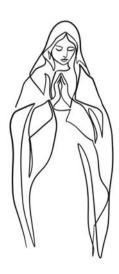


Where all find a welcome and are nurtured in their journey with Christ.

Sung Eucharist

Patronal Festival: The Blessed Virgin Mary



Welcome to St Mary's



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Our stewards are here to help

Please follow all instructions from our stewards, especially during communion. If you need extra help during a service, or if you would need help to leave the building in an emergency, please let us know.

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(+) 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.

Children welcome

We love having children at our services and we want them – and their families – to love being here. If your children need to move around or make noise during the service, please don't feel uncomfortable. We are glad to hear and see them; they are the future of the church!

Toys and activities are available in our Tots' Corner are near the main door, and children are welcome to make use of these either in this area or in their pew. This area is not supervised; children must be always supervised by a responsible adult.

Safeguarding

Our Parish Safeguarding team can be contacted at any time. You can talk to Rev'd Claire or to Janet Blenkinsop, our Parish Safeguarding Officer, you can email safeguarding@whitkirkchurch.org.uk, or you can find more information and contact details at wkrk.uk/safe.



Other services this week

Festal Evensong for our Patronal Festival

Today at 6.00 pm

Said Eucharist

Wednesday 10 September at 10.00 am

Annual Temple Newsam Service held in the Long Gallery at Temple Newsam House

Sunday 14 September at 10.00 am

Messy Church

Sunday 14 September at 4.00 pm

Notices and events

Renewal of the Prayer List

Our prayer list has been renewed as of today. If you want to add a name to the prayer list at any time, please just contact Claire or leave a prayer on one of the cards that are always available at the back of the church. Don't forget to ask for names to be removed if the person is recovering or a moment of crisis has passed. As well as those remembered by name, we always also pray for any others who are in need of our prayers, so please be assured that no-one will be left out. God knows our needs and the needs of those who are on our hearts, even when we do not articulate them in so many words.

The Leeds South & East Food Bank: What's Needed in August

The Leeds South & East Food Bank continues to be in urgent need of donations of food to help feed those in most need. In particular at the moment they are asking for UHT milk, biscuits, custard, cooking sauces and tinned or packet mashed potatoes.

If you are able, you can donate by picking one of these items up in your weekly shop and dropping it in the box at the back of the church. You can find other ways to help, including donating money or your time, on their website at wkrk.uk/fbd. If you need the help of a foodbank yourself, see wkrk.uk/fbh.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped to give Adam Kelly a wonderful Whitkirk send-off last week, and to all who contributed to his presents. Special thanks to those who worked so hard in the kitchen and behind the bar on the day. Your work is very much appreciated.

Junior Choir

Our Junior Choir is being relaunched for the new school year, and will meet on the following dates in the Community Centre at 4.00 pm. This is a fun way to make music together, with opportunities to sing in church on an occasional basis. No experience needed, no need to be able to read music... just come and enjoy singing. Sessions will take place on: 9 September, 23 September, 7 October, 21 October, 4 November, 18 November, 2 December and 16 December. Open to children in Years 3 to 6.

Heritage Weekend

Join us on the 13 September from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm, or the 14 September from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm, as we celebrate our heritage. Explore the architecture of our church building, the history of people connected to St Mary's, our collection of fine embroideries and more!

The Annual Whitkirk Lecture: The view from the tower

Friday 12 September at 7.30 pm St Mary's Church Whitkirk Community Centre

This year's lecture explores the history of places you can see from our church tower, covering subjects including the Knights Templar, one of the oldest railway lines in the country, and a lost sporting venue.

The Annual Civic Service and Sung Eucharist at Temple Newsam House

Sunday 14 September at 10.00 am Temple Newsam House

For more than a century St Mary's has led this service at Temple Newsam House to mark the City of Leeds acquiring the estate. Please note that there is no service at St Mary's this morning. Unfortunately, we are unable to livestream this service, but a recording will be made available on our website in the usual place after the event.

Community Centre Clean-Up

Saturday 20th September, 9.00 am to 12.00 pm St Mary's Church Whitkirk Community Centre

We are once again looking for volunteers to help give the Community Centre a spring clean. If you are able to spare some time, we'd love to see you on the morning of 20th September. You don't need to stay all morning: even a short amount of help makes a huge difference.

All Creatures Great and Small: Pet blessing service

Saturday 20 September at 2.00 pm Whitkirk Vicarage Garden

Join us with your furry (or feathery or scaly) friends for a special service to celebrate the pets with whom we share our lives. Whether you have a donkey or a stick insect, all are welcome. Weather permitting, we will meeting in the vicarage garden (in the church, if wet) to sing, pray and praise God for the wonderful animals who keep us company, with a special blessing for pets and their owners. Please keep dogs (and larger animals) on a lead and have smaller animals in a basket or carrier, and come prepared to clean up after your pet.

Harvest lunch

Sunday 5 October St Mary's Church Whitkirk Community Centre

Our Harvest Festival will be taking place this year on Sunday 5 October and will be followed, as usual, by our Harvest Lunch. More details to follow soon, but keep the date free for a wonderful feast with friends as we give thanks for all that God provides for us.

Songs of Praise: Whitkirk's Top Ten Hymns

Sunday 5 October at 6.00 pm St Mary's Church, Whitkirk

On the same day as the Harvest Lunch, we will be holding a Songs of Praise service in lieu of our usual Choral Evensong. We invite you to vote for your favourite hymn and to see if it makes the Top Ten which we will sing on the day. Voting slips are available in the church today and you can also vote via our Facebook page. One vote per person only, please!

We will also be looking for a few volunteers to say why they chose a particular hymn. If you would be willing to do this on the day, please tick the box on the voting form.

Join us after the service for refreshments

You are warmly invited to join us for refreshments in our Community Centre after the service.

The Gathering

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

Sing we of the blessèd Mother who received the angel's word, and obedient to his summons bore in love the infant Lord; sing we of the joys of Mary at whose breast that child was fed, who is Son of God eternal and the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows, of the sword that pierced her through, when beneath the cross of Jesus she his weight of suff'ring knew, looked upon her Son and Saviour reigning high on Calv'ry's tree, saw the price of our redemption paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary when she saw the risen Lord, and, in prayer with Christ's apostles, waited on his promised word: from on high the blazing glory of the Spirit's presence came. heav'nly breath of God's own being, manifest through wind and flame.

Sing the greatest joy of Mary when on earth her work was done, and the Lord of all creation brought her to his heav'nly home: virgin mother, Mary blessèd, raised on high and crowned with grace, may your Son, the world's redeemer, grant us all to see his face.

Words: George Bourne Timms (1910-1997) Music: Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991) Hymn Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH

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

Invitation to Confession

We have done what was wrong in the Lord's sight and chosen what displeased him.

Yet as a mother comforts her child, so shall the Lord himself comfort us.

So let us come to him who knows our every deed and thought.

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father;

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

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,

who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a

slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Galatians 4.4-7

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.

Shall we not love thee, Mother dear, whom Jesus loves so well, and to his glory, year by year, thy praise and honour tell.

Thee did he choose from whom to take true flesh, his flesh to be; in it to suffer for our sake, and by it make us free.

O wondrous depth of love divine, that he should bend so low; and, Mary, O what joy was thine the Saviour's love to know. Joy to be mother of the Lord, yet thine the truer bliss, in ev'ry thought and deed and word to be for ever his.

Jesu, the Virgin's holy Son, praise we thy mother blest; grant when our earthly course is run, life with the saints at rest.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)

Music: Gordon Slater (1896-1979)

Hymn Tune: SAINT BOTOLPH

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

cf Luke 1.28,42

Alleluia.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Luke I 46-55

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Please sit after the preacher leads us in prayer.

The Nicene Creed

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.

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

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9.6

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 card reader by the door as you leave.



Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood. He will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most high.

Words: Liturgy of St James translated by Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885) Music: French traditional melody

Hymn Tune: PICARDY

Taking of the Bread and Wine

God our Father, your handmaid Mary fed your Son at her virgin breast. Nourish us at this table with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer (A)

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.

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation, almighty Father, ever-living God, to proclaim the wonders you have worked in all your saints, and on the feast of Mary, ever blessed, to echo her praise of your loving kindness. For you have truly done great things and holy is your name, and your mercy is on those who fear you in every generation. When you looked with favour on your lowly servant you remembered your promise of mercy and gave the world through her your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Through him the hosts of heaven adore you and rejoice in your presence for ever. May our voices join with theirs in the triumphant hymn of praise:

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.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, 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.

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.

Amen.

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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'). Almighty and everlasting God, who stooped to raise fallen humanity through the child-bearing of blessed Mary: grant that we, who have seen your glory revealed in our human nature and your love made perfect in our weakness, may daily be renewed in your image and conformed to the pattern of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Anthem

Sung by the Choir.

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum, Dominus tecum,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui,
Jesus, Jesus.

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum, Dominus tecum, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus, Jesus.

Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, Ora, ora pro nobis. Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae, ora pro nobis pecatoribus, ora, ora. Amen.

Words: St. Luke and anon. (Medieval)
Music: Simon Geoffrey Lindley (1948-2025)

English Translation:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The following communion hymns may be sung during the distribution as time allows.

Please remain seated.

Virgin-born, we bow before thee: blessèd was the womb that bore thee; Mary, maid and mother mild, blessèd was she in her child.

Blessèd was the breast that fed thee; blessèd was the hand that led thee; blessèd was the parent's eye that watched thy slumb'ring infancy. Blessèd she by all creation, who brought forth the world's salvation, blessèd they, for ever blest, who love thee most and serve thee best.

Virgin-born, we bow before thee: blessèd was the womb that bore thee; Mary, maid and mother mild, blessèd was she in her child.

> Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826) Music: German carol melody (14th century) harmonised by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

There is a line of women extending back to Eve whose role in shaping history God only could conceive; and though through endless ages their witness was repressed, God valued and encouraged them through whom the world was blessed.

So sing a song of Sarah —
to laughter she gave birth;
and sing a song of Tamar
who stood for women's worth;
and sing a song of Hannah
who bargained with her Lord;
and sing a song of Mary
who bore and bred God's Word.

There is a line of women who stood by Jesus' side, who housed him while he ministered and held him when he died; and though they claimed he'd risen, their news was deemed suspect till Jesus stood among them, his womanly elect.

So sing a song of Anna who saw Christ's infant face; and sing a song of Martha who gave him food and space; and sing of all the Marys who heeded his requests, and now, at heaven's banquet, are Jesus' fondest guests.

Words: John Lamberton Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (1958-2019)

Music: English traditional melody adapted and arranged by

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Hymn Tune: KINGSFOLD

The Post Communion Prayer

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

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power.

Strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A hymn is sung.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord: unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice; tender to me the promise of his word; in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name: make known his might, the deeds his arm has done; his mercy sure, from age to age the same; his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might: pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by; proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word: firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord to children's children and for evermore.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024) Music: Walter Greatorex (1877-1949) Hymn Tune: WOODLANDS

The Dismissal

The Blessing

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; 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

Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.'

Luke 1.38

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

Compline: First Wednesday of the month at 8.30 pm

Sanctuary: Second Thursday of the month at 6.30 pm

Sacred Space: Last Thursday of the month at 6.00 pm

Pilgrims in the Park: Last Saturday of the month at 2.00 pm

at Temple Newsam Park

Daily Prayers: Tuesday to Saturday at 8.30am and 5.30pm

Contact us

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