



Sunday 30th November 2025

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SERVICES – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Sunday 30 November ADVENT SUNDAY

10.00am Sung Eucharist
4pm Advent Evensong at St Mary's

Monday 1 December

9am School Eucharist at CofA – all welcome 😊
5pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 2 December

3pm Soul Food
5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 3 December

10am Midweek Said Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 4 December

10am Mainly Music
1.15pm School Year 1 Experience

Saturday 6 December

10-1pm Christmas Craft and Lunch

Sunday 7 December

10.00am Morning Prayer
4pm Christingle

**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, Kirsty, Richard Hughes, Robert Hodges, Beryl Pritchett, The Dean, Stephen Edwards, John Whitby, John Timmins, Kerry, Maria, Peter, Russel Boyce, Scott, Thomas, Brian, Rev'd David Lingwood. MU Members, especially the house bound.

Recently Departed: Bill Prenton, Doreen Gwilt, Hal Devey, Joan Bushell, Alan Lester.

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

- ***Dear Holy God, Thank you for all the people who work hard and help us to try our best. Amen.***
- ***Sorry for being silly. Amen.***
- ***Dear Lord. Please help others to do their best. Amen.***

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

Fr. Mel's Next Prayer Meeting is at 7.30pm on Monday 9th November at 14 Beech Tree Close. All welcome!

Advent Sunday 30th November Choral Evensong at St Mary's at 4pm. All are welcome to come and sing a number of Advent Carols and reflect on all that Advent means.

Help for Asylum Seekers As the weather turns colder and wetter, there are currently still 25-30 children in the hostel. We've been asked if we have any more baby equipment, particularly a small fabric rocking chair and pushchair? If you've got warm coats or other clothing to spare, I know they will be glad of it. It can be left at the back of church, or in Sheila's porch at 1 Casewell RD DY6 9HA. Many thanks.

Mainly Music There is a new cake rota at the back of church for next half term. 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.

Church of the Ascension School the final school experience for this year is the **Year 1 Christmas experience** on **Thursday 4th December 1.15-3pm.**

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 come along and 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 6th December from 10-1** for the craft session and for the Open Day on **Sat 13th December from 10-4.**

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.

Stewardship campaign A few weeks ago Fr Adam talked to congregations about stewardship, our finances and giving. As part of the packs of information given out was a green pledge form. We've had a small number back but not as many as we would have hoped for. Please do consider completing a form and if you pay tax to signing the back of the form so that we can claim gift aid back on your offering.

Used stamps for The Beacon Centre

With Christmas fast approaching, please remember to bring in any used stamps for us to send to this very worthy charity.

Thank You

The collection for BLESMA at our Remembrance Parade and Service raised £360.
Well done to the generous community of Wall Heath!

Advent Sunday

Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13: 11- end

Matthew 24:36 - 44

Post Communion

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his
service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Parish Development and the national church renewal project

Thanks to all those who came to the parish development day at St Mark's. We had a great day with Rob Jones thinking about where we want to see our churches and our parish in ten years time. For me there were some really interesting themes of reaching out from our church buildings and into the community and world and using the theme of pilgrimage Rob did a great job and encouraging us to be pilgrims as we move forward: walking, listening, being attentive, pausing and reorienting. We'll be pondering this idea of pilgrimage as a vehicle in the coming months so watch this space!

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