



Sunday 19th October 2025

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SERVICES – OCTOBER

Sunday 19 October

10am Sung Eucharist
10-12am iSingPOP Pop Up Church

Monday 20 October

5pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 21 October

5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 22 October

10am Midweek Said Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 23 October

10am Mainly Music

Sunday 26 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, John Whitby.

MU Members, especially the house bound.

Recently Departed:

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

Teaspoon Prayers (TSP's 🍵) from the Children at Church of the Ascension School

A thank you, a sorry and a please:

- Thank you for the light and dark. **Amen**
- I'm sorry for being disrespectful. **Amen**
- Please help me be kind to my family. **Amen**

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.**

The next Prayer Meeting is at **Fr Mel's on Monday October 27th at 7.30pm.**

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

Our Annual Memorial Service is being held at **St Mary's on Sunday 2nd November at 6pm.**

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 – 9th 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.

Bishop's Certificate Presentation Congratulations to Jacob Davey and Liz Cross for completing their Bishop's Certificate. They will be presented with their certificate at a celebration event on **26 November at 7pm** at **the Old Palace in Worcester.** All are welcome to come and support them at this service.

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 next two sessions will take place on **20th November and 4th December.** If you could help, please let Sian or Sheila know – we'd love to have you involved.

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.

Harvest Thank you's

Our harvest gifts, eighteen heavy bags and some cash, were very gratefully received by the Black Country Foodbank and the Women's Refuge. The Harvest gifts from Mainly Music went to Brierley Hill Baby Bank. The toiletries, nappies and pre-loved clothes were all very welcome!

Thank you all 😊

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

Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity

Collect

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 31: 27-34

Psalm 119: 97-104

2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 5

Luke 18: 1-8

Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **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.