bring us healing and make us whole  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

The latest Church Notice Sheet is always available at <https://almondsburychurch.org.uk/notice-sheets/> usually from the Friday before the Sunday to which it relates.

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Bristol Diocese: Thursday & Friday  
Rest Day: Saturday

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**Church Bookings:** [office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryssevernside.org.uk)

**Church office opening hours:** 9.30am-1.30pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

**Church Office Telephone** 07776216900

## St Mary's Almondsbury Church News



**Sunday 9th March 2025**  
1st Sunday of Lent

### Tools to survive and thrive

(Psalm 91:1-2,9-16)  
Luke 4:1-13

**8.30am Holy Communion (CW)**  
Led by Anjali Kanagaratnam

**10.00am All Age Service**  
Led by Astrid Domingo Molyneux  
and Mike Jenkinson



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

## Charity of the month-March

### UGANDA

Our church supports CMS partners Sarah & Simon Cawdell in Gulu, north Uganda. Sarah is Principal of a theology college and Simon works with the Diocese, developing sustainable farming in a changing climate. Northern Uganda is now in the rainy, cooler season, ideal for planting and cultivating crops. Bristol West Deanery also has a very close relationship with 3 dioceses in Northern Uganda. I have visited 3 times and know the bishops: Bishop Pons in Nebbi, Bishop Wilson in Kitgum and Bishop Johnson in Gulu.

Please pray for Simon and Sarah, their students, and for suitable weather and healthy crops. Also for the 3 bishops, looking after their flock in difficult circumstances.

For more news please read Sarah and Simon's newsletter on the blue noticeboard at the back of the church.

If you would like to financially support Gulu Theology College:

NatWest Shirehampton branch

Account name: Bristol West Deanery

sort code: 60-19-48

account number: 72193751

Please use reference: Gulu theology college

### FOOD DONATIONS

Thank you for your donations of food to the Sisters of the Church in St Paul's which are **collected 9.30am on Tuesday mornings**. Please continue to give generously. The donations are much appreciated. The box is by the glass doors as you enter the Church.

## NOTICE OF ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

**Notice is hereby given** that under the Church Representation Rules, a new Church Electoral Roll is being prepared. Every person who wishes to have his or her name entered on the new Roll, whether it is entered on the current Roll or not, is requested to apply for enrolment, **not later than 20 April, 2025**. Application forms are available at the rear of the Church.

Mike Jenkinson, Electoral Roll Officer

### 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.

### PCC Prayer requests

1. Smooth handover for the Lich Gate Team
2. Discernment of the church mission and vision
3. Peace in areas of conflict

To donate to St Mary's please use the BACS system  
Account Name: Almondsbury PCC Sort Code: 40-14-20,  
Account Number: 21074598 and reference 'Donation'.

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



Please like our Facebook page:  
St Mary's Church, Almondsbury

[www.almondsburychurch.org.uk](http://www.almondsburychurch.org.uk)

The Church Wi-Fi password is: godisgood

## Come out for lunch!

Wednesday 19 March  
12.00 – 2.00



A choice of two vegetarian home made soups.

Bread roll and butter.

Fruit

Tea, coffee, infusions.

In St Mary's Church, Almondsbury.

Meet your friends for a chat? Have a break from your work? Try a different flavour of soup?

Donations to Tools with a Mission ([twam.uk](http://twam.uk))

### Lent Group

We will be studying the *Prayer Course 2, Unanswered Prayer*, based on the book *God on Mute* by Pete Greig.

Everyone is welcome to join us on Wednesday evening, from the **12th March to 9th April**. Please arrive at 7.15pm for Tea and Coffee, and we will start at 7.30pm. We should finish no later than 9pm.

At the Old Hospital, 24 Gloucester Road, BS32 4HA, plenty of parking available.

Please RSVP

[office@stmarysserverside.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysserverside.org.uk) by the 11th March so we roughly know how many people will be attending. Thank you, James and Lucy Rogers.