



St Mark's

The Church at the Heart of Wimbledon
Sunday 7th September 2025

Welcome! Whether you are a visitor or a regular member of the congregation, we pray that you might come closer to God during the service.

Children & young people: We currently have a single group for children pre-school age and above that meets in the hall after the first hymn. We ask that children under four are accompanied. Do join us!

Parents with babies & toddlers are welcome to use the chapel at the back of the church behind the glass windows. There are toys and books provided, & a loudspeaker so you can hear what is happening during the service.

Thinking of making a donation to the church? You can give contactlessly using the card reader at the back of church, or via your mobile phone using the QR code in the Entrance Area. If you give regularly, why not join the Planned Giving Scheme? This is an easy way to give and helps the church plan its finances. Contact Sheila Dunman: s.dunman@btinternet.com, for more information, or pick up a Planned Giving form from the back of St Mark's.

Mobile telephones: Please ensure these are turned off / silent during the service.

After the service please collect a tea, coffee or squash in the narthex (entrance hall).

Can't be here every Sunday? We can help you stay in touch with St Mark's by emailing the notice and readings sheets to you each week. Please email your request to office@stmarkswimbledon.org.uk.

Our mission statement, purpose, and reason for being here:

- To be enriched by the love of God
- To extend the welcome of God
- To express the compassion of God

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Church Office hours: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am – 1.30pm (please check overleaf for any amendments) 020 8944 8436 office@stmarkswimbledon.org.uk

Items for inclusion should reach the Church Office by 9am Wednesday of each week.

Prayer requests - please pray for:

Gerald Dorman	Peter Ash
Holly Hayes	Betina Wood
Tina Joseph	Jane Pillay
Joy Haveman	Margarita's mum
Janet McKenzie	Jim

Organisations that St Mark's supports: this month we are praying for **OpenTelemed (previously Swinfen Charitable Trust)**

RIP: Janet Aram

If you would like to add an individual to our prayer request list, please email the Church Office or use the intercession folder at the back of the Church.

Mission projects: Following our summer reflecting on Mission I invite you to think and pray about whether you are called to participate in God's mission at St Mark's. If you have a great idea or feel you are being led in a certain direction, come and chat to me about it. *Jane Andrews.*

If you would like to **volunteer at Abundance Wimbledon's** annual Fruit Day on Saturday 13th September, perhaps pressing apples in to juice, selling cakes or keeping the place tidy contact abundancewimbledon@gmail.com. *Jane Andrews.*

Kingston Area Lay Conference: *Confident Faith in a Changing World*. 20th September, 10am at St Cecilia's C of E School, SW18. For all lay people in the Kingston Area. Refreshments, lunch, workshops exploring confident faith in relationship to modern life, prayer spaces, plenary and worship. To register and for further details, please follow the QR code below. *Jane Andrews.*



Notices

We warmly welcome Matt Birch, headteacher at Bishop Gilpin, to our 10am service today.

Services at St Mark's this week:

Tuesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	1pm	Holy Communion

Morning and Evening Prayer as well as a midweek Eucharist are also held at St Matthew's and St Mary's. Please see their websites for details. *Jane Andrews.*

Today we are affirming Jenny Alderman as our new **school governor at Bishop Gilpin**. Please pray for both Jenny and me as we carry out this important role. Our first meeting of the academic year is on Thursday 19th September. *Jane Andrews.*

Rafters, our parish youth group: 6pm - 7.30pm on Sundays. For young people in years 8-13. A space to discover friendship, belonging, faith and your place in the world. September sessions: Sunday 14th St Mark's, Sunday 21st St Mary's and Sunday 28th St Matthew's. *Jane Andrews.*

Harvest festival: On Sunday 5th October we will give thanks for the harvest and pray for farmers and everyone else involved in food production. The service will be followed by a lunch. Details to follow. *Jane Andrews.*

Baptism and Confirmation preparation: On 23rd November Bishop Martin will be coming to St John the Baptist to confirm people from our parish. We will hold a baptism service the same day in our regular 10 o'clock slot. If you are interested in being baptised or confirmed (or if you would simply like to find out what these sacraments are) please speak to me. *Jane Andrews.*

Next week we will be celebrating the abundance of God's provision for us in creation. Our Gospel reading is John 6.5-13 which tells of how Jesus provided enough food for everyone who had gathered. Juliet Boyd, a member of both Abundance Wimbledon and St Mary's church, will be coming to speak about her passion for stopping fruit going to waste and why it is part of her discipleship. Music will be provided by *Cantores* and Mrs Jones. *Jane Andrews.*

Children & Young People

Welcome back Sunday Club! We are excited to begin our Autumn term on Education Sunday. We currently have a single group for children pre-school age and above that meets in the hall after the first hymn.

Do join us!

Beccy and Steph



A **data breach** has occurred at the company we use to carry out DBS checks as part of our safeguarding processes. Two people in our congregation were affected and we have been in touch with them directly. We are working with Southwark Diocese and the national church to protect those involved and to reduce risks of this happening again. If you would like to know more, please speak to me or to Sandy Blewitt-Reynolds our Safeguarding Officer. *Jane Andrews.*

St Mark's Coffee Morning: Meeting in Elys (3rd Floor Restaurant) on Friday 26th September at 11am. An opportunity for conversation and friendship. All very welcome. *Paula Thorvaldsen.*

Parish News

Wednesday 10th Sept at St John's:

7.30pm Eucharist PCC; 8pm PCC meeting.

Team Prayers: Thursday 11th September at St Matthew's. Everyone is invited; this is not just for clergy!

Welcome to Helen Dawson, our new Parish Finance & Communications Officer: Helen joined on 1st September and will be taking over Sam Pedder's role. Sam is leaving on 17th September. Some of you will have already met Helen as she starts to get to know people around the team. Look out for her in the office on weekday mornings and around the parish.