



Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

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## CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SERVICES – MARCH

### Sunday 1 March

10am Morning Prayer

### Monday 2 March

5pm Evening Prayer  
7.30pm Prayer and Praise at Fr Mel's

### Tuesday 3 March

5pm Soul Food  
5pm Evening Prayer

### Wednesday 4 March

10am Midweek Eucharist  
5pm Evening Prayer

### Thursday 5 March

10am Mainly Music

### Sunday 8 March

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, Chris Hemsley, Richard Hughes, Rev'd Beryl Pritchett, John Whitby, John Timmins, Brian and Jackie Wilson, Jayne Walker, Kerry, Brian, Rogerio Ponticelli, Sandra Mee, Shane Pincher 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**: Audrey Wilcox, Carole Page.

### **Baptism Preparation – Prayer for March**

***A prayer we commit to pray for you as parents:***

*Loving father, bless this family with the ability to love unconditionally even in the hardest moments. Help them realise what Jesus gave up so that they can know love and life. Amen.*

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

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

***Please pray for the people that live in New Bradley Hall in our parish and for the people who care for them.***

## **Sian Morgan – a note from Fr Adam**

Our Children, Young People and Families Minister, Sian recently applied for a new more senior job at the Diocese and was successful in getting it and so will be leaving her role with us on Sunday 19 April. Sian has done tremendous job here in the parish building up our different worship opportunities and working closely with our church schools. Her biggest legacy here will no doubt be the numbers engaging with Mainly Music and we know this solid foundation will continue into the future. We will miss Sian and will have plenty of opportunities to say good luck to her in the next couple of months.

We will be recruiting to the role but as a result of this change Fr Adam will be finishing at the cathedral earlier than the original six months planned and will be back in the parish full time from the middle of March in order to ensure that the work Sian undertook continues during the recruitment period.

If you have any questions about any of this please talk to one of the clergy team.

**Mainly Music** Thank you to everyone who is supporting Mainly Music by making cakes. They are very much appreciated and enjoyed by everyone who comes along. There is a new rota to take us to the Easter break if anyone can fill a space it would be much appreciated



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

The next meeting will be at **7.30pm on Monday 2nd March** at 14 Beech Tree Close.  
ALL welcome!

## **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 Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm.**  
Come just as you are to worship.

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

## **Pause, Pray, Ponder, Praise reflective service**

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 is on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 4 pm.**  
It is a service when you will have time to just sit quietly with God.  
Everyone is welcome.

## **Free Concert**

The Lions are putting on a free concert at Brierley Hill Civic Hall on the afternoon of **Tuesday 31st March 2026**, for senior citizens who live in Dudley Borough. It will be a full three act show, with comedian Doug Parker, instrumental duo Andante and singer Maggie O'Hara. The event starts at 2 o'clock, will be finished by 4.45pm and even includes a free ice-cream!

**If you'd like to attend, then please let Maggie Panes or Anne Arrowsmith know how many tickets you would like 😊**

***Sunday 1st March – Second Sunday of Lent***

### **Collect**

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Today's Readings**

Genesis 12: 1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

John 3: 1-17

### **Post Communion**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Parish Development update from Fr Adam**

As you'll see elsewhere in the pew sheet Sian will be moving on in April to a new job. Having a Children, Young People and Families Minister has been invaluable in reaching out to new families and them embarking on a journey of faith. Please pray for the ministry team as we advertise the role again and particularly pray that people will apply and that God will call someone to join us on the next stage of our parish renewal. **Amen.**

THE CHURCH OF  
ASCENSION

Tea Party

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN,  
LAUGHTER AND LOTS OF CAKE!

TICKETED EVENT £5 EACH

Contact: Becky 07521739404



March

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14:00 PM

Afternoon Tea with hot/cold drinks & light entertainment.  
**(Please make us aware of any Allergies or Dietary requirements.)**

### **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.

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