



Sunday 12th October 2025

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SERVICES – OCTOBER

Sunday 12 October

10am Sung Eucharist

Monday 13 October

5pm Evening Prayer

7.30pm Prayer Meeting – in Church at CofA

Tuesday 14 October

5pm Soul Food

5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 15 October

10am Midweek Said Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 16 October

10am Mainly Music

1.15pm Church of the Ascension School - Year 3 Experience Harvest

Sunday 19 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 Oaklands Care Home in our parish and for the people who care for them.

☀️ **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. 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 1st), 20th November and 4th December**. If you could help, please let Sian or Sheila know – we'd love to have you involved.

Kitchen refurbishment

The fit-out of the kitchen started on Tuesday and is well underway!

Thank you to Nick and his team for all that they are doing to get us up and running 😊

Free to a good home!

St Mary's have now also had upholstered, folding chairs and are trying to "re-home" the old stacking plastic chairs. If you know of anyone or any groups that can make use of them please contact Lindsey or Grace.

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!

'Faith Foundations' Our six-week course is starting on **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 this coming **Thursday 16th October**. If you are able to help, please speak to Sian or Sheila 😊

Interment of ashes – Joyce Withers Joyce's ashes will be interred in the churchyard at **All Saints Sedgley** on **Tuesday 21st October at 11.30am**.

Invitation to Faure Requiem at **The Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Halesowen, Saturday 1st November**. £10 to include score hire and refreshments for participants - 2-4pm rehearsal, 4pm tea and cakes, 5pm performance. There is no charge for the audience at 5pm. To book or for more information please email faurerequiem2025@gmail.com

Church of the Ascension Mothers Union 60th Anniversary This year the MU at Church of the Ascension is celebrating it's 60th Anniversary and so on **5th November at 1.30pm** there will be a Eucharist at Church of the Ascension followed by a talk by Fr Adam on vestments. All are very welcome to attend.

Remembrance Sunday – 8 November 2025 A reminder that there will be a service of Morning Prayer on Remembrance Sunday **at 9.30am** followed by the usual Act of Remembrance by the war memorial afterwards.

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

Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity

Collect

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 29:1,4-7

Psalms 66:1-11

Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:5-10

Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
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.

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.