



Sunday 14th September 2025

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SERVICES – SEPTEMBER

Sunday 14 September

10am Sung Eucharist

Monday 15 September

5pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 16 September

5pm Soul Food

5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 17 September

10am Midweek Said Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 18 September

10am Mainly Music

Sunday 21 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, Chris Knight, Helen Brett, Beryl Pritchett, Irene Hingley.

MU Members, especially the house bound.

Recently Departed: Carol Froom, Sarah Blackford, Mary Morgan, Brian Webb, Jill Nicholls.

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

Funeral of Jill Nicholls

***Jill will be received into church at 4.30pm on Wednesday 1 October and her funeral will be at 11am at St Mary's on Thursday 2 October followed by Gornal Wood Crematorium at 12.20pm.
There will then be a reception in the church centre afterwards.***

'Faith Foundations' Who is Jesus? What is the Bible all about? Why does prayer matter? What does it mean to follow Christ today?

There will be a six-week course starting **Wednesday 15th October** for all those thinking about baptism or confirmation in the new year, or a long-standing Christian who wants to revisit what you believe and why or simply exploring Christianity for the first time.

Please speak to Fr Chris (flyers at the back of church).

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.

Mainly Music cake rota 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.

☀ **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!

Harvest Festival Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 28 September and we'll be collecting for the Black Country Food Bank so please do bring your harvest gifts to that service or find a time when church is open around that time to drop them in.

We'll be doing a café church again and so starting with breakfast in the hall from 9.45am with our service starting in the hall around 10am (ish!) and then heading into church at 10.30am for our Eucharist. Please do come to some or all of it!

St Mary's next Community Coffee Morning is on **Thursday 25th September 10-12.**
Everyone welcome!

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

Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity – Holy Cross Day

Collect

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Today's Readings

Numbers 21: 4-19

Psalm 22: 23-28

Phillippians 2: 6-11

John 3: 13-17

Post Communion

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever. **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.

Parish Development Groups

As you'll be aware we've been holding a series of parish development groups which have been really fruitful in terms of thinking about the future.

We don't want to lose any of this and so I'm planning a day where all of the outcomes from the groups can be brought together and we can set some direction for the next few years.

The Venerable Rob Jones has kindly agreed to lead this day for us, and it will be on

Saturday 15 November between 10am – 3.30pm at St Mark's Church, Pensnett.

Lunch will be provided.

It would be great if you could sign up to come to this (whether you attended a group or not) on the sheets at the back of both churches so that we can plan well and make sure there is enough food.

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

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