



Welcome to St Mary's Church

Following Christ, serving you

SUNDAY SERVICES 9th February 2025

8.00am

HOLY COMMUNION

10:15am

PARISH COMMUNION

Anthem: The Call of Wisdom (Todd)

Hymns: 558, 470, 429

6:00pm

EVENING PRAYER

4TH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

○ God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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.

First Reading – Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Second Reading – I Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Gospel Reading – Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Post Communion Prayer

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray for all preparing for baptism and marriage, those who are sick or in hospital, and those who have died, and all who mourn.

Church Diary

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

Monday 9:15am – Morning Prayer

Wednesday 10:00am – Holy Communion

Sunday 16th February 2025 – 3rd Sunday before Lent

8:00am – Holy Communion

10:15am – Parish Communion

6:00pm – Evening Prayer

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

to help you prepare to worship next Sunday

Jeremiah 17:5-10 | 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 | Luke 6:17-26

Parish news and notices

Our next **BookBox** is on **Wednesday 12th February** with much loved newspaper columnist and author **Bryony Gordon** who joins us to celebrate the paperback launch of her new book, *Mad Woman*, reflecting on ten years of leading the drive for acceptance of the importance of good mental health. Please note that there will be an earlier start time of **7pm in Church**. Tickets are £10 which also gives you a £2 discount on the book, thanks to our friends at The Regency Bookshop. Please book your tickets www.stmaryslongditton.org.uk/events.

FILM FRIDAY – 21st February at 2:00pm in the Community Hall. The film being shown is the 2017 romantic comedy 'FINDING YOUR FEET' with Imelda Staunton, Timothy Spall, Celia Imrie and Joanna Lumley. All are welcome to attend and enjoy refreshments afterwards. Contact Joanne Hall for more details on 020 8398 5637.

ALL HEAVEN DECLARES

All heaven declares
The glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare
With the beauty of the Lord?

Forever He will be
The Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee
And worship Him alone.

I will proclaim
The glory of the risen Lord,
Who once was slain
To reconcile us to God.

Forever You will be
The Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee
And worship You alone.

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