

Sunday 10th August 2025

Newsletter

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

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SERVICES – AUGUST**

**Sunday 10 August**

**10am Sung Eucharist with Baptisms and bring and share lunch**

**Monday 11 August**

**5pm Evening Prayer**

**Tuesday 12 August**

**5pm Evening Prayer**

**Wednesday 13 August**

**10am Midweek Said Eucharist**

**5pm Evening Prayer**

**Sunday 17 August**

**10am Morning Prayer**

**12.30pm Baptism of Penny Jones**

**All are welcome to Morning Prayer at St Mary’s at 8.30am**

**on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week**

MU Members, especially the house bound.

**Recently Departed**: Melvyn Bailey, Martyn Wassell, Susan Deakin, Arthur “Barry” Harmon,

Beverley Cooper

***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 Wyncroft Care Home in our parish and for the people who care for them.***

**PRAYER MINISTRY** is available this morning

God is interested in **every** aspect of our lives and personalities. And in your thanksgivings for whatever you’re feeling thankful for. Do come for prayer after you’ve received Holy Communion or a blessing. Just keep walking forward to the far side of the altar.

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

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**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 Monday** **August 18th at 7.00pm at Fr Mel’s.**

**A VJ Day Service – please note CHANGE OF TIME** is being held at **Kingswinford RBL on Friday 15th August at 11.30am.** 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 if the Diocesan Secretary Fr Andy Todd.

**St Mary’s next coffee morning** **is Thursday 11th September 10-12**. Everyone welcome.

**Thank You** to the **Friday Evening Singing for Pleasure Group** for the very kind donation to Church following their Summer Concert 😊

**A message from Debbie**

A friend of mine's daughter, partner and young family have just been told that the house they rent in K'ford has to be sold by the landlord. They have benefitted from a lower rent than most properties locally and find themselves having to look for a small house to rent in a similar area and for a similar rent asap between £650 & £800 per month. The children are 6 and 3 years of age with the eldest in school. They are a lovely little family, so anything will be a help. If anyone in the congregation knows of any houses, please let Debbie know.

**“Quiet Day at Holland House” on Saturday 18th October 10am – 4pm**

We will be hosting this Quiet Day at Holland House. The cost will be £42 to include lunch and tea/coffee throughout the day.

Spaces are limited so please register your interest with a £10 deposit by the end of August. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church – please include any dietary requirements.

We will look at car sharing nearing the time.



***And finally…a really huge thank you to everyone involved in making the iSingPop holiday club such an amazing success* 😊**

***Eighth Sunday After Trinity***

***Collect***

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake:

when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair,

that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

***Today’s Readings***

Isaiah 1: 1 10-20

Psalm 50.1-8, 23-end

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12: 32-40

***Post Communion***

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things;

may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute;

may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;

may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope;

and may the bodies which have been fed with your body

be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you 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 also 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 up ……that’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.**

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