

Mothering Sunday

Collect

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Today's Reading

John 19: 25b - 27

Post Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Baptism Preparation – Prayer for March

***God, You give us Your love, even when things go wrong. Fill these parents
with Your peace, even when things don't go to plan. Amen.***

Book: Handa's Surprise

This week's "teaspoon prayers" from the children at Church of the Ascension School

Dear God, thank you for blessing me. Amen

Dear God, sorry for the naughty people. Amen

Dear Lord, please help me to be a better person. Amen.

Gluten Free Wafers

Whenever the Eucharist is celebrated gluten free wafers are available.

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Sunday 30th March 2025

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SERVICES AT CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION – MARCH

Sunday 30 March – Mothering Sunday

10am Café Church

Monday 31 March

5pm Evening Prayer

7.30pm Lent Group at Fr Mel's – 14 Beech Tree Close

Tuesday 1 April

2.30pm Lent Group at Jill's – 30 Stallings Lane

5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 2 April

10am Midweek Eucharist with Hymns and Songs

1.30pm Mothers' Union Meeting

5pm Evening Prayer

6.15pm Lent Group @ Church of the Ascension

Thursday 3 April

10am Mainly Music

1.15pm Church of the Ascension School Year 5
Experience Easter

2.30pm Lent Group at Jane's – 25 Foundry St, Wall Heath

7.30pm Lent Group at Jenny's – 17 Clover Lane, Wall Heath

Sunday 6 April

10am Morning Prayer

**All are welcome to Morning Prayer at St Mary's at 8.30am on
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week.**

Pray for our sick and those who care for them: Evelyn, Pat Hughes, Bob, Carol, Steph Randall, Pam, Fran and Peter, Tim Dalloway, Anne-Marie, Chris Hemsley, Angela, Winnifred Quirke, Winston Sharpe, Reagan, Carole, Carol, Lainey, Edna Barlow, Phil Mayhew, Mike, Henry, Samantha Hart, Brian Genner, Liz Cross, Sarah, Denise, Harold, Fr Adam.

MU Members, especially the house bound.

Recently Departed: Carol Cartwright, Diane Smith, Pauline Heathcock, Jill Centillas, Thomas Smith, John Thompson.

***Please pray for the people that live in Oaklands Care Home in our parish
and for the people who care for them.***

Memory book We are updating the memory book at Church of Ascension. If you would like a loved one put in there's a list at the back of church. Please put their name and date you would like them remembered and also your name and number. You can also contact Sara at sara.horton@blueyonder.co.uk or on 07813 350115.

Fr. Mel's Prayer Meeting has become a Lent Group at 7.30pm - the final one being this Monday 31st March. Back to the fortnightly meetings from April 14th at 7pm.

The Funeral Service of Pauline Heathcock is this Tuesday, 1 April at Church of the Ascension at 10.30am and at Gornal Wood Crematorium at 11.40am followed by refreshments at the Dudley Arms.

Church of the Ascension School, Year 5 Experience Easter will be on **Thursday 3rd April from 1-3pm**. If you are able to help, please speak to Sian.

Annual Meetings

The annual meeting for Church of the Ascension will be on **Tuesday 29 April at 7.30pm** in church. Please do your best to attend this important meeting.

- There will be nominations for 2 church wardens
- There will be elections for 1 PCC member.
- There will be elections for 3 DCC members.

Our annual parish meeting will then be on **Wednesday 28 May at 7.30pm** in church. Again, please do your best to attend this important meeting.

Mothers' Union next meeting is on **Wednesday 2nd April at 1.30** in the Church Hall. Mother Sarah will be our speaker, filling in for Adam. Followed by tea and biscuits. Everyone welcome 😊

Also, we will be collecting for our Lent Appeal for Dudley Women's Refuge. The items needed are: **All white please (Asda Basics)** Mugs, Large plates, Side plates, Cereal dishes. Tea towels, Oven gloves, Plastic chopping boards, Kitchen Utensils, Can openers.

Renewal Project Update

This coming week all the windows in the hall will be replaced with new double-glazed windows. This has been achieved through a grant from Enovert.

The grant application was submitted by Grace, our Operations Manager, who is funded by the national Church of England to support us in bringing our buildings up to date and eco-friendly so that we care for God's creation.

So, let's give thanks to God for the money to do this work.