



Sunday 5th April 2026

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SERVICES – APRIL

Sunday 5 March

10am

EASTER SUNDAY

Sung Eucharist and Egg Hunt

Monday 6 April

NO EVENING PRAYER

Tuesday 7 April

5pm

Evening Prayer

Wednesday 8 April

10am

Midweek Eucharist

5pm

Evening Prayer

Sunday 12 April

**NO SERVICES AT CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION –
SEE NOTE FROM JEAN BELOW**

10am

Morning Prayer at St Mary's

4pm

Hearts on fire at St Mary's

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no morning or evening prayer said in church on Monday 6 April.

There will be the usual morning and evening prayer said on
Tuesday 7 April and Wednesday 8 April.

All are welcome to Morning Prayer at St Mary's at 8.30am
on Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

Pray for our sick and those who care for them: Evelyn, Pat Hughes, Chris Hemsley, Rev'd Beryl Pritchett, John Whitby, John Timmins, Brian and Jackie Wilson, Jayne Walker, Kerry, Brian, Rogerio Ponticelli, Sandra Mee, Julia, Robert Baker and MU Members, especially the house bound.

Recently Departed:

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

Can you help the Asylum Seekers that are in temporary accommodation locally?

We have been approached for donations of **suitcases**. Please bring any cases that you are able to donate into church, and we will arrange to pass them on.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

The Food Bank have kindly donated some chocolate Easter Bunnies and we will be passing these on too 😊

Annual Meetings

Towards the end of April and into May we will be entering our annual meeting cycle and there will be important elections taking place for a number of different committees.

The dates of the meetings are:

- St Mary's Annual District Church Meeting – Wednesday 29 April at 7.30pm in church
- Church of the Ascension Annual District Church Meeting – Wednesday 6 May at 7.30pm in church
- Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Wednesday 27 May at 7.30pm at St Mary's

Each church has elections for:

- 2 Church Wardens
- 2 Deanery Synod reps
- 1 PCC member
- 3 DCC members

Please really pray to discern if God is calling you to any of these roles.

Good news from Jean Blakemore

At long past Dudley MBC have scheduled a repair to the drainage system outside the church gate for **Sunday 12th April 2026.**

It has to be a Sunday as there will be less traffic, with fewer cars and buses, and the school is closed. There will be four-way temporary traffic lights and partial road closures, so a degree of disruption will occur.

It will be impractical to hold our usual 10am service, not least because of noise, so please note that there will be **NO SERVICE at 10am on 12th April at the Church of the Ascension.**

We are welcome to join St Mary's who have Morning Prayer at 10am on that day or to go to the Hearts on Fire Service at 4pm at St Mary's.

One day of inconvenience will hopefully lead to years of better drainage!

The next **Prayer and Praise at Fr Mel's** is at **7.30pm on Monday 20th April.**

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 12th April at 4pm.**

Come just as you are to worship.

Pause, Pray, Ponder, Praise reflective service

This 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 19th April at 4 pm.**

This is a service when you have time to just sit quietly with God.

Everyone is welcome.

St Mary's next Community Coffee Morning is on **Thursday 23rd April 10-12.**

Sunday 5th April – Easter Day

Collect

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Acts 10: 34-43

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3: 1-4

John 20: 1-18

Post Communion

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Parish Development update from Fr Adam

As you are now aware Sian will be moving on to a new job in a few weeks.

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.**

Recycling old glasses – a note from Mary Green

Thank you to anyone who has already brought in glasses for recycling. If anyone has any more glasses that they want to donate, please continue to bring them to church and Mary will take them into Birmingham.

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

Gluten Free Wafers

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