



Where all find a welcome and are nurtured in their journey with Christ.

# Sung Eucharist

The second Sunday before Lent



# Welcome to St Mary's

## Support our work

St Mary's is a charity which receives no funding from the government and is entirely dependent on donations and fees to keep its doors open, continue its work in the community, and maintain its buildings and outdoor spaces.

If you would like to donate to support us you can give during the service as giving plates are passed around. Alternatively, you can place your offering on the plate by the door as you leave or tap your contactless card or device.

You can also donate online by card or directly from your bank by scanning this QR Code with your camera or by visiting [wkrk.uk/donate](https://wkrk.uk/donate).



If you'd like to give in some other way, find out more about planned giving, or learn how we use donations then please ask a member of our team.

## Hearing loop available

Our church is fitted with an inductive loop system which can be picked up by setting hearing aids to the "T" position.

## Follow the instructions of our stewards

Please follow all instructions from our stewards, especially during communion.

## **Please sanitise your hands**

Please clean your hands using the provided hand sanitiser when entering and leaving the building.

## **Digital order of service available**

If you prefer, you can follow our order of service on your own phone or tablet. Just visit [wkrk.uk/oos](http://wkrk.uk/oos) on your browser or scan this QR Code.



## **Handshakes optional**

When we offer each other a sign of peace you're welcome to share a handshake, but remember that some people may not be comfortable with this and will instead simply nod or wave.

## **Communion is your choice**

Communion is available as both bread and wine, but if you wish to only receive the bread please do so and then return to your seat. Receiving only the bread is still considered to be full communion by the Church of England.

## **Masks welcome**

If you feel more comfortable wearing a face covering, please do so. If you've forgotten a face covering and would like one, please speak to a member of our team.

We encourage people with coughs and colds to wear a face covering, to help prevent the spread of winter bugs.

# Upcoming services

## **Choral Evensong**

Today at 6.00 pm

## **Said Eucharist**

Wednesday 7 February at 10.00 am

## **Compline by Candlelight**

Wednesday 7 February at 8.30 pm

## **Sung Eucharist for the Sunday next before Lent**

Sunday 11 February at 10.00 am

# A prayer for vacancy

Heavenly Father, Good Shepherd of all,  
during this time of vacancy at St Mary's we ask that you  
comfort those who worry,  
strengthen those who carry the weight of responsibility,  
support and guide the PCC,  
inspire a priest with your calling to this ministry,  
and stay near us as we continue to worship you  
together in this place.  
Amen.

# Notices and events

## Real Easter Eggs

The only Easter egg which tells the full tale is back. Made from delicious Fairtrade chocolate and complete with an Easter story and activity booklet, the Real Easter Egg is available to order from James after the Sunday morning service or online at [meaningfulchocolate.co.uk](http://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk).

## Church Cleaning

**This Wednesday 7 February at 10.30 am**

**St Mary's Church, Whitkirk**

Help us keep our Grade I listed church looking smart and tidy – if you can spare an hour on a Wednesday morning then why not come along and join our monthly clean? We'll provide everything you need, from dusters to refreshments!

# PANCAKE PARTY



Just Bring your  
own special  
toppings and  
refreshments  
(some will be  
supplied).  
Fun & games for  
all the family.

13 February 6-9 pm

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# The Gathering

*Our worship begins at the sound of the bell, please stand as the sacred ministers enter and the introit hymn is sung.*

**All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest man both warmth and light:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Dear mother earth, who day by day  
Unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
The flow'rs and fruits that in thee grow,  
Let them his glory also show:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in One.  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Words: William Draper (1855-1933)*

*based on the 'Cantico di Frate Sole' of St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)*

*Music: melody from 'Geistliche Kirchengesang', Cologne (1623)*

*arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

*Hymn Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**



# The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

**and also with you.**

# Words of Welcome

# Prayers of Penitence

Jesus said:

Before you offer your gift,  
go and be reconciled.

As brothers and sisters in God's family,  
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

*The president says*

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## **The Collect**

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.*

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

*Please sit.*

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Does not wisdom call, and does not  
understanding raise her voice?

The Lord created me at the beginning of his  
work, the first of his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the  
beginning of the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with  
water.

Before the mountains had been shaped, before  
the hills, I was brought forth — when he had not  
yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits  
of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
when he made firm the skies above, when he  
established the fountains of the deep, when he  
assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters  
might not transgress his command, when he

marked out the foundations of the earth, then I  
was beside him, like a master worker;

and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him  
always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and  
delighting in the human race.

*Proverbs 8.1.22-31*

This is the word of the Lord.

### **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the gradual hymn is sung. During the hymn a procession will make its way to the centre of the nave from where the Gospel for the day is read. To symbolise our desire to turn to Christ in our daily lives, at the end of the hymn we remain standing and turn to face the place where the Gospel is proclaimed.*

**Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,  
For by his pow'r each tree and flow'r  
Was planned and made.  
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;  
Sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: Jesus is Lord!  
Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!  
Praise him with hallelujahs,  
For Jesus is Lord!**

**Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal  
In flesh he came to die in pain on Calv'ry's tree.  
Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding,  
Yet gave his life a ransom thus setting us free.  
Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!  
Praise him with hallelujahs,  
For Jesus is Lord!**

**Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqu'ror,  
From death he rose and all his foes shall own his name.  
Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit  
To show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.  
Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!  
Praise him with hallelujahs,  
For Jesus is Lord!**

*Words & Music: David Mansell (b. 1936)  
Hymn Tune: JESUS IS LORD*

## **Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all

people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*John 1.1-14*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

*Please sit after the preacher leads us in prayer.*

## **An Affirmation of Faith**

*Please stand with the president.*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**



**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Following an invitation to pray from the intercessor we kneel or sit to pray.*

*The response to the bidding.*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

*Then at the end.*

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

*Please stand with the president.*

### **The Peace**

God calls us to peace:

**in God's justice is our peace.**

Christ calls us to be God's people:

**in Christ is our peace.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*This is usually a handshake shared with those near you.*

## Preparation of the Table

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

*A hymn is sung. During this hymn a collection, our financial offering in support of the work of the church both at St. Mary's and across our diocese, is taken.*

*You can place cash or giving envelopes on the collection plates as they are passed around. If you would prefer, or if you miss the plate, you can also give by scanning this QR code, or by tapping your contactless card or device on the giving plate by the door as you leave.*



**O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love:  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**

**The earth, with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy pow'r hath founded of old;  
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!  
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.**

**O measureless might, ineffable love,  
While angels delight to hymn thee above,  
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration shall sing to thy praise.**

*Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838) based on Psalm 104*

*Music: melody and bass by William Croft (1678-1727)*

*in 'A Supplement to the New Version' (1708)*

*Hymn Tune: HANOVER*

## **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;  
draw us from hatred to love;  
make the frailty of our praise  
a dwelling place for your glory.

**Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer (F)**

*Please kneel or sit.*

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth,  
for you made us in your image  
and redeemed us through your Son.

You taught us by your prophets  
to work for that day when justice, mercy and peace will reign.  
Let the day come quickly  
when the walls that separate us are broken down,  
and when suffering and oppression,  
racism and discrimination will be no more.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,  
keep us faithful in prayer and active in service,  
until all your people rejoice with the angels in heaven, singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one,  
enthroned in splendour and light,  
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ  
you reveal the power of your love  
made perfect in our human weakness.

*Sung:*       **Amen. Lord, we believe.**

Embracing our humanity,  
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;  
loving us to the end,  
he gave himself to death for us;  
dying for his own,  
he set us free from the bonds of sin,  
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

*Sung:*       **Amen. Lord, we believe.**

On the night he gave up himself for us all  
he took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

*Sung:*       **Amen. Lord, we believe.**

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

*Sung:*       **Amen. Lord, we believe.**

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,  
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,  
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high  
and we long for his coming in glory.

*Sung:*       **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,  
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation  
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
form us into the likeness of Christ  
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

*Sung:*           **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Look with favour on your people  
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.  
Bless the earth,  
heal the sick,  
let the oppressed go free  
and fill your Church with power from on high.

*Sung:*           **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Gather your people from the ends of the earth  
to feast with Blessed Mary and all your saints  
at the table in your kingdom,  
where the new creation is brought to perfection  
in Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

*Sung:*           **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**



*The **Agnus Dei** is sung as the bread is broken for distribution.*

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

He whom the universe could not contain,  
who redeemed us and called us by name  
is present to us in this bread and this cup.

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*The president and people receive communion. All baptised Christians are welcome to receive the sacrament. Please follow the guidance offered by the stewards.*

*If you are not baptised, or would prefer to not receive, then do still come forward for a blessing bringing this book with you so the president knows your intention.*

*The sacrament is available in both kinds, however if you wish to only receive the bread please do so and then return to your place. Receiving in one kind is still considered to be full communion by the Church of England. Please do not dip bread in the wine (sometimes called 'intincting').*

*To the words "The Body/Blood of Christ" the communicant replies "**Amen**".*

*For those at home it might be helpful to use this prayer during the distribution.*

**God revealed**

**in winged delight**

**and glory of earth:**

**give us grace to respect**

**the creatures with whom we share this earth**

**and to learn from living things**

**the end of anxious strivings;**

**through Jesus Christ, from whom all things have life.**

**Amen.**

## **Choir Anthem**

### **'Fairest Lord Jesus'**

Fairest Lord Jesus, Lord of all creation,  
Jesus, of God and Mary the Son;  
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,  
O thou my soul's delight and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the verdure and bloom of spring,  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
He makes the saddest heart to sing.

Fair are the flowers, fairer still the sons of men,  
In all the freshness of youth arrayed:  
Yet is their beauty fading and fleeting;  
My Jesus, thine will never fade, will never fade.

*Words: German 17th century  
translated by Lillian Sinclair Stevenson (1870-1960)*

*Music: Silesian folk song (1842)  
arranged by Martin How (1931-2022)*

*The following communion hymns may be sung during the distribution, as time allows. Please remain seated.*

**In heav'nly love abiding,  
No change my heart shall fear;  
And safe is such confiding,  
For nothing changes here.  
The storm may roar without me,  
My heart may low be laid,  
But God is round about me,  
And can I be dismayed?**

**Wherever he may guide me,  
No want shall turn me back;  
My Shepherd is beside me,  
And nothing can I lack.  
His wisdom ever waketh,  
His sight is never dim,  
He knows the way he taketh,  
And I will walk with him.**

**Green pastures are before me,  
Which yet I have not seen;  
Bright skies will soon be o'er me,  
Where the dark clouds have been.  
My hope I cannot measure,  
My path to life is free,  
My Saviour has my treasure,  
And he will walk with me.**

*Words: Anna Laetitia Waring (1820-1910) based on Psalm 23*

*Music: David Jenkins (1848-1915)*

*Hymn Tune: PENLAN*

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**

*Words: Taizé Community, from Psalm 103*

*Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)*

*Hymn Tune: BLESS THE LORD*

# The Post Communion Prayer

*Please stand with the president who introduces a time of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.*

Blessed God,  
help us, whom you have fed and satisfied in this eucharist,  
to hunger and thirst for what is right;  
help us, who here have rejoiced and been glad,  
to stand with those who are persecuted and reviled;  
help us, who here have glimpsed the life of heaven,  
to strive for the cause of right  
and for the coming of the kingdom of Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Lord,  
we have broken your bread  
and received your life.  
By the power of your Spirit  
keep us always in your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*A hymn is sung.*

**Lord of beauty, thine the splendour  
Shown in earth and sky and sea,  
Burning sun and moonlight tender,  
Hill and river, flow'r and tree:  
Lest we fail our praise to render  
Touch our eyes that they may see.**

**Lord of wisdom, whom obeying  
Mighty waters ebb and flow,  
While unhasting, undelaying,  
Planets on their courses go:  
In thy laws thyself displaying,  
Teach our minds thyself to know.**

**Lord of life, alone sustaining  
All below and all above,  
Lord of love, by whose ordaining  
Sun and stars sublimely move:  
In our earthly spirits reigning,  
Lift our hearts that we may love.**

**Lord of beauty, bid us own thee,  
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide,  
Till as Love our hearts enthrone thee,  
And, with vision purified,  
Lord of all, when all have known thee,  
Thou in all art glorified.**

*Words: Cyril Argentine Alington (1872-1955)*

*Music: Henry Smart (1813-1879)*

*Hymn Tune: REGENT SQUARE*

## **The Dismissal**

### **The Blessing**

The God of hope  
fill you with all joy and peace in believing;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

### **The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Our regular services

Sung Eucharist:	Every Sunday at 10.00 am
Said Eucharist:	Every Wednesday at 10.00 am
Choral Evensong:	First Sunday of the month at 6.00 pm Next this evening
Compline:	First Wednesday of the month at 8.30 pm Next on Wednesday 7 February


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