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## **CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SERVICES – AUGUST/SEPTEMBER**

### **Sunday 31 August**

**10am**                      **Sung Eucharist**  
**4pm**                      **Blessing of Bags**

### **Monday 1 September**

**5pm**                      **Evening Prayer**

### **Tuesday 2 September**

**5pm**                      **Soul Food**  
**5pm**                      **Evening Prayer**

### **Wednesday 3 September**

**10am**                      **Midweek Said Eucharist**  
**5pm**                      **Evening Prayer**

### **Sunday 7 September**

**Closed – Patronal Service at St Mary's**

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

MU Members, especially the house bound.

**Recently Departed**: Betty Holden, Carol Froom, Sarah Blackford.

### ***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 Hall 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.  
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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**

Our Harvest Lunch will be held at **St Mary's on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 12 noon.**

### **St Mary's Patronal Festival**

This will be a Team Service on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 can look at car-sharing nearer the time.

### **PARISH DEVELOPMENT GROUPS**

These sessions are starting this coming week on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue on 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Times and venues are:

- ❖ **Monday evenings at Fr Mel's (14 Beech Tree Close) at 7.30pm**
- ❖ **Monday evenings at Mthr Sarah's (32 Monteagle Drive) at 7.30pm**
- ❖ **Tuesday afternoons at Sheila Gregg's beginning at 2.30pm**
- ❖ **Thursday afternoons at Jane Freeman's beginning at 2.30pm**

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

## ***Eleventh Sunday After Trinity***

### ***Collect***

God of glory, the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

### ***Today's Readings***

Jeremiah 2: 4-13

Psalm 81: 1,10-end

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

### ***Post Communion***

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice  
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:  
by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel  
and preserve us from all sin; 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.**