



NEWSLETTER

Sunday 20th September 2026

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sunday 20th September

10am Sung Eucharist
12.30pm Baptism of Olive
4pm Pause, Ponder, Prayer and Praise

Monday 21st September

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

Tuesday 22nd September

1.30pm Making Marks
5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 23rd September

10am Midweek Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 24th September

10am Mainly Music

Sunday 27th September

10am Harvest Service

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



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Pray for our sick and those who care for them:

Pat Hughes, Chris Hemsley, John Whitby, John Timmins, Jayne Walker, Brian and Jackie Wilson, Brian, Rogerio Ponticelli, Sandra Mee, Julia, Robert Baker, Martin Lester, Christine Poulding, Bob Green, Jean Corbett, Nicky Arnold, Maxine Mills, Margaret Crane, Adrian Blackburn and MU Members, especially the house bound.

Recently departed

Iain Sharratt

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

Baptism Preparation

A prayer we pray for You as parents:

Loving God, we ask that You bless these parents with love and patience so that they will always be able to reflect Your love and care even when the days and nights feel long.

Book: *Six Dinner Sid*

Prayer Workshop at St Thomas' Church, Stourbridge

Are you sometimes asked to lead the prayers in your church services? Or perhaps you have been asked and said no, because you weren't sure how to do it? Or have you been doing it for some time, and would like to think about how you do it?

This workshop is intended first for those who are just starting or just considering leading prayers in their church. However, it will also be of value to those who have been doing it for some time, as we can all benefit from stepping back and reflecting on what we do.

The workshop will cover moving from reading prayers that are part of the authorised Common Worship provision, through adapting them for particular occasions, to writing your own from scratch. It will conclude with some ideas for more creative ways of developing them beyond words, and for all-age congregations.

Please ask them to book with me using

greaterdudleydeanery@stthomasstourbridge.org

or with Rev Paul paul@stthomasstourbridge.org



Clergy Conference 21st – 24th September

Please note that Fr Adam, Mthr Sarah and Fr Jonathan will be at clergy conference 21 – 24 September alongside all other licensed clergy in the diocese. Fr Mel will be leading our midweek Eucharists this week but please note that there won't be any Morning or Evening Prayer.

These will resume on Monday 28 September.

If you require a priest during this time please reach out to one of the churchwardens.

Commissioning of C,YP&F Ministers

Worcester Cathedral – Sunday 18 October at 3pm

Children's ministers from across the Diocese will be commissioned into their roles on **Sunday 18 October at 3pm** and we are all welcome to support Hayley as she is commissioned. If you're able to come to this please pop it into your diary and if you need a lift please speak to one of the clergy.

14 – 18 Year Old 'Faith Space'

To our 14-18 year olds in the parish.

We really want to hear your ideas about setting up a monthly time for you to get together eating food, talking about God and faith so we thought we could do this after Hearts on Fire on **Sunday 11 October 2026 at about 5.30pm**. We'll provide the pizza and this session is open to anyone in this age group who might want be part of this. Please also invite your friends (and they'd be very welcome to come to Hearts on Fire too). It'll be for no longer at 1.5 hours.

Prayer and Praise at Fr Mel's

This group will next meet on **Monday 21st September at 7.30pm**. Everyone

Church of the Ascension School

After many years of dedicated and faithful service Mary Green has decided to retire from being a Church representative on our school governing body.

This means we have a vacancy to fill!

For more information please speak to Mary or one of the clergy but also pray that we will be able to fill this very important vacancy.



Sunday 20th September – The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Today's Readings

Job 38. 1-7 (34-end)

Psalms 104. 1-10

Hebrews 5. 1-10

Mark 10.35-45

Post Communion

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Fr Mel is starting a **BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ AT ST MARK'S PENSNETT, BEGINNING THURSDAY OCTOBER 8TH AT 10AM**. To begin with we'll meet fortnightly. If you'd like more info email office@stmaryskingswinford.org.uk or call Mel on 07899945935. If you feel that this sort of gathering might help you, you're most welcome to come along.

A new course of the **Bishops Certificate** is starting on **3rd November on Tuesday evenings** at St Andrews Wollescote Stourbridge. If anyone is interested, please contact Kath Davis on **07984814747**.

Prayers from children at school:

- Dear God, thank you for helping me have the confidence to speak and act in worship leaders and the services that we do. **Amen**
- Dear God, thank you for the world and families. **Amen**
- Dear God, I hope we can get on in our new class and start a better chapter. **Amen**

Gluten Free Wafers

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