

Sunday 24th 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,

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SERVICES – AUGUST**

**Sunday 24 August**

**10am Sung Eucharist**

**Monday 25 August – Bank Holiday**

**No Evening Prayer**

**Tuesday 26 August**

**5pm Evening Prayer**

**1pm Funeral Service of Beverley Wood**

**Wednesday 27 August**

**10am Midweek Said Eucharist**

**12.30pm Renewal of Vows**

**5pm Evening Prayer**

**Sunday 31 August**

**10am Sung Eucharist**

**4pm Blessing of Bags**

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

**on Tuesday and Wednesday this week**

Beryl Pritchett.

MU Members, especially the house bound.

**Recently Departed**: 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 Castlewellan Care Home in our parish and for the people who care for them.***

**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.

**Mothers’ Union – Harvest Lunch** will be held at **St Mary’s on Wednesday 3rd September at 12 noon.**

**St Mary’s Patronal Festival Team Service is on Sunday 7th 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 Community Coffee Morning** is on **Thursday 11th September 10-12.**

**Black Country Foodbank** Huge thanks as always to those of you who faithfully give non-perishable goods ( in the church crate, in my porch at 1 Casewell Rd or directly to the K'ford session 9.30-11.30 am Fridays at Our Lady of Lourdes hall Summerhill), and also to those who give donations of money through their website.

The Brierley Hill Depot now has to buy in pallets of food to supplement the bags we deliver, because demand is high and giving is difficult. Do please think about how you can best help.

**“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 ca

**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**

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!

***Tenth Sunday After Trinity***

***Collect***

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,

give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

***Today’s Readings***

Isaiah 43: 8-13

Psalm 145: 1-7

Acts 5: 12-16

Luke 22: 24-30

***Post Communion***

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy

should stand open for those who trust in you:

look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will

may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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.

**Gluten Free Wafers**

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

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