NEWSLETTER

Sunday 18th October 2026

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sunday 18th October
10am Sung Eucharist
4pm Pause, Ponder, Prayer and Praise
3pm Commissioning of Children, Young People & Families Ministers at Worcester Cathedral

Monday 19th October
5pm Evening Prayer
7.30pm Prayer & Praise at Fr Mel's

Tuesday 20th October
1.30pm Making Marks
5pm Evening Prayer
7pm Community Choir

Wednesday 21st October
10am Midweek Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 22nd October
10am Mainly Music

Sunday 25th October
10am Sung Eucharist
4pm Confirmation Service at All Saints Church, Sedgley

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, Debbie Filgate and MU Members, especially the house bound.

Recently departed

Brian Meese

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: ***Dr Seuss The Lorax***

Remembrance 2026

Wall Heath in Bloom – poppies for Remembrance display. Please leave a length of wool on the back of each poppy so that they can be tied on to the display.
Please leave finished poppies at the back of church to be collected on **Sunday 25th October**. Thank you.

Blessing of the Garden of Remembrance
This will take place outside the Royal British Legion in Kingswinford on **Sunday 1st November at 11.30am**. All are welcome.

Sunday 8th November
A reminder that there will be a service of Morning Prayer on Remembrance Sunday at 9.30am followed by the usual Act of Remembrance by the war memorial afterwards.

Parish Development

In 2026 we have seen 17 people confirmed in the parish. This is an amazing number of people who want to publicly affirm their faith. First of all, continue to pray for them. Pray that the lives of all confirmed people will continue to be inspired by the Holy Spirit every single day. Secondly, come and see the next six people Confirmed at **All Saints Sedgley** on **Sunday 25 October at 4pm.**

Thank you to everyone who donated food or toiletries to the Harvest Festival on the 27th September 2026. As a result of your generosity 39 kilograms of food (or 6 stone 2lb in old money) was delivered to the Black Country Food Bank today and an equal amount plus three full bags of toiletries will go to the local Women's Refuge supported by the Mothers' Union. These gifts will make a huge difference and were very gratefully received 😊

14 – 18 year olds 'Faith Space'

We held our first "Faith Space" last Sunday where some of our young people met, shared pizza, explored some big questions and their insights about God, heaven, forgiveness, free will and so much more.

The next meet up will be on **Sunday 8th November 5.30-7pm** at **St Mary's**

All young people aged 14-18 are very welcome. Please spread the word!!

Everyone is welcome to our Movie Afternoon showing *"Song Sung Blue"* on Saturday 17th October at 2.00pm.

£3 per ticket – you can pay on the door - snacks and light refreshments included.

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. Pop it into your diary and if you need a lift, please speak to one of the clergy.

Pause, Ponder, Prayer and Praise

We will next be holding the quiet, reflective service on **Sunday 18th October at 4pm.** All are very welcome.

Prayer and Praise at Fr Mel's

This group will next meet on **Monday 19th October at 7.30pm**. Everyone welcome!

Making Marks

Our Making Marks group will resume on **Tuesday 20th October at 1.30pm**. Please email Jenny Stewart for further details.

Jennystewart1@hotmail.co.uk

Soul Food

Our next Soul Food gathering will be on **Tuesday 27th October at 5pm.** Please come along – everyone is welcome

Sunday 18th October – The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Collect

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Acts 16.6-12a
Psalm 147.1-7
2 Timothy 4.5-17
Luke 10.1-9

Post Communion

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding
that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Vacancy

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.

Fr Mel's **BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ AT ST MARK'S PENSNETT,** is held fortnightly on Thursdays at 10am. **The group will next meet on 22nd October.**
If you'd like more information, please 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**.

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

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