



Sunday 8th February 2026

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## **CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SERVICES – FEBRUARY**

### **Sunday 8 February**

10am **Morning Prayer**  
4pm **Hearts on Fire Service at ST MARY'S**

### **Monday 9 February**

5pm **Evening Prayer**

### **Tuesday 10 February**

5pm **Evening Prayer**

### **Wednesday 11 February**

10am **Midweek Eucharist**  
5pm **Evening Prayer**

### **Thursday 12 February**

10am **Mainly Music**  
1pm **Church of the Ascension School Year 4 Experience Lent**

### **Sunday 15 February**

10am **Sung Eucharist**  
4pm **Pause, Pray, Ponder, Praise Reflective Service**

**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, Chris Hemsley, Richard Hughes, Rev'd Beryl Pritchett, John Whitby, John Timmins, Brian and Jackie Wilson, Jayne Walker, Kerry, Brian and MU Members, especially the house bound.

We have started a new list of prayers for the sick in 2026 – if you would like someone added or readded then please email Lindsey.

**Recently Departed:** Janet Stokes, Wilfred Griffiths, Lurline Burrell.

**Funeral Service and burial of Lurline Burrell** Mthr Sarah is taking this service which will be held at St Mary's, Kingswinford on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 11am**.

### **Baptism Preparation – Prayer for February**

*Father, thank You for being close to this family and like with David, sitting with them in their hardest times. We pray that You will bless them with the ability to come to You with their thoughts and feelings whether good or bad. Amen.*

### **Prayers from the Children at Church of the Ascension School**

- ❖ Dear God. Thank you for all the good things you have done to everyone. **Amen**
- ❖ Dear Lord. Sorry for the tomes I've hurt others. **Amen**
- ❖ Dear God. Thank you for my teacher and all the staff. **Amen**

## Updates from Sian

### **Safeguarding**

Thank you to everyone who has given their time to complete the required safeguarding training. Your support in helping us keep everything up to date is very much appreciated.

### **Church of the Ascension School**

A quick reminder that the Year 4 experience event will take place on **Thursday 12th February at 1:00pm**. If you can help, please let me or Sheila know — thank you Sian x

**Bishop Hugh** will be at **St Mary's on 8th February at 11.45am** to preach for the regional Air Training Corp Sunday.

Please feel free to attend this service but be aware that Bishop Hugh will be wanting to talk to as many of the young cadets as possible that day.

### **Hearts on Fire service**

All are welcome to this contemporary, charismatic mass that is held on the second Sunday of the month [at St Mary's](#).

**The next service will be this Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm**

**Bishop Hugh will be joining us and will be preaching for us.**

**Come and join the worship and meet our new bishop.**

### **Pause, Pray, Ponder, Praise**

A new reflective service is being held on the third Sunday of the month by Chris Knight [at Church of the Ascension](#).

**The next one will be held on Sunday 15th February at 4 pm.**

It will be a service when you will have time to just sit quietly with God.  
Everyone is welcome.

**St Mary's next Community Coffee Morning** is on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 10-12** ☕ ☕

### **Prayer and Praise at Fr Mel's**

The next meeting will be at **7.30pm on Monday 16th February** at 14 Beech Tree Close.

ALL welcome 😊

### **Ash Wednesday a note from Fr Adam**

Ash Wednesday falls on **18th February** this year. As I've said so many times this is a day of obligation where Christians are asked to make a special effort to come to church for the Eucharist and receive the imposition of ashes as we start our Lenten journey.

There will be a **10am Eucharist at Church of the Ascension** and a **7.30pm Sung Eucharist at St Mary's** so two opportunities to join in at one of our churches that day.

Mthr Sarah will again be taking ashes out into the community on **Ash Wednesday**. If you would like to join her, please meet at **11.30am in Townsend Place, Kingswinford** as we offer the imposition of ashes and prayer at the start of lent.

## ***Sunday 8th February - Second Sunday before Lent***

### ***Collect***

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***Today's Readings***

Genesis 1: 1-2.3

Psalm 136

Romans 8: 18-25

Matthew 6: 25-end

### ***Post Communion***

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:

may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

### **Parish Development**

Over the next few weeks, I want us to commit to praying for our parish development work. Especially our worshipping communities. This week we pray for our two Mainly Music congregations:

Loving God, we thank you for the amazing number of children and families who worship you at Mainly Music. We thank you for the work of Sian and her team of volunteers who share their faith week by week and gently encourage others to grow in love for you. We pray that, as seeds of faith are planted, each person who has joined your church through Mainly Music will want to learn more about you and come to know more fully the love you hold each one of them in. **Amen.**

### **Gluten Free Wafers**

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

**Used stamps for The Beacon Centre** Please remember to bring in any used stamps for us to send to this very worthy charity.