



Sunday 26th October 2025

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SERVICES – OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Sunday 26 October

10am **Sung Eucharist**

Monday 27 October

5pm **Evening Prayer**

7.30pm **Prayer meeting at Fr Mel's**

Tuesday 28 October

5pm **Soul Food**

5pm **Evening Prayer**

Wednesday 29 October

10am **Midweek Said Eucharist**

5pm **Evening Prayer**

Sunday 2 November

10am **Sung Eucharist**

12.30pm **Baptisms**

**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: Edwin Hawkes

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 New Bradley Hall 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:

- Dear Lord. Thank you for the food and water.
I will forever worship you and praise you. **Amen**
- Sorry for the times we have been disrespectful. Please forgive our sins. **Amen**
- Please help me be to follow the rules. **Amen**

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 6.30pm.**

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.

St Mary's next Community Coffee Morning is on **Thursday 13th November 10-12** 😊

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 still 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.

A request from Becky Jones, a member of COA – who has unfortunately been made redundant whilst on maternity leave after 17 years of service 😞 and has decided to set up her own cleaning company **TJF Domestic Services** which will work well around her young children. If we could help this young family by telling others of their new business venture, they would be so grateful.

Please contact Becky 07521 739404 or Brendon 07808 082746 for further information.

Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity

Collect

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Today's Readings

Isaiah 45: 22-end

Psalm 119: 129-136

Romans 15: 1-6

Luke 4: 16-24

Post Communion

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you, not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service of 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.