



Sunday 3rd August 2025

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SERVICES – AUGUST

Sunday 3 August

10am Morning Prayer

Monday 4 August

5pm Evening Prayer

**7pm Fr Mel's Prayer and Praise
at CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**

Tuesday 5 August

5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 6 August

10am Midweek Said Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 10 August

10am Sung Eucharist

**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, Phil Mayhew, Mike, Henry, Samantha Hart, Sarah, Denise, Harold, Kirsty, Janet, Richard Hughes, Robert Hodges, Jill Nicholls, Chris Knight, Helen Brettle.

MU Members, especially the house bound.

Recently Departed: Melvyn Bailey, Martyn Wassell, Susan Deakin

Baptism Preparation – Prayer for August

*Loving Father. Thank You for these parents. Help them to know Your presence in their lives and to share that love and care with their families and those they meet. **Amen.***

Book: *Have you filled a bucket today.*

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

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

office@stmaryskingswinford.org.uk

The new Bishop of Worcester has been announced

Bishop Hugh Nelson will be the next Bishop of Worcester please use this link for more details or see the next Parish magazine.

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/next-bishop-of-worcester-announced.php>

In the meantime, please pray for Bishop Hugh

Gracious and loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd,
you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church:
we thank you for calling your servant Hugh to be Bishop of Worcester;
sustain him by your love, strengthen him in faith, encourage him in hope
and grant him the needful gifts of grace;
that through his ministry among us we may live and grow as Kingdom People
sharing faith, hope and love in Jesus' name. **Amen**

Eucharist Assistants As you know each Sunday people accompany the priest to distribute Communion. It's usually the chalice but can also be the bread. Have you ever thought about you having this ministry of faithful service? If you have, speak to one of the priests and we can discern with you whether this is something you're called to do. Full training will be given and we'll need to do a little bit of safeguarding work with you but this is a really important part of our church life together and I commend to your prayers whether this is something you, or someone else you know might be called to.

DCC Member We still have a vacancy for a DCC member. If you're interested, please speak to Jean or Jenny. It's really important that we fill this vacancy.

Fr Mel's Prayer Group Next Meeting is **THIS MONDAY August 4th at 7.00pm at THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**. Mthr Sarah will lead and play the piano.

Baptisms We will be baptising eight of our Iranian friends as part of our morning worship on **Sunday 10th August at 10am**, followed by a bring and share lunch.
Everyone Welcome 😊

A VJ Day Service is being held at **Kingswinford RBL on Friday 15th August at 10.30am**. All are welcome.

Baptism of Penny Jones

Penny will be baptised on **Sunday 17th August at 12.30pm**. Everyone from our church family is welcome to attend.

St Mary's Patronal Festival Team Service is on **Sunday 7 September at 11am (not 10am)** followed by lunch. Our guest preacher for the day is the Diocesan Secretary Fr Andy Todd.

St Mary's next Community Coffee Morning is on **Thursday 11th September 10-12**. Held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Everyone very welcome.

Seventh Sunday After Trinity

Collect

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Hosea 11: 1-11

Psalm 107: 1-9

Colossians 3: 1-11

Luke 12: 13-21

Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
For he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PARISH DEVELOPMENT

Now's the time to SIGN UP FOR THE PARISH DEVELOPMENT HOUSE GROUPS THAT WILL MEET IN SEPTEMBER. These will be held on the 1st, 8th and 15th September. We've had to add a second Monday evening group. Times and venues are:

Monday evenings at Fr Mel's – 14 Beech Tree Close beginning at 7.30pm

Monday evenings at Mthr Sarah's - 32, Monteagle Drive beginning at 7.30pm

Tuesday afternoons at Sheila Gregg's beginning at 2.30pm

Thursday afternoons at Jane Freeman's beginning at 2.30pm

Thursday evenings at Sue Brown's beginning at 7.30pm

The various addresses are on the sign-up sheets. So far 30 people have signed upthat's not a lot for our two churches!

The future is God's and ours – your opinion matters!

Gluten Free Wafers

Whenever the Eucharist is celebrated gluten free wafers will be available.