

Said Evensong

The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The 14th Sunday after Trinity

6 September 2026, 9.30am

Hymn

1. Hail, O Star that pointest
towards the port of heaven,
thou to whom as maiden
God for Son was given.

2. When the salutation
Gabriel had spoken,
peace was shed upon us,
Eva's bonds were broken.

3. Bound by Satan's fetters,
health and vision needing,
God will aid and light us
at thy gentle pleading.

4. Jesu's tender Mother,
make thy supplication
unto him who chose thee
at his Incarnation;

5. That, O matchless maiden
passing meek and lowly,
thy dear Son may make us
blameless, chaste and holy.

6. So, as now we journey
aid our weak endeavour.
Till we gaze on Jesus,
and rejoice for ever.

7. Father, Son and Spirit,
three in One confessing,
Give we equal glory,
equal praise and blessing. Amen.

Words: c.9th century Latin

translated by Athelstan Riley 1858-1945

Music: Ave Maris Stella (NEH 180ii), Arundel hymns 1896

composed or arranged by John Richardson 1816-79

Psalm 132

1 Lord, remember David
and all his trouble;

2 How he swore unto the Lord
and vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob;

3 I will not come within the tabernacle of mine house
nor climb up into my bed;

**4 I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eye-lids to slumber
neither the temples of my head to take any rest;**

5 Until I find out a place for the temple of the Lord
an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.

**6 Lo, we heard of the same at Ephrata
and found it in the wood.**

7 We will go into his tabernacle
and fall low on our knees before his footstool.

**8 Arise, O Lord, into thy resting-place
thou, and the ark of thy strength.**

9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness
and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.

**10 For thy servant David's sake
turn not away the presence of thine Anointed.**

11 The Lord hath made a faithful oath unto David
and he shall not shrink from it;

**12 Of the fruit of thy body
shall I set upon thy seat.**

13 If thy children will keep my covenant,
and my testimonies that I shall learn them
their children also shall sit upon thy seat for evermore.

**14 For the Lord hath chosen Sion to be an habitation for himself
he hath longed for her.**

15 This shall be my rest for ever
here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.

**16 I will bless her victuals with increase
and will satisfy her poor with bread.**

17 I will deck her priests with health
and her saints shall rejoice and sing.

**18 There shall I make the horn of David to flourish
I have ordained a lantern for mine Anointed.**

19 As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with shame
but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

First Lesson

Song of Solomon 2.1-7

Here beginneth the 2nd chapter of the Song of Solomon, beginning to read at the first verse.

I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys. As a lily among brambles, so is my love among maidens. As an apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among young men. With great delight I sat in his shadow, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his intention towards me was love. Sustain me with raisins, refresh me with apples; for I am faint with love. O that his left hand were under my head, and that his right hand embraced me! I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or the wild does: do not stir up or awaken love until it is ready!

Here endeth the first lesson.

Second Lesson

Acts 1.6-14

Here beginneth the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning to read at the sixth verse.

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Here endeth the second lesson.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who stooped to raise fallen humanity through the child-bearing of blessed Mary: grant that we, who have seen thy glory revealed in our human nature and thy love made perfect in our weakness, may daily be renewed in thy image and conformed to the pattern of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn

Shall we not love thee,
Mother dear,
whom Jesus loves so well,
and to his glory year by year
thy praise and honour tell?

Thee did he choose
from whom to take
true flesh, his flesh to be;
in it to suffer for our sake,
and by it make us free.

O wondrous depth of love divine,
that he should bend so low;
and, Mary, O what joy was thine
the Saviour's love to know.

Joy to be Mother of the Lord,
yet thine the truer bliss,
in every thought and deed
and word
to be for ever his.

Now in the realm of life above
close to thy Son thou art,
while on thy soul glad streams
of love
flow from his sacred heart.

Jesu, the Virgin's holy Son,
praise we thy Mother blest;
grant when our earthly course
is run,
life with the saints at rest.

Words: John Bacchus Dykes 1823-76

Music: Beatitudo (184 NEH)

Henry Williams Baker 1821-77

Voluntary

Adagio in E

Frank Bridge 1879-1941

NOTICES

Collection for Canon Stephen

We are collecting for a gift for Canon Stephen who ends his official ministry with us after 5 years today. If you would like to contribute you can give a cheque or cash to the churchwardens or clergy, or make a bank transfer or use the machines in church, but please do let us know if you are contributing in this way so we don't overlook it.

Board Game Club

Board Game Club is back this Sunday in the Undercroft. Bring and share lunch. New members always welcome. Bring your own favourite game or try a new game. All ages welcome.

Children's Church

Children's Church is back today after a long summer break. The children's church team cannot wait to welcome our families back and to make new friends as we explore faith and fellowship together! This week's themes will be welcome and farewell.

Edward Thomas Poetry Recital at St Stephen's Church

Please do join Auriol Britton for a recital of Edward Thomas' poetry at 1.10pm on Monday 7 September at St Stephen's Church. Admission is free, with a retiring collection towards the church's lunchtime concerts.

Upcoming events

There's lots coming up including a screening of F.W. Murnau's *Faust* (21 October), *Interstellar* organist Roger Sayer's return (14 November), *Haircut 100* frontman Nick Heyward (30 November) and a run of festive concerts in December including Nadia Eide!

Come and Sing! Haydn's 'The Creation'

Join us for an inspiring afternoon of music-making as we explore selected choruses and solos from Joseph Haydn's masterpiece, The Creation. Whether you are an experienced choral singer, a member of a local choir, or simply someone who loves great music, you are warmly invited to join us.



Harvest Lunch

Looking forward to sharing lunch with you all at our Annual Harvest Lunch on Sunday 4 October from 12.30pm. We're having a Bring & Share lunch so we need your help to make it a success, by bringing a plate / bowl of food to share – quiches, sandwiches, sausage rolls, pork pies, salads, cold meats, cheeses, bread etc and don't forget cakes for pudding, for those with a sweet tooth! Please include a list of ingredients with the food you bring, to help those members of the congregation who have food allergies / intolerances – gluten, nuts, lactose etc identify what they can safely eat. We'll provide a selection of cold drinks.

We also need volunteers to help set up, serve and clear up. Please sign up on the sheets at the West End of church, so we know what food will be arriving and if you are able to help on the day.

Treefest Returns

Plans are well underway to fill the church with decorated Christmas trees to celebrate the wonderful diversity and creative talents of Bristol. Charities, local businesses and organisations donate a tree to illustrate the work they do. If you want to enter a tree or know a local charity who would like to promote the work they do within Bristol, please share this link to enter a tree, for free. stmaryredcliffe.co.uk/treefest2026.

We need volunteers to welcome the visitors, look after the trees and help serve refreshments. If you have a few hours to spare to be part of this wonderful community event, please speak to Liz (Church Warden) or email church.wardens@stmaryredcliffe.co.uk or lucy.marshall@stmaryredcliffe.co.uk

This Week at St Mary Redcliffe

<i>Sunday</i>	9.30am	Said Mattins
	10.30am	Eucharist (<i>Preacher: The Vicar</i>) <i>sung by a cantor</i>
	5.30pm	Said Evensong (<i>Preacher: The Revd Simon Goodman</i>)
<i>Monday</i>	9.00am	Morning Prayer
<i>Tuesday</i>	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	6.15pm	Christian Meditation
<i>Wednesday</i>	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	11.00am	Holy Communion (<i>Preacher: The Revd Peter Dill</i>) <i>followed by tea & coffee</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	9.00am	Morning Prayer
<i>Friday</i>		
<i>Saturday</i>		
<i>Next Sunday</i> <i>Services today are sung by the Adults of St Mary Redcliffe</i>	9.30am	Choral Mattins
	<i>Responses</i>	<i>Stephen Cleobury</i>
	<i>Canticles</i>	Morning Service with Fauxbourdon <i>Andrew Kirk</i>
	<i>Anthem</i>	<i>Grace German</i>
	10.30am	Eucharist (<i>Preacher: The Vicar</i>)
	<i>Setting</i>	<i>Mass Rich Coburn</i>
	<i>Motet</i>	<i>Exsultate justi Ludovico da Viadana</i>
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong (<i>Preacher: The Revd Simon Goodman</i>)
	<i>Introit</i>	<i>When you saw this planet Kathryn Rose</i>
	<i>Responses</i>	<i>Stephen Cleobury</i>
	<i>Canticles</i>	Evening Service in G <i>Herbert Sumsion</i>
	<i>Anthem</i>	<i>Christ hath a garden Jeremy Jackson</i>

In our prayers

Joan & Lewis, John, Marley, Lucy, Jeffrey & Nicole, George, David, John, Penny, Alison, Elizabeth, Clive, John, Lorraine & Christopher

In remembrance on their anniversary of death

Bert Godfrey (8 Sept), John Parker, John Hawyard (9 Sept), Molly West, Kathleen Williams, Jerry Burston (10 Sept), Lewis Cobb (11 Sept), Kenneth Wilson, Brad Williams (12 Sept)

Contact Details

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If you have any pastoral concerns or needs, please contact the
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Safeguarding

St Mary Redcliffe is committed to promoting a safer church environment within our parishes and communities for everyone, including those who are survivors of abuse. Any concerns or for more information please contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer Esther Keller [***safeguarding.officer@stmaryredcliffe.co.uk***](mailto:safeguarding.officer@stmaryredcliffe.co.uk) or on 07811 723427

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