

Worship For All

14th Sunday after Trinity

6th September 2026

Welcome

A Very Warm Welcome to everyone to our worship this morning. If you are new to the Church and would like to get to know more about us, please speak to a welcomer after the service or look on our website www.stmaryswatford.org Please fill in a 'Connect with us' card so we can welcome you personally and keep you updated about our activities and services.

This news sheet contains an **outline of the order of service** all the words you need will be on the screen but if you wish to access the order of service on your mobile, please scan the QR code or go to www.stmaryswatford.org/services and click on today's date (For copyright reasons, hymn lyrics are not included).



Special welcome to Children & Families

We are delighted to welcome you and your children to St Mary's. **Over the summer our Junior Church team takes a break.** There are toys and colouring sheets in the 'Play & Pray' area at the back of the church. There are more toys and a screen relaying the service, in the church lounge.

Please keep an eye on your children and we hope you enjoy worshipping with us

In line with the PCC '**Safe Use of Images Policy**' please ask permission before you take any photos of people in church. **DO NOT** share or post any pictures online unless you have permission from everyone in the picture.

If you do post pictures (with permission) please tag us @stmaryswatford

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Opening Worship

Lord of all hopefulness

Interview

Fiona Penny - Watford School's trust

Bible Reading

Psalms 25: 4-7 NIVUK

Song

King of me (by Rend Collective)

Interactive bible story:

David and Goliath

Song

Waymaker, Miracle Worker

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

The Peace

Offertory Song

Church Notices

Final Hymn

One more step along the world I go

Blessing and dismissal

Everyone is invited to join us in the church lounge for refreshments after the service.

Generous Giving Update

Thank you to everyone who reviewed their giving St Mary's recently. We are delighted that the overall impact of our *Generous Giving Review* is an increase of approximately £1,300 per month (including Gift Aid) to the church. A good number of people have joined the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) - giving them easy control of how much they give and reducing the administrative burden on our finance team. All of this will help us achieve our ambitious plans to grow our ministry and outreach. *2 Corinthians 9:7* says **"God loves a cheerful giver"** - and so do we! THANK YOU!

We have a Church Family WhatsApp Group and send out a weekly email. We would love to add you to either of these: just fill out one of our "Connect with us" cards.

Weekly Notices

St Mary's News - Copy of September/October edition is available - in paper form in church or on the church website.

Daily Prayer in the Morning – Monday to Thursday this week from 9.30am for thirty minutes or so – in the Heydon Chapel – all welcome to join Richard and others.

Midweek Service – Service of the Word on **Wednesday at 12.30pm** with short talk; for after, please bring your lunch to eat alongside others whilst chatting and catching up with friends, old and new.

Bi-weekly Fellowship – Wednesday Fellowship in the lounge, 2-4pm. For details of upcoming dates, please contact **Val Bordley**.

Monthly Prayer Meeting – Wednesday 2nd September

Thursday Coffee – 10am – 12pm in the lounge – tea/coffee/chocolate and fresh fruit – and time for a chat – all welcome.

Next Sunday – 13th September, Holy Communion, 15th Sunday after Trinity

Pastoral Care at St Mary's - For the past few months a small group of St Mary's church have been putting together plans for a Pastoral Care Team. We are looking to assemble and train a Pastoral Care Team, and we invite you to stay after the service (at approx. midday for 30 minutes) on 27th September to find out more. There will be a fuller meeting with more details and a couple of training sessions on Saturday 31 October 10am -12.30pm; do save the date if you are interested. If you have any questions, speak to **Richard Banham & Marion Knell**.

Alison Saunders is organising a rota for people to read and / or lead the intercessions from September until the end of December. It would be lovely to have some new people volunteering to join this rota. Training, guidance and support is available, especially if this is something you have not done before. If you feel this is something you could do, please contact Alison by email: alisonsaunders@uwclub.net or by leaving a phone message: 07814 430105.

John Way (former member of St Mary's) sends his best wishes. As a result of being hacked, he has a new email address: wayjohn629@gmail.com. His old Hotmail address no longer works.

Events

BBQ for the whole church community - Sunday 6th September 12:00-3pm. A great chance at the start of the new school year to gather the whole church community together - everyone is invited! We'll provide the burger and the buns for the BBQ - including veggie alternatives plus a selection of drinks. We would love you to bring a salad, a side dish or something sweet (from anywhere in the world).

Churches Together in Watford – The AGM at North Bushey Baptist Church in Park Way, Bushey WD23 2BD at 7pm on Monday 7th September 2026. All are welcome!

Heritage Open Day - Saturday 12th September 10am - 2pm - a chance to visit historic buildings not normally accessible to the public. Come and explore a part of Watford's history.

Save the date Saturday 26th September. Join us for the morning at St Mary's to Develop our Vision (timings to be confirmed). We will think about our priorities and how we grow the mission and ministry over the next five years.

Supporting Our Mission & Ministry -

Thank you for your support! If you would like to support the work of St Mary's financially, you can do so in any of the following ways;

One off gift:



Please use the **card payment machine** on the table in the centre of the church or **scan the QR code**. If you would like to give cash, you can use **the collection plate** which is passed round during the service.

Regular Payment

It's easy to set up a regular gift to St Mary' using the **Parish Giving Scheme**. It enables us to plan ahead with our mission and ministry, and you always stay in control of what you give.

To set up a regular payment for the **Parish Giving Scheme** please scan the QR code and follow the step-by-step instructions or call 0333 002 1271, Please quote our Parish Code **320632239**



Alternatively, you can give regularly by standing order, our bank details are:

Account Name: **Parochial Church Council of St Marys Watford**

Sort Code: **20-74-09** Account No: **00725927**

(Please use your name as a reference if possible).

UK taxpayer? Please make your donation go further by using **Gift Aid** (an extra 25p for every £1 you give to St Mary's at no cost to you).

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