

What's on in September?

Sunday 7th September

Back to School Sunday

Bring your school bag to be blessed
Pray for our Sunday Club leaders
and school teachers



The Bible Course:

grasp God's big story in 8 weeks



Wednesdays 1.45-3pm

Thursdays 7-8.30pm

Starting in September



Starting on Sunday 13th September
we will be celebrating

A Season of Generosity

giving thanks for God's generosity to us
and considering how to pass on that blessing



Jane will be on holiday from Monday 10th to Friday 21st August.

If you need a priest during that time, please speak to Revd Mandy Hodgson,
Team Rector rector@stmaryswimbleton.org.uk.

If you or someone you know needs pastoral care you can contact Paula, our
pastoral minister paula@stmarkswimbleton.org.uk.

For all other church related issues please contact Nick and Beth, our Church
Wardens, on churchwardens@stmarkswimbleton.org.uk.



St Mark's

The Church at the Heart of Wimbledon
Sundays in August 2026

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 Paul Dorman: treasurer@stmarkswimbleton.org.uk 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@stmarkswimbleton.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@stmarkswimbleton.org.uk

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

Prayer requests - please pray for:

Gerald Dorman	Janet McKenzie
Holly Hayes	Valerie Topp
Jenny Broadley	Tamara Jackson
Lydia Bonsu	Iona Mackay
Roz Thorpe	Billy James

Those who have recently died:

Marlene Davie	Alun Rhys-Thomas
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Organisations that St Mark's supports: this month we are praying for **our link diocese of Matabeleland in Zimbabwe**

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.

Our **Repair Cafe**, organised in partnership with Merton Friends of the Earth, is next opening on Saturday 29th August from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the church hall. Before you throw away a broken toaster, vacuum cleaner, bike, jacket, bag etc why not bring it along to see if it can be fixed. Come early and, if possible, sign up ahead of time via www.mertonfoe.org/wimbledon-repair-cafe. *Jane Andrews.*

Pray for the Climate: Tuesday 1st September 12.30pm-1pm in St Mark's Church. All welcome. Enquiries: julietboyd0740@gmail.com. *Juliet Boyd.*

On Saturday 12th September we are throwing open our doors as part of the **Open House Festival**. Open House is a London-wide festival that opens up and celebrates the city's architecture, special sites and neighbourhoods. We hope this will bring people in to see our beautiful but somewhat hidden church. We will need volunteers to welcome visitors on the day - could this be you? *Jane Andrews.*

The **Church Office** will be closed from Friday 31st July to Sunday 9th August and from Tuesday 25th August to Tuesday 1st September. *Becky Bryant.*

Notices

Services this week:

Tue, Wed, Thu	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	1pm	Holy Communion
Thursday	2pm	Team Prayers

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

Upcoming meetings

Wardens & Vicar: Wed 5th August & Wed 2nd September, 10am
Discipleship team: Tue 25th August, 10.30am
Congregational Tea: Wed 26th August, 1.45pm
Standing Committee: Tue 1st September, 12.30pm
DCC: Wed 9th September, 6pm
Finance team: Mon 14th September, 11am

Church Fixing and Sorting: We will be meeting on Monday 24th August to clear out the garden shed and the cleaning cupboard (actually room rather than just a cupboard). Come along to help us sort, clean, mend and organise. 10am to 1pm ending with lunch. *Jane Andrews.*

Abundance Wimbledon are holding their annual **Fruit Day** on Saturday 12th September. Come along between 11am and 2.30pm to enjoy fresh apple juice, cakes, jams and pies, to save garden fruit from going to waste, and to raise money for local charities. *Jane Andrews.*

A **memorial service for Marlene Davie** will be held at St Mark's on Tuesday 22nd September. The time - to be confirmed - is expected to be 11am or shortly afterwards. *Jane Andrews.*



Caring for Creation

Summer is a wonderful time to get outdoors and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. Whether it's a walk in the park, a picnic in the garden, a bike ride, watching the birds from your window, or simply sitting under a tree for a while, take some time to notice and give thanks for the world around us.

For more practical ways to enjoy, nurture and defend nature, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email:

arochoa.org.uk/wild-christian

Children & Young People

Sunday Club and **Rafters** will return on Sunday 13th September. Stay posted for news about **Junior Rafters** which is starting next term.

During the holidays, we'll be enjoying **intergenerational services on 23rd August and 6th September**, where everyone is invited to worship together. On the other Sundays, there will be toys, books, crafts and the garden available for children during the service. Whether your family comes every week or you're visiting over the summer, we're always delighted to welcome children. Their laughter, questions and energy are a valued part of our life together, and we hope they feel at home at St Mark's. *Jane Andrews.*



In August we continue to read Matthew's gospel. In chapters 14-17, the gospel writer is asking what it means for Jesus to be the Messiah. Each of the following stories gives a perspective on this question.

2nd August - Jesus feeds a large crowd of people with just five loaves and two fish (Matthew 14.13-31)

9th August - Jesus calms a storm while his disciples tremble in fear (Matthew 14.22-33)

16th August - Jesus heals the daughter of a foreign woman (Matthew 15.21-28)

23rd August - Jesus asks his disciples who they think he is (Matthew 16.13-20)

30th August - Jesus tells his disciples that the road ahead will be difficult (Matthew 16.21-28)

Jane Andrews.

6th September is Back-to-school Sunday. We will be celebrating the beginning of the school year as well as praying for our Sunday club leaders, those who minister at Bishop Gilpin School and everyone who works in education. Faye Howard, the deputy head at Bishop Gilpin will be preaching to all of us, including the children. Don't forget to bring your school bag to be blessed. *Jane Andrews.*