



St John the Baptist, Catford & Downham Team Ministry

The Feast of Mary Sumner

9th August 2026



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Collect

Faithful and loving God, who called Mary Sumner to strive for the renewal of family life: give us the gift of your Holy Spirit, that through word, prayer and deed your family may be strengthened and your people served; 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.**

1st Reading: Proverbs 24.3f, 12-14

A reading from the book Proverbs.

³By wisdom a house is built,
and by understanding it is established;
⁴by knowledge the rooms are filled
with all precious and pleasant riches.

¹²If you say, 'Look, we did not know
this'—

does not he who weighs the heart
perceive it?

Does not he who keeps watch over
your soul know it?

And will he not repay all according to
their deeds?

¹³My child, eat honey, for it is good,
and the drippings of the honeycomb
are sweet to your taste.

¹⁴Know that wisdom is such to your
soul;

if you find it, you will find a future,
and your hope will not be cut off.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 119.9-16

Refrain:

Blessed art thou, O Lord :

O teach me thy statutes

⁹WHEREWITHAL shall a young man
cleans his way : even by ruling
himself after thy word.

¹⁰ With my whole heart have I sought
thee : O let me not go wrong out of
thy commandments. **R**

¹¹ Thy words have I hid within my
heart : that I should not sin against
thee.

¹² Blessed art thou, O Lord : O teach
me thy statutes. **R**

¹³ With my lips have I been telling : of
all the judgements of thy mouth.

¹⁴ I have had as great delight in the
way of thy testimonies : as in all
manner of riches. **R**

¹⁵ I will talk of thy commandments :
and have respect unto thy ways.

¹⁶ My delight shall be in thy statutes :
and I will not forget thy word. **R**

2nd Reading: Hebrews 13.1-5

A reading from the letter to the
Hebrews.

¹Let mutual love continue.

²Do not neglect to show hospitality
to strangers, for by doing that some
have entertained angels without
knowing it.

³Remember those who are in prison,
as though you were in prison with
them; those who are being tortured,
as though you yourselves were being
tortured.

⁴Let marriage be held in honour by
all, and let the marriage bed be kept
undefiled; for God will judge
fornicators and adulterers.

⁵Keep your lives free from the love of
money, and be content with what you
have; for he has said, 'I will never
leave you or forsake you.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 11.9-13

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Glory to you O, Lord.

⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish?

¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion?

¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayers

For healing and protection for: Lloyd Page, Cameron, Joyce Howard, Gabriel Solomon, Laura Verlander, Eunice, Youngson, Pelu Thomas, Alison Marrett, Dwayne, Eric, Annie, Beverley, Glyn, Drew Spikes, Ruth Bennett, Bilki, Marcel, Leila, Theresa.

For those departed this life including. Helena Blake, Kastina, and those with an anniversary of a death at this time including Leonard Miller.

Notices**Youth Church Room Revamp**

Summer Holidays Decorating Days: Thurs 20th & Fri 21st August 10am-4pm. Snacks, Drinks & Lunch provided, come dressed in messy gear! Youth Church members and other helpers welcome.

We also welcome donations of new/unused DIY materials like paint brushes, rollers and trays, decorating tape and dust sheets.

Questions? Contact Shea on 07960034085 or see Rev'd Peter, Cynthia or David Harding.

St John's WhatsApp prayer

group- speak to Anne-Marie or Shea to join.

Foodbank donations

Can be left in the collection bins outside the hall, or in the crate at the back of church. All non-perishable donations welcome.

Church Diary

Prayer chapel open:
 7.30-5.30pm Weekdays
 9.30-5.30pm Weekends

Feast Day of Mary Sumner (9th)
 10.30am Sung Mass

Monday 10th Laurence, martyr, 258
 7.30am Morning Prayer (MP)
 5pm Evensong (ES)

Tuesday 11th
 Clare of Assisi, religious, 1253
 7.30am MP. 8.30am Said Mass.
 5pm ES.

Wednesday 12th
 7.30am MP. 10am Said Mass. 5pm ES

Thursday 13th
 Jeremy Taylor, teacher, 1667
 7.30am MP. 2pm Tea party in aid of Cancer Research. 5pm ES

Friday 14th
 Maximillian Kolbe, martyr, 1941
 7.30am MP.
 10am Said Mass at St Barnabas.

Feast Day of Our Lady (16th)
 10.30am Sung Mass

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