



The Parish of
St Mary the Virgin
STANWELL
&
St Matthew
ASHFORD

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3rd Sunday of Easter

4 May 2025



**IIIrd Sunday
of Easter**

PRAYERS AND READINGS AT MASS - Click [here](#)

for use with Spiritual Communion for use on a Sunday

*Please download the service booklet to go along with these prayers and readings **here**. Please print this out as it is used every week and then use the readings given on the link above to make your Spiritual Communion.*



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**THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND**



The See of Fulham

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Registered Charity: 1203323

Notices

Friday Light Supper before 19:00 Mass

Every Friday from 17:45 in St Mary's, starting on Friday 25th April.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

11-17 MAY 2025

COFFEE, COMPASSION, AND CHANGE:
SUPPORTING CHRISTIAN AID TOGETHER

There's something powerful about coming together over a cup of coffee. It's more than just a morning pick-me-up—it's an opportunity to connect, share, and make a difference.



This is why we're thrilled to invite you to our
Christian Aid Coffee Morning,
on Saturday 10th May
at 10:00–13:00

in St Matthew's Church, Ashford.

**Please come along, every sip supports life-
changing work around the world.**

This year, Christian Aid is celebrating a remarkable milestone anniversary. For 80 years, Christian Aid has been at the forefront of fighting poverty and injustice. Since 1945, they have brought hope and practical support to millions of people across the world. From providing emergency relief during crises to empowering communities with sustainable solutions, their mission remains as vital today as ever. By joining us for coffee, tea, and delicious treats, you'll be helping to continue this legacy of love and action.

Every penny raised at these events will help Christian Aid continue to provide practical assistance, dignity, and hope to those in need—whether by delivering clean water, offering emergency shelter, or supporting communities in building a sustainable future.

Your Support Makes a Difference



As we come together in faith and celebration, we are reminded of the vital work of our parish community. Your generosity plays a crucial role in ensuring that our church remains a place of welcome, worship, and care for all.

Every gift—whether given through the QR code, the plate, or the card reader at the back of the church—helps sustain the ministries that nurture faith, extend outreach, and offer hope to so many.

Thank you for being part of this sacred mission. Together, we are ensuring that God's love continues shining brightly for generations.

**MAKE A ONE-OFF GIFT TO OUR CHURCH
OR SET UP REGULAR GIVING ONLINE AT
www.parishgiving.org.uk**





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DATES FOR THE NEXT TERM

19th April – Cancelled

Saturday 17th May 2025

Saturday 21st June 2025

Saturday 19th July 2025

between 1500 - 1700 hrs

St Mary the Virgin,
Church Approach,
Stanwell,
TW19 7JS



There is no cost for attending these sessions
For all the family! Children must bring a grown up
office@smam.org.uk 01784-259093



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St Augustine's Day Fayre

- Stanwell -

24th of May 2025

St Mary's will be open from

11:00 – 15:00

Refreshments will be available throughout the day.



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St Margaret's
Iver Heath

Parish Pilgrimage

to the



17th - 20th November 2025

3 Nights full board £300

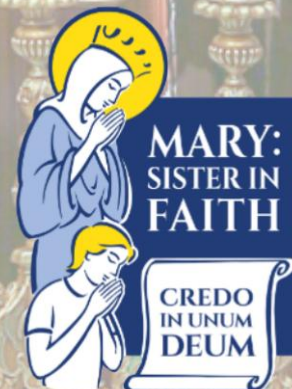
Travel included

£40 non-refundable deposit

For more details please contact

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COFFEE MORNINGS

Wednesdays - St Mary's
Thursdays - St Matthew's
10:00-12:00

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[www.smam.org.uk](http://www.smam.org.uk)





## YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU

### Introducing the new Ashford Residents Association

Our aim is to benefit Ashford's residents and give everyone a voice. As community members, we are committed to enhancing the quality of life in Ashford for everyone. Our goal is to keep residents connected on town issues, updates, and news, including building development, planning permission, residential concerns, and park maintenance. Please join us as we value all feedback and plan to work closely with local councillors, police, schools, and NHW groups to serve ALL Ashford residents.

"We believe Ashford is worth fighting for, and by joining together, families and residents of all ages, **WE CAN** create a secure, inclusive and welcoming environment for everyone to thrive in."

It is easy to sign up to have your say and discover how we can help you. To join and become a member or request further information please email us at [info@ashfordra.co.uk](mailto:info@ashfordra.co.uk) or drop us a line at <https://ashfordra.co.uk>

#### The next Ashford Residents Association Members Meeting

**Saturday 14th June 2025**

**10.00am to 12.00pm**

**St Matthew's Church Ashford TW15 2NY**

If you have any questions that you would like to submit before the meeting, please email [info@ashfordra.co.uk](mailto:info@ashfordra.co.uk) and we will endeavour to add them to the agenda.



Scan Me!

Agenda will be sent out in June.

Scan QR code for website  
Scan QR code to join nextdoor



ASHFORD  
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



Scan Me!



The Parish Magazine can be downloaded [here](#)

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### PRAYING TOGETHER

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|       |      |                                               |
|-------|------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Sun   | 4th  | 3rd Sunday of Easter – Fr Richard, archdeacon |
| Mon   | 5th  | Newborn babies and their mothers              |
| Tues  | 6th  | Our Sovereign King Charles                    |
| Wed   | 7th  | Delivery drivers                              |
| Thurs | 8th  | Those struggling with dyslexia                |
| Fri   | 9th  | Investigative journalists                     |
| Sat   | 10th | Court officials                               |

**THE SICK:** Pamela Aldridge, Banaras Ali, Milly Ali, Tina Flowers, Stephen Gamble, Sandra German, Christine Macklin, Roger Macklin, Roger Moore, Joan Mulford, Brenda Rayner, David Saunders.





**THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Ashleigh Fielding, Joyce Johnston, Esther Osmond, Jill Spencer, His Holiness, the late, Pope Francis.

**IN LOVING MEMORY:** Alfred Skilleter, Ann Bloys, Robert Hillman, Vi Newell, June Dodson, Ben Clark, Alice Cole, David Pinkney, Frank Westwood, Lilian Hoare, David Sleet.

## SERVICE TIMES

| Day     | Time  | Service                    | Location     |
|---------|-------|----------------------------|--------------|
| +Sun    | 09:30 | Parish Mass                | St Matthew's |
|         | 11:00 | Parish Mass                | St Mary's    |
|         | 18:30 | Evensong & Benediction     | St Matthew's |
| Mon–Fri | 08:30 | Lauds (Morning Prayer)     | Online       |
| Tue     | 18:00 | Evening Prayer & Holy Hour | St Matthew's |
|         | 19:00 | Low Mass                   | St Matthew's |
| Wed     | 12:30 | Low Mass                   | St Mary's    |
| Thu     | 09:15 | Low Mass                   | St Matthew's |
| Fri     | 18:00 | Evening Prayer & Holy Hour | St Mary's    |
|         | 19:00 | Low Mass                   | St Mary's    |
| Sat     | 09:00 | The Holy Rosary            | Online       |

## REGULAR EVENTS

|             |                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday - |  Morning Café – 10:00-12:00 before Mass at St Mary's                                               |
| Thursday -  |  Coffee Morning – After 09:15 Mass at St Matthew's                                               |
|             |  Bell Ringing – 19:00 Alternates between the churches<br>(contact the Tower Captain for details) |
| Friday -    |  Choir Practice – 20:00 (St Matthew's)                                                           |

## PASTORAL CARE

If you or someone you know is unwell, at home, or in hospital, please inform a member of the **Ministry Team**, so they can be visited and prayed for.

## PASTORAL OFFICES

For **Baptism** or **Marriage**, preliminary forms can be collected from the **Parish Office** at advertised times. **Baptisms** – Usually held on the **first Saturday** or **third Sunday** of the month. If you would like to have your child baptised, join us any Sunday for the **main Mass** and meet the team!

**Funerals** – For guidance on preparing for your own or a loved one's funeral, please contact the **Parish Office**.

## SPECIAL SERVICES

Feasts, **Saints' Days**, Holy Days, and other special occasions take place throughout the year. See **notices in church**, the **weekly news sheet**, or the **website** for details.

## PARISH DIRECTORY

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### *Parish Clergy*

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#### *Curate:* Fr John Hillman SSC



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### *Parish Lay Leadership*

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#### *Church Wardens*

Julie Bell, Luis Elias, Pauline Muldowney, Ian Spencer

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