

Services and Opening Times

1st Sunday of each month

8.30 a.m. BCP Holy Communion

9.45 a.m. All Age Service

2nd Sunday

9.45 a.m. Holy Communion

3rd Sunday

8.30 a.m. BCP Holy Communion

9.45 a.m. Morning Prayer

4th Sunday

9.45 a.m. Holy Communion

5th Sunday

9.45 a.m. Family Communion

A Rocha Eco Church

St Mary's have started to work towards our Eco Church awards and we are looking to put together a team of people who would be interested in helping. If you are interested in joining in, please talk to Liz Lee.

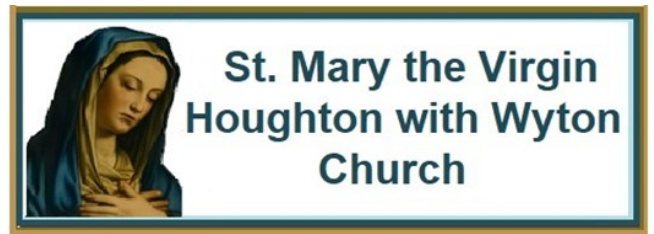
*Each month, we will suggest making **JUST ONE CHANGE** to reduce our environmental impact and encourage nature.*

This month's eco tip for **May** is to eat seasonally (consuming food produce that is harvested in the current time of year).

In May, asparagus, elderflower, radishes, carrots, wild garlic, jersey royal potatoes are a few examples. Eating seasonally is also cheaper and often tastes better.

Notices

1. Recycle your small electrical items and cables etc in the **Pink Bin** adjacent to the main door of The St. Mary's Centre.



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10th May 2026



St Paul delivering the Areopagus Sermon in Athens by Raphael (1515)

Today

9.45 am Holy Communion Service

Leader: **Rev Geoff Boucher**

Preacher: **Rev Steph Pedlar**

Readings: **Acts 17:22-31**

John 14:15-21

Collects: **The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

1. God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

2. Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

1st Reading:

Acts 17:22-31

²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’ ²⁹“Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”



Gospel:

John 14:15-21

The promise of the Holy Spirit

Jesus said, ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.

¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”



ZOOM Meetings—Evensong on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm. Anyone wanting to join should request the info required from **Guy Morton on 01480 494641**