



Sunday 7th September 2025

Newsletter

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SERVICES – SEPTEMBER

Sunday 7 September – Church closed

11am Patronal Service at St Mary's

Monday 8 September

5pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 9 September

5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 10 September

10am Midweek Said Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 11 September

10am Mainly Music

Sunday 14 September

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, 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 September

***Loving God, we ask that You bless these parents with love and patience so that they will always be able to reflect Your love and care even when the days and nights feel long.
Amen.***

Book: Six Dinner Sid

Please pray for the people that live in Wyncroft Care 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

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.

☀ Volunteers Needed! ☀

We are looking for friendly volunteers to help with our exciting school events at church. During these sessions, children come up from school to learn about and discuss a key event from the Christian year.

As a volunteer, you'll work with a small group of children, guiding them through part of the story and encouraging discussion. Don't worry – all resources and a simple script are provided to make it easy and enjoyable!

This is a wonderful opportunity to share faith and inspire young minds.

The event usually happens on a **Thursday afternoon 1.15-3pm** and the first 3 will take place on the following dates: **2nd October, 20th November and 4th December**.

If you could help, please let Sian or Sheila know – we'd love to have you involved!

St Mary's next Community Coffee Morning is on **Thursday 11th September 10-12.**

Mainly Music returns on Thursday 11th from 10-12.

Mary has put a cake list at the back of church if anyone can make a cake or small cakes please put your names on the list. Thanks to everyone, we know how much the cakes are appreciated by all that come along to this lovely group 😊

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 can look at car-sharing nearer the time.

Thank you from Mary Thompson to all who attended the Mothers' Union Harvest lunch on Wednesday. I hope you all had an enjoyable time. After expenses were paid we raised £62 for MU projects. Once again, many thanks.

A "Thank You" from Jane Lamb

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who's sent cards, flowers, good wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery from my recent knee surgery. God Bless you all, love Jane xx

Twelfth Sunday After Trinity – Patronal Festival at St Mary's

Collect

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Today's Readings

Micah 5: 1-4

Luke 1: 39-47

Hymns

394 – Tell out my soul

313 – for Mary, mother of our Lord

315 – Sing we of the blessed mother

766 – Praise my soul the king of Heaven

Post Communion

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER MINISTRY is available this morning at St Mary's.

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. A prayer ministry team will be in front of the vestry.

PARISH DEVELOPMENT HOUSE GROUPS - Week 1

What have we been talking about?

- We want to find out what the Parish Plan is, what Parish Development is all about.
- What are the stage posts of what the Church of the future will look like
- People want to make sure that Church will still be here for their grandchildren.
- Importance of working together i.e. as a team, not just one or two people doing it all
- The importance of first conversations with new people
- Church building should be an unlocked, open space where people can simply drop in for quiet prayer in the week and Saturdays
- Where we have inspiring worship to send people out uplifted
- God's presence felt in offering prayer ministry on Sundays
- We are Jesus' eyes, hands, feet
- We should step out of our comfort zone to speak to people
- AND by inviting people to come with us – that's the MAIN way a church grows
- open to God's Spirit
- importance of caring for existing church members

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