



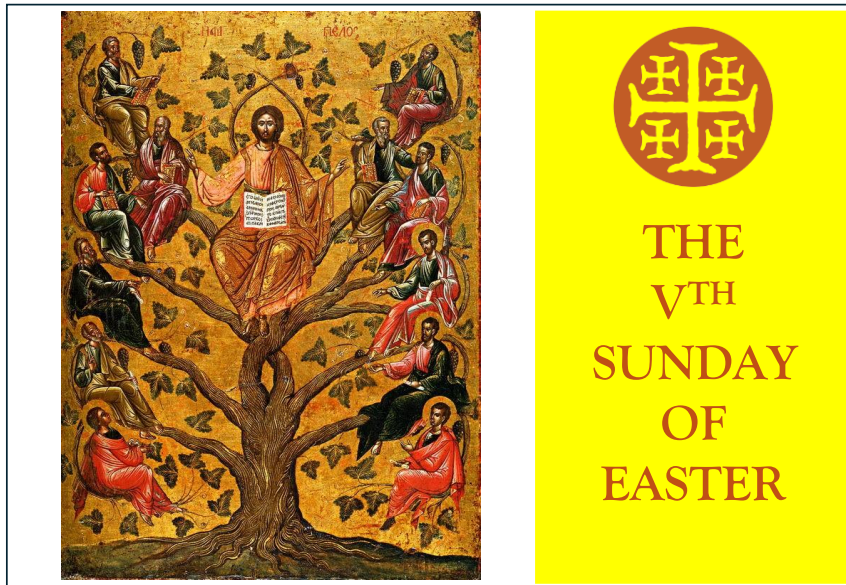
The Parish of
St Mary the Virgin
STANWELL
&
St Matthew
ASHFORD

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5th Sunday of Easter

18 May 2025



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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Notices

Friday Light Supper before 19:00 Mass

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

Pathways to Holiness - An Introduction to Christian Spirituality

****"The glory of God is the human person fully alive."**

— St. Irenaeus**

Are you seeking a deeper, more joyful life in Christ?

Do you long to pray with greater richness, to notice God in your daily life, and to journey closer to the heart of the Church?

Pathways to Holiness is a four-week introduction to the treasures of Christian spirituality, offering simple yet profound ways to encounter God in prayer, Scripture, daily life, and the world around us.

Over Four Weeks, We Will Explore:

1. The Journey of the Soul

Discover the classic stages of the spiritual life: purgation, illumination, and union. Learn how God lovingly leads us from struggle to abiding joy.

2. Ignatian Spirituality – Prayerful Awareness

Enter the rich tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola, learning to notice God in all things through simple, life-giving practices like the Examen and imaginative prayer.

3. Benedictine Spirituality – Finding God in Rhythm

Rediscover the gift of order and balance through Benedictine prayer, *lectio divina*, and the sanctification of ordinary life.

4. Franciscan Spirituality – Joyful Simplicity & Service

Let St. Francis of Assisi teach you the freedom of poverty, the joy of serving the poor, and the beauty of creation as a song of praise.

Each Session Includes:

- Short, accessible teaching
- Guided prayer experiences

- Time for reflection and sharing
- Practical tools to take into your daily life

Who is it for?

- Anyone curious about Christian spirituality
- Those feeling spiritually ‘stuck’ or seeking renewal
- People discerning their next steps in prayer or service

Come and See

You don't need to be an expert. You only need a heart open to the Spirit.

When & Where

Monday June 2nd for four weeks.

St Mary's following Mass at 19:00

Contact: Fr Stuart

****"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace..."**

– St. Francis of Assisi**

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

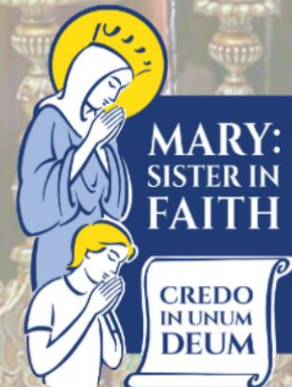
Travel included

£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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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 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 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



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Ashford Residents Association TW15

We believe Ashford should be a thriving community that is worth fighting for. With families and residents of all ages **WE CAN** create a secure, inclusive and welcoming environment.

We invite everyone living in Ashford to unite, make your voices heard, and shape our town's future alongside local leaders.

Together, we can ensure our community plays a key role in decisions that truly matter.

To join, email us at info@ashfordra.co.uk or visit our Website, Nextdoor and Facebook groups for more details.

<https://ashfordra.co.uk>

United, we empower and support our community.



SCAN QR CODES BELOW



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

PRAYING TOGETHER

Sun	18 th	5th Sunday of Easter – Fr Stuart and Fr John
Mon	19 th	Bank staff
Tues	20 th	Postmasters
Wed	21 st	Police Commissioners
Thurs	22 nd	Physiotherapists
Fri	23 rd	Supermarket staff
Sat	24 th	All those in constant pain

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





THE RECENTLY DEPARTED: William Cooper, Rufus Davies, Joyce Johnston, Esther Osmond, Brenda Rayner, Jill Spencer.

IN LOVING MEMORY: Annie Benton, Joyce Butcher, Dorothy Hales, Winifred Lentell, Jean Park, John Perslow, Harry Rampton, Sid Salsbury, Peggy Sessions, Sue Vail, Frank Watson, Kate Wray.

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 (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.

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Church Hall Bookings 🏠 | ✉ hall@smam.org.uk

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in the Diocese of London.

