



# NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

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## CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SERVICES AND EVENTS

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

10 am Morning Prayer

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

7.30 pm Prayer and Praise at Fr Mel's

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May

5 pm Evening Prayer

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

10 am Midweek Eucharist  
5 pm Evening Prayer

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May

10 am Mainly Music

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

10 am Sung Eucharist  
10 am **iSingPop Pop up Church**  
4pm Hearts on Fire **at St Mary's**

*All are welcome to Morning Prayer at St Mary's at  
8:30 am on Tuesday and Wednesday this week.*

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO MORNING OR EVENING  
PRAYER ON MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY.**

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## Pray for our sick and those who care for them:

Pat Hughes, Chris Hemsley, 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

Evelyn Stretch

## Prayers from the children at Church of the Ascension School

Thank you God for food and water and everything. **Amen**

Dear God. Thank you for everything. I'm so lucky, I can't ask for any more. **Amen**

Thank you for all my friends and family. **Amen**

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

## Baptism Preparation

### **A prayer we pray for You as parents:**

*Lord God, thank You that You created us all with an amazing capacity for love and compassion. We pray that when faced with injustice You will equip this family with the gifts of boldness, courage and discernment, to bring about your will. **Amen.***

**Book:** *What The Ladybird Heard*

## Dates for the diary from Fr. Adam

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:

- 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	1 PCC member
2 Deanery Synod reps	3 DCC members

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

## Ascension Day Sung Eucharist TEAM Service

All are welcome to this Patronal service **on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7 pm at**

**Church of the Ascension** which will be led by David Hoskin and followed by cheese and wine.



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## Pause, Pray, Ponder, Praise

This reflective service is usually held on the third Sunday of the month by Chris Knight at [Church of the Ascension](#). Please note: **The next one will be on Sunday 21st at 4:00 pm** It is a service when you will have time to just sit quietly with God and **everyone is welcome**.

## Prayer and Praise at Fr Mel's

The next meeting is on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm** at 14 Beech Tree Close. ALL welcome!



The next **Community Coffee Morning at St Mary's**



is on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 am – 12 noon**

## Hearts on Fire service

All welcome to this contemporary, charismatic mass held on the second Sunday of the month at [St Mary's](#). The next service is on **Sunday, 10th May at 4:00 pm**. Come just as you are to worship.

## iSingPop Pop up Church is back on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Children and young people to gather at 10 am and adults are invited at 11.15 am for refreshments and to take part in our worship. Please just come along – everyone welcome!



## Social – Race Night Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Tickets are £7 and include a hot pork bap and big raffle prizes are available with proceeds split between church and The Children's Society. **Please contact Becky on 07521 739404.**

## An Announcement from the Bishop

The Bishop of Worcester is pleased to announce the appointment of The Revd Christopher Smith as Curate in Charge (to be Priest in Charge) of the Benefice of Pensnett St Mark. Chris is currently serving as Assistant Curate in the Benefice of Kingswinford. Before ordination, he worked as a musician and music producer, running his own recording studio. He is married to Melanie, and they have shared 15 happy years together. Chris is looking forward with excitement to all that God has in store for the future of St Mark's.

Bishop Martin will license Chris on Sunday **19th July at 3pm** at [St Mark's Pensnett](#) and all are welcome to come and support Chris at this service.

Chris' final service with us will be on **Sunday 14 June at 10am** at [Church of the Ascension](#) followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

Please remember Chris and Melanie in your prayers at this time of transition.



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## Sunday 3rd May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

### Today's Readings

- Acts 7: 55 - end
- Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16
- 1 Peter 2: 2-10
- John 14: 1-14

### Post Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Parish Development

### Holy Week and Easter

This Holy Week and Easter saw a great number of you coming to worship and follow Jesus through the events of Holy Week and Easter. It's the biggest celebration of the Christian year and underpins our faith and taking this journey is a key part of our development as disciples.

### Across the parish:

<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>Easter Day</b>	<b>191</b>
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>Vigil</b>	<b>60</b>		

## Last call from Grace – First Aid Training

We will be running Parish First Aid Training. If you wish to join and support our Parish in being a safe and secure space, please let Grace know as soon as you can.



## Singing For Pleasure Group

This lovely group that meets on a Friday from 7.30-7.90pm are looking for new members. If you would like more details, please give Peggy West a call on 01384 254605 or come along on a Friday evening. You will be made very welcome.

## Gluten Free Wafers

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