

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Acts 9: 36-end *Psalm 23* *Revelation 7: 9-end* John 10: 22-30

Post Communion

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Baptism Preparation – Prayer for May

Lord God, thank You that You created us all with an amazing capacity for love
and compassion. We pray that when faced with injustice, You will equip this
family with the gifts of boldness, courage and discernment to bring about your
will. **Amen.**

Book: What The Ladybird Heard

***Please pray for the people that live in New Bradley Hall in our parish
and for the people who care for them.***

**Gluten Free Wafers - whenever the Eucharist is celebrated gluten free wafers will be
available.**

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Sunday 11th May 2025

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SERVICES AT CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION – MAY

Sunday 11 May

10am Sung Eucharist

**5.30pm Confirmations of Sonia and Barbara at
St Michael's Church, Brierley Hill**

Monday 12 May

5pm Evening Prayer

7pm Prayer & Praise at Fr Mel's

Tuesday 13 May

5pm Soul Food

5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 14 May

10am Midweek Eucharist with Hymns and Songs

5pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 15 May

10am Mainly Music

Sunday 18 May

10am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Baptism of Loxley

**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, Edna Barlow, Phil Mayhew, Mike, Henry, Samantha Hart, Brian Genner, Sarah, Denise, Harold, Craig Stevens, Kirsty, Harry, Janet.

MU Members, especially the house bound.

Recently Departed: Diane Smith, Thomas Smith, Jean Bengree, Kevin Cook, Geoffrey Clay, Nancy Richardson, Edgar Green.

Jean Bengree's funeral will be at **1.45 pm on Tuesday 13th May** at St Mary's followed by cremation at Gornal Wood. Tea and cake will be served in the Church Centre after the service.

Jill and her family invite their church family to join them to celebrate Jean's life.

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be on **Wednesday 28 May at 7.30pm** in church. Please do your best to attend this important meeting.

Ascension Day Our patronal Eucharist for Ascension Day will be at Church of the Ascension at **7pm on Thursday 29 May**.

Archdeacon Nikki will be leading the service and there will be cheese and wine in the hall afterwards. The school playground will be open for people to park on. All are very welcome and please spread the word!

Fr Chris' Priesting and first Mass Everyone is welcome to attend Worcester Cathedral on **Saturday 28 June at 2pm** when Fr Chris will be ordained as a Priest by Bishop Martin. The following day on **Sunday 29 June at 11am** (note the time change) will be the first time that Fr Chris presides at the Eucharist and this service will be at St Mary's followed by a bring a share lunch in the hall. Fr Rob Jones, the former Archdeacon of Worcester, will be preaching. Please do come and support Fr Chris during these two exceptionally important days for him and the church.

Have you considered being a school governor?

A vacancy will arise in September for someone from our church community to be on the school board at Church of the Ascension C.E. Primary School to support and act as a "critical friend" alongside staff and parents. It involves three evening meetings each term, with training provided, and is a very rewarding activity. Please speak to Fr Adam or Chris, Sheila or Mary if you would like to know more.

PARISH RENEWAL AND DEVELOPMENT

Thank you so much to those who've posted things on the boards.

Do keep them coming – photos, memories, whatever...

Let's celebrate and honour the past – **it's how we got to the present!**

Looking to the future please do sign up for one of the house groups!

Please email any notices and items for this weekly newsletter to Lindsey in the parish office by Thursday for printing on Fridays. Thank you.

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