



# St Mary the Virgin, Rickmansworth

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## Welcome to St Mary's!

**Sunday 24th September:  
The Big Welcome Back to Church Sunday**



If you are new, feel free to pick up a Welcome Pack. Also, fill in a Welcome Card, handing it to one of the Sidespeople (who gave you a book as you arrived). Please join us for refreshments after the morning Services.

### 8.00am Said Holy Communion

President and Preacher: Rev'd Deborah Snowball

Collect: The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity BCP Pg180

Readings: Jonah 3:10-4:11; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

### 10.00am Sung Holy Communion

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Collect: God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

Gospel Acclamation: The word of the Lord endures for ever. The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you.

Post-Communion Prayer: Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**12noon Service of Holy Baptism and Thanksgiving**

**2.30pm Gramble sets off!**

**6.00pm Said Evening Prayer**

**7.00pm X team meet, Church Centre**



Gluten free communion bread is available.



Why the hands around the pillars? Inspired by Mary, they are from the children and staff of our school - to show their commitment to seeing, hearing, thinking and, most of all, trying to do 'impossible things'. Check out Luke 1:37, the verse that inspired us and that we learned together.

### Got 'little wrigglers' with you? We love 'em!



If you have children with you **please sit near the front of church** so that they can see what is going on or, if they get wriggly or restless, feel free to use the toys under the Tower. **Children's Church** meets during term-time in the Church Centre: Sunbeams: 3-5 yrs, Shooting Stars: 6-11 yrs.

### For Your Prayers

We pray for:	Artists and Writers
We pray for the work of:	Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership
Our School, St Mary's:	For all the staff
In the Deanery:	St Andrew's, Chorleywood
In the Circuit:	Kings Langley Methodist Church
Roads in Rickmansworth:	The Byeway
At St Mary's:	For our own church as an LEP: <i>Deborah, Richard and Scott</i>
Amongst those unwell:	Ivy Addison Quarshie, Margaret Down, Edith Frow, Barbara Paterson, Frankie, Fay Tozer, Trevor Wallace, Mary Wallis, Emma, Heather, Tim, Frederick
Year's Mind	Alec Barrett (26th)

### This week's diary

Mon 25	2.00pm	<i>Threads for Change Sewing Group, in Church</i>
	3.15pm	<i>J Club, St Mary's School</i>
	6.00pm	<i>Vicar, Wardens and Steward meet, The Vicarage</i>
Tues 26	9.30am	<i>Holy Communion Service</i>
	11.00am	<i>Service at Seymour House</i>
	12noon	<i>10-bell ringing practice - All ringers welcome</i>
	8.00pm	<i>Church Centre Management Committee meets, Church Centre</i>
Wed 27	2.15pm	<i>St Mary's School Ethos Group meets</i>
	7.30pm	<i>Bellringing Practice - Newcomers welcome (including Learners!)</i>
Thurs 28	9.30am	<i>Little Angels Toddler Group, Cloisters Hall</i>
	6.15pm	<i>Wedding Rehearsal</i>
	7.45pm	<i>Choir Practice - New singers welcome</i>
	8.00pm	<i>Rickmansworth Deanery Synod meets, Christ Church, Chorleywood</i>
Fri 29	9.00am	<i>St Mary's School Harvest Festival, in Church - All welcome</i>
	4.30pm	<i>Service of Holy Matrimony</i>
Sat 30	5.30pm	<i>Harvest Supper</i>

**Readings for Tuesday Holy Communion:** Ezra 6:7-8,12,14-20; Luke 8:19-21

#### Readings for next Sunday: Harvest Festival

Deuteronomy 8:7-18; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 12: 16-30

#### Next Sunday's Services and Activities: Harvest Festival

8.00am Said Holy Communion	6.00pm Said Evening Prayer
10.00am <i>Communion4All</i> & Parade Service	

#### Harvest Celebrations ~ Sign up today!

*Hearty Harvest Supper, Quiz and Activity Evening - 5.30pm, Saturday 30 September*

An event to which everyone is invited. There'll be a Quiz & Harvest Activities (and possibly even a Harvest Sing-song...) Adults: £6, Children under 12: £3, Family Ticket (2 adults with up to 4 children £15). Please note, *ticket sales close today.*

*Harvest Festival, 1 October:*

Our Harvest Collections celebrate the fruits and gifts of the earth. Pupils from St Mary's School will be involved in decorating the Church again this year, using the gifts the children bring. If you'd like to donate items ahead of the day, please bring them on Thursday 28 September in the afternoon and place them under the Tower.

## Notices

**LINK:** The October edition of our Church Magazine is published today. We look forward to receiving copy for the November LINK by Thursday 12 October, including descriptions and photos from our Harvest Festival weekend. As people are often very busy in December it is good to include events leading up to Christmas well ahead too.

**Gramble:** This year's outing is this afternoon, 2.30 - 5pm. We will drive out to the Chilterns and have tea at St John the Baptist's Church in Little Missenden. Please let Anne Kay know if you wish to go.

**Harvest Foliage:** Our Flower Arrangers will be decorating the church for Harvest Festival on 30 September. Donations of fruit, vegetables and autumn foliage would be gratefully received. Please leave them under the Tower on Friday. Many thanks.

**Harvest Gifts:** If you are able to assist with sorting and/or distributing the gifts for people at home or to the charities, this will take place on the morning of 2 October at 9.45am, with distribution to follow on. If you can help please call Jennett Day, 237248.

**'This is my body' - How might we understand together the gift we share?:**

One of the areas of the Deanery Mission Action Plan is to explore ways of developing Ecumenical links across the Churches. The first such event will be an evening to explore together the different understandings of Holy Communion - with Speakers from a variety of denominations, and time to reflect with other attendees. It will take place on Wednesday 4 October, 7.15-9.15pm at St Paul's, Chipperfield. Completely free event. If you'd like a lift, please speak to Deborah.

**Extraordinary Parochial Church Meeting:** 11.30am on Sunday 15 October.

There will be only two Agenda Items: 1) Election of Deanery Synod members (3 places); 2) Election of Parochial Church Council members (7 members). We are seeking to expand the membership of the UCC so that we can gain new insights, and share responsibility and knowledge. Nomination Forms are available from the back of church, and should be returned to the Church Office at your earliest convenience.

**Exploring Mindfulness:** As members of St Mary's have indicated they would like to know about Mindfulness a Workshop has been arranged for Saturday 21 October:

11am-2pm, to take place in the Church Centre. Lunch will be provided – and a modest fee of £5 charged – solely to cover costs. The event is open – to anyone and everyone (and no experience is necessary!) Please sign up today! Further details in LINK.

**Newsletter:** Thank you to those who have taken Newsletters to deliver. We have a few roads for which we still need people, so please take a look to see if you can take a road or two. Thank you to all those who assist in this task.

**Choir:** As you will have noticed, the number of members in our Choir is getting rather on the low side. You do not need to be an expert singer as we give 'training on the job', as well as additional assistance if required. Come along one Thursday evening.

**Cleaning:** We've had two new people who have joined the Cleaning Rota - hoorah! One or two more would mean taking a turn just once or twice a quarter. Our Steward and Churchwardens are looking for people to join the Rota - so if you can wield a duster, pull a vacuum cleaner, polish wood - let them know asap. Many thanks.



## St Mary's 'Little Angels' Baby and Toddler Group

Our Baby & Toddler Group meets at Cloisters Hall on Thursdays: 9.30-11.30am. Craft, play, and Music Time, £1.50 per 'family group' per session.

**New Sidespeople:** We are looking for new Sidespeople to join the merry band. We have slots available on both the second and fifth Sundays of the month at the 10am Service. If you are able to join on one of these Sundays, please speak to David Hibbert.

**Flower Arrangers:** Many people enjoy the displays we have each week but, alas, our flower arrangers have declined in number over recent years. If you enjoy flower arranging, or would like to learn, please speak to Hilary Pearce.

**Christmas Shoe Boxes:** Last year St Mary's put together a record breaking nearly 40 Christmas Shoe Boxes for the Blythswood appeal. This year we are aiming for even more. You can make a real difference to people who have so very little by putting aside a shoe box and/or a few items. Fliers with details are at the back of church. Please contact Heather Pearce 896025, or Sally Morgan. [blythswood.org/shoobox](http://blythswood.org/shoobox).

**Angels Challenge:** We need a large number of knitted/crocheted angels; we have 101 already but need many more! Beryl Baker has made up packs to take away and completed angels should be returned to her. Further information from Beryl 776109.

#### Rota aide-memoire

	This Week	Next Week
8 am Readers	<i>Paddy Walker-Taylor, Michael Illing</i>	<i>Geoff Hall, Paddy Walker-Taylor</i>
10am Readers	<i>Buzz Coster, Joan Martin</i>	<i>X Team member</i>
Intercessor	<i>Michael Baker</i>	<i>Brenda Bell</i>

#### Diary dates

30 Sept	5.30pm	Harvest Supper and Quiz Evening
1 Oct	10.00am	Harvest Festival and Parade Service
29 Oct	3.00pm	Charity Concert in Church, given by Hilary Pearce



*A few people have asked for some space to make sermon notes - so here it is...*

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