



Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## Newsletter

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

### **Sunday 28 September**

**10am Harvest Festival**

### **Monday 29 September**

**5pm Evening Prayer**

### **Tuesday 30 September**

**5pm Soul Food**

**5pm Evening Prayer**

### **Wednesday 1 October**

**10am Midweek Said Eucharist**

**4.30pm Jill Nicholls received into Church at St Mary's, Kingswinford**

**5pm Evening Prayer**

### **Thursday 2 October**

**11am Funeral of Jill Nicholls at St Mary's Church, Kingswinford**

### **Sunday 5 October**

**10am Morning Prayer**

**12.30pm Baptism of Ryan**

**4pm Pet Blessing Service**

**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, Beryl Pritchett, Irene Hingley, The Dean, Stephen Edwards.

MU Members, especially the house bound.

**Recently Departed:** Sarah Blackford, Mary Morgan, Jill Nicholls.

### **Baptism Preparation – Prayer for September**

**Book: Six Dinner Sid**

*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.***

***Please pray for the people that live in New Bradley Hall 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.

### **Jill Nicholls**

Jill will be received into church at **4.30pm on Wednesday 1st October** and everyone is welcome to this short service.

**Jill's funeral** will be **11am at St Mary's on Thursday 2nd October** followed by **Gornal Wood Crematorium at 12.20pm**. All are welcome to the crematorium. There will then be a reception in the church centre afterwards. Again, all are welcome. We are expecting large numbers to be in attendance so please do your best to park away from The Village.

**Jill wrote the following before she died: "No black – bright colours please. Celebrate my life and my love of the Lord. It's been a good life with many blessings. All my love".**

**Jill's interment of ashes** will be on **Sunday 5 October** following the Sunday service and before the 12.30pm baptism.

### **A thank you from Geoff and Hannah**

Our heartfelt thanks to all at St Mary's and Church of the Ascension for your cards and sympathy and supporting us at this difficult time with the loss of Jill.

- **The Mothers' Union meeting on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October has been cancelled.**
- **The School Harvest Experience has been moved from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 16<sup>th</sup> October.**

**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. Thank you 😊

**Fr Mel's Prayer Meeting** is back to normal from this **Monday September 29th but at 7.30pm at 14 Beech Tree Close DY6 7DR**. Fr Chris will lead.

**Sunday 5th October 4pm Pet service at Church of the Ascension** Join us for a time of outdoor worship with your pets (if the weather is kind, in church if it's raining cats & dogs!) all creatures great and small are welcome, on leads or in suitable carry cases. Not got a pet? Bring along a cuddly toy or a picture of a pet you once had as we give thanks to God for our furry, feathered or scaly friends.

**'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).**

### **Welcoming our new Bishop**

The service of welcome and installation for Hugh Nelson as our next Bishop of Worcester will be on **Saturday 17 January, 2pm in the Cathedral**. Put it in your diary and more details will follow soon!

## ***Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity***

### ***Collect***

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching  
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,  
that we may enjoy eternal life; in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Today's Readings**

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-end

1 Timothy 6: 6-19

Luke 16: 6-19

### ***Post Communion***

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **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.

### **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: **THURSDAY 16TH October (change from 1<sup>st</sup>), 20th November and 4th December**. If you could help, please let Sian or Sheila know – we'd love to have you involved.

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