



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



# Constant Contact

ISSUE 259

6th Sunday of Easter

25 May 2025

Abide  
IN MY  
Love  
JOHN 15:9



THE  
VI<sup>TH</sup>  
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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Notices

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## 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.

### **When & Where**

Monday June 2nd for four weeks.

St Mary's following Mass at 19:00

Contact: Fr Stuart

### **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.

**\*\*\*"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](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk)**



**Join us for a Light Supper every Friday before 19:00 Mass**

Come along to St Mary's from 17:45 each Friday, starting on Friday 25 April, and enjoy a warm, welcoming bite to eat before Mass.

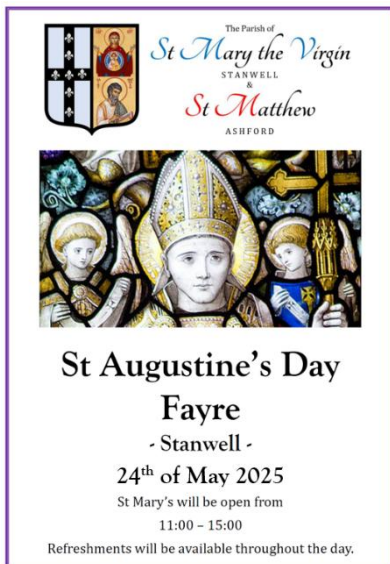
It's a simple way to share good food, good company, and prepare our hearts for the evening service. Everyone is welcome—bring a friend!

**A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped with the Fayre!**

Your time, effort, and support made the day a great success—we genuinely couldn't do it without you. Events like this only happen because of the many hands working behind the scenes.

We're always on the lookout for more helpers—not to lead, but simply to assist. Whether it's setting up, tidying away, or giving a hand during the event, every bit of help truly counts.

If you'd like to get involved next time in a relaxed, supportive role, we'd love to hear from you!



**Could You Lend Your Voice or a Helping Hand at Mass?**

We're always looking for more people to join our **team of Servers and Choir**—especially for:

- **Evensong** (Sundays at 18:30)
- **Main Masses** (Sundays at 09:30 and 11:00)
- **Low Masses** (Tuesdays and Fridays at 19:00)

You don't need experience—just a willing heart and a regular commitment. Whether you feel drawn to serve at the altar or lift your voice in song, this is a wonderful way to deepen your participation in the life of the Church.

**Interested? Speak to one of the clergy or music team—we'd love to welcome you!**



# Ashford Baroque Ensemble



Director: Philip Buckmaster

## An Afternoon Concert

Handel - The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba

Vivaldi - Concerto for Strings, RV157

CPE Bach - Organ Concerto in G, H444

and music by Greene and Muffat

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup> June, 4.30 pm**

(The concert will last approx. 1hr)

***St Matthew's Church***

***Church Road, Ashford TW15 2PL***

Programmes: £5, under 18s £3 on the door

[www.ashfordbaroque.org.uk](http://www.ashfordbaroque.org.uk)  [ashfordbaroque](https://www.facebook.com/ashfordbaroque)



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## DATES FOR THE NEXT TERM

*19<sup>th</sup> April – Cancelled*

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Margaret's  
Iver Heath

# Parish Pilgrimage

to the



17th - 20th November 2025

3 Nights full board £300

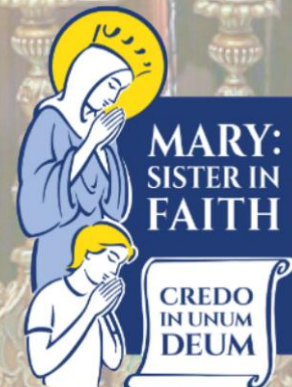
*Travel included*

*£40 non-refundable deposit*

For more details please contact

Julie Bell - Cell Secretary

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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](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.

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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](mailto: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](#)

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PRAYING TOGETHER

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|       |      |                                           |
|-------|------|-------------------------------------------|
| Sun   | 25th | 6th Sunday of Easter – our church choir   |
| Mon   | 26th | Single parent families                    |
| Tues  | 27th | Lifeguards                                |
| Wed   | 28th | All who volunteer                         |
| Thurs | 29th | The Ascension of the Lord                 |
| Fri   | 30th | The farming community                     |
| Sat   | 31st | The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary |

**THE SICK:** Pamela Aldridge, Banaras Ali, Milly Ali, Elizabeth Cherian, Ann Phillips, 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:** Ernest Ault, Mae Hale, Ted Hoskins, Roy McClelland, Derrick Sampson, Irene Spurdle, Joan Tuffnell.



## 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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### *The Parish Office*

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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*

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