

Mattins

The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The 14th Sunday after Trinity

6 September 2026, 9.30am

Voluntary Magnificat Primi Toni

Johann Pachelbel 1653-1706

Hymn

The Lord whom earth and sea and sky
adore and praise and magnify,
who o'er their threefold fabric reigns,
the Virgin's spotless womb contains.

And he whose will is ever done
by moon and seas, by stars and sun,
is borne upon a maiden's breast,
whom God's foreseeing grace possessed.

How blest that Mother, in whose shrine
the very Word of God divine,
the maker of the earth and sky,
was pleased in fleshly form to lie.

Blest in the message Gabriel brought,
blest in the work the Spirit wrought,
blest evermore, who brought to birth
the long-Desired of all the earth.

**O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee
eternal praise and glory be,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.**

Words: Quem terra, pontus, aethera, Venantius Fortunatus c.530-c.609

translated by John Mason Neale 1818-66

Music: Puer nobis nascitur (NEH 181ii)

adapted by Michael Praetorius 1571-1621

Psalm 98

1 O sing unto the Lord a new song
for he hath done marvellous things.

2 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm
hath he gotten himself the victory.

3 The Lord declared his salvation
his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.

4 He hath remembered his mercy and truth
toward the house of Israel
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

5 Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands
sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

6 Praise the Lord upon the harp
sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

7 With trumpets also, and shawms
O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.

8 Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is
the round world, and they that dwell therein.

9 Let the floods clap their hands,
and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord
for he is come to judge the earth.

10 With righteousness shall he judge the world and the people with equity.

First Lesson

Isaiah 7.10-15

Here beginneth the seventh chapter of the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

Here endeth the first lesson.

Second Lesson

Luke 11.27-28

Here beginneth the 11th chapter of the Gospel of Luke.

While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, 'Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!' But he said, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!'

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.

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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

Pastoral

If you have any pastoral concerns or needs, please contact the Pastoral Team pastoral@stmaryredcliffe.co.uk or The Revd Dr Brutus Green brutus.green@stmaryredcliffe.co.uk

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 or on 07811 723427

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