



NEWSLETTER

Sunday 16th August 2026

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sunday 16th August

10am Morning Prayer
4pm PPPP

Monday 17th August

5pm Evening Prayer
7.30pm Fr Mel's Prayer Group

Tuesday 18th August

5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 19th August

10am Midweek Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 23rd August

10am Sung Eucharist

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 Cane and MU Members, especially the house bound.

Recently departed

Glyn Gould, Marilyn Cochrane

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

Baptism Preparation

A prayer we pray for You as parents:

Loving Father. Thank You for these parents. Help them to know Your presence in their lives and to share that love and care with their families and those they meet. Amen.

Book: Have you filled a bucket today?

Church of the Ascension School

Huge congratulations to two girls from our school Reception Class who won the Bishop's Art Competition!

Together they created a picture of Jesus ascending into heaven, using a collage of torn up pieces of paper to make the background and drawing pictures of people looking on and the clouds.

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.

Black Country Food Bank

Black Country Food Bank have thanked us for the items we have collected throughout July for them. We donated 26.8kgs of food and 4.7kgs of non food. This is enough to provide 54 meals and 5 toiletry packs!

Thank you everyone for your support in this.

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Prayer and Praise at Fr Mel's

This group will next meet on Monday **17th August at 7.30pm** and Fr Jonathan will be helping to lead worship. Everyone welcome!

Blessing of Bags Service

As usual we have two blessing of the school or work bag services this year. Both on Sunday 30th August. St Mary's at 2pm and COA at 4pm. If you, or someone you know, wants to have their school or work bag (or golf club bag) blessed, adult or child, then please come along for this short service before the start of the school year.

Patronal Festival

The Patronal Festival TEAM Eucharist will be held at **St Mary's** on **Sunday 6 September at 11am** (note the time) and we will be welcoming The Revd Canon Dr Georgina Byrne from the Queen's Foundation and former Canon of Worcester Cathedral.

Hearts on Fire

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 13th September at 4:00 pm**.
Come just as you are to worship.

Confirmation

On Sunday 25th October, 4pm we will be joining with a Confirmation at All Saints, Sedgley. Bishop Alan (who took the last Confirmation service in our parish) is leading the service and all are welcome from across St Mary's and Church of the Ascension to support our candidates as they make this important step in their journey of faith.

Pause, Ponder. Prayer and Praise

Our quiet reflective service is next being held on **Sunday 20th September at 4pm**.
All are welcome.

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Sunday 16th August - The Eleventh Sunday after

Collect

God of Glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Genesis 45: 1-15

Psalms 133

Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15: 10-28

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

An opportunity has risen to be a Sides-person on a Sunday to welcome our Church Family, a couple of other duties are involved but are not tasking. If anyone is interested or for more information, please speak to Sara on 07813 350115.

Parish Development

As part of our Parish Development work, we have committed to working towards our Eco Church Award across the Parish. In May 2026 we were awarded our Silver Award in both churches which is a fantastic achievement and shows the true commitment and hard work our teams have put in to create a more sustainable and eco friendly environment! The work doesn't stop here though as we have high ambitions of continuing to work towards our GOLD across both churches. Recently, Grace and Chris Knight attended an Eco Event held by the Diocese which was truly inspiring and will also be attending the GOLD celebration service at St Margarets in Hasbury. As part of our work towards GOLD we are looking at more people joining our Eco Teams so if you are interested, please let Grace know.

Gluten Free Wafers

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