



Sunday 9th November 2025

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SERVICES – NOVEMBER

Sunday 9 November

9.30am Morning Prayer followed by Act of Remembrance

Monday 10 November

5pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 11 November

5pm Soul Food

5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 12 November

10am Midweek Said Eucharist

5pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 13 November

10am Mainly Music

Sunday 16 November

9.30am 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, Richard Hughes, Robert Hodges, Beryl Pritchett, The Dean, Stephen Edwards, John Whitby, John Timmins, Kerry.

MU Members, especially the house bound.

Recently Departed: Edwin Hawkes, Bill Prenton, Diane Taylor, Doreen Gwilt

Baptism Preparation – Prayer for November

Book: The Gruffalo

*Jesus, we ask that Your presence will be with this family. Help them to know that in the face of everything Your power, love and authority goes with them. **Amen.***

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

- Thank you God for my teacher. **Amen.**
- Sorry for littering. **Amen.**
- Please protect everyone in this world and make all my friends happy. **Amen.**

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

Fr. Mel's Monday Prayer Meeting **VENUE CHANGE - This Monday 10th BUT at 14 Beech Tree Close. All welcome! 7.30pm**

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.

Mainly Music There is a new cake rota for at the back of church for the next half term up to Christmas. We would greatly appreciate if you could put your name on the list
We thank everyone who has supported us in supplying cakes in the past. All our visitors always comment how they enjoy them, a big thank you to you all 😊

☀️ **Volunteers Needed!** ☀️

Church of the Ascension School Events

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 session will take place on **20th November** for Year 2 and their Advent experience. The final one for this year is on **4th December** for Year 1 and their Christmas experience.

If you could help, please let Sian or Sheila know – we'd love to have you involved.

Our Festival this December is on the theme of Light

Do join in creating stars and candles to decorate the church, handouts from Chris Knight are available at the back of church.

We shall need a team of welcomers and caterers on the morning of **Sat 6 Dec from 10-1** for the craft session and for the Open Day on **Sat 13th Dec from 10-4.**

Please be ready to sign up for some slots and to join in the craft 🕯️ ✂️ ★★

Advent Sunday Although it's a fifth Sunday there will be a Eucharist at both churches at **10am** on Advent Sunday (see other notice about the team service).

Also, at **4pm (note the time!)** there will be a service of **Choral Evensong at St Mary's** – all are welcome to come and sing a number of Advent Carols and reflect on all that Advent means.

Team Service There will be a Team Eucharist at **Church of the Ascension** at **10am on Sunday 23 November.** There won't be a service at St Mary's that day. The school car park opposite Church of the Ascension will be open for parking.

Remembrance Sunday

Collect

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Job 19: 23-27a

Psalm 17: 1-9

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-end

Luke 20: 27-38

Post Communion

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Bishop Hugh

There will be a service of welcome and installation on **Saturday 17 January at 2pm** at **Worcester Cathedral** as Bishop Hugh begins his ministry in the Diocese. All are welcome.

If there are sufficient people wanting to attend we could look at a coach being booked. Please speak to a member of the clergy team or church wardens if you're interested in this.

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.

GDPR/Consent. If you haven't yet completed a new style consent form, please pick one up from the back of church and return it so that we can update our records. It's proving very useful to email out the weekly newsletter and other communications. Thank you 😊

Gluten Free Wafers

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

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