



Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025

## Newsletter

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

### **Sunday 5 October**

10am Morning Prayer  
12.30pm Baptism of Nathanael  
4pm Pet Blessing Service

### **Monday 6 October**

5pm Evening Prayer

### **Tuesday 7 October**

5pm Evening Prayer

### **Wednesday 8 October**

10am Midweek Said Eucharist  
5pm Evening Prayer

### **Thursday 9 October**

10am Mainly Music

### **Sunday 12 October**

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

MU Members, especially the house bound.

**Recently Departed**: Roger Mullender

**Baptism Preparation – Prayer for October**

**Book: Lorax**

***Loving God, bless these parents as they care for their precious child/ren. Give them endless patience and the space and time to appreciate Your wonderful creation, both in their child/ren and in the world around them. Amen.***

***Please pray for the people that live in Wyncroft Care Home in our parish and for the people who care for them.***

**The next Prayer Meeting** is on **Monday October 13th at 7.30pm** at  
**Please note the different location...Church of the Ascension.**

Fr Adam will lead. All are welcome!

### **New Archbishop of Canterbury**

The new Archbishop of Canterbury has been announced as the Rt Revd Sarah Mullally currently Bishop of London. Please do hold Bishop Sarah in your prayers as she prepares to take up her new role in the Church of England.

### **☀️ 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.

**Kitchen refurbishment** Thanks to secured funding and Grace's planning, the refurbishment of the kitchen is now underway.

Thank you also to everyone who helped with the preparation for this project - I'm sure we're all looking forward to seeing and using the new kitchen when it's finished 😊

In the meantime, it may not be practical for us to enjoy tea/coffee after Sunday or Wednesday services until the kitchen is usable again.

The fit out will start on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and the timescale for the work is 10 working days, but time estimates can slip so we hope to be up and running within three weeks at the most.

**'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).**

**Church of the Ascension School Year 3 Harvest Experience** is being held in Church on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October**. If you are able to help, please speak to Sian or Sheila 😊

### **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!

## ***Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity***

### ***Collect***

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us:  
open our eyes to your wonders,  
that we may serve you with reverence  
and know your peace at our lives' end,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Today's Readings**

Timothy 2: 8-15

Psalm 137

Lamentations 1: 1-6

Luke 17: 5-10

### ***Post Communion***

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law:  
grant that we may love you with our whole heart  
and our neighbours as ourselves;  
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.

### **Gluten Free Wafers**

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

**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](mailto:office@stmaryskingswinford.org.uk)**