NEWSLETTER

Sunday 25th October 2026

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SERVICES AND EVENTS

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

Monday 26th October
5pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 27th October
1.30pm Making Marks
5pm Soul Food
5pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 28th October
10am Midweek Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 1st November
10am Sung Eucharist
11.30am Blessing of the Garden of Remembrance at **RBL, Kingswinford**
4pm Annual Memorial Service at **St Mary's, Kingswinford**

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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Church of the Ascension, Wall Heath

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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, Bob Green, Maxine Mills, Margaret Crane, Adrian Blackburn, Debbie Filgate and housebound members of the MU Members.

Recently departed

Frank Round, Gerald Lunn

Please pray for the people that live in New Bradley Hall 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

The Blessing of the Garden of Remembrance 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

As you'll remember we have had a stewardship campaign in 2025 and I want to thank everyone who financially supports the parish without which ministry would be impossible as would maintaining our buildings. I also know that times are tough and as your parish priest I would never expect anyone to give more than they are able to.
I also know, however, the increased costs our churches are facing and so if you are able to increase your giving then please do pick up a green form at the back of church and at St Mary's return it to one of the churchwardens or at COA return it to Bill Hazelton. Giving is an important form of Christian witness and a giving thanks to God for the many gifts he bestows on us. I commend this to all of our prayers.

Making Marks

Our Making Marks group will continue to meet **at 1.30pm on Tuesdays**.
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 😊

School Eucharist

The next school Eucharist at **Church of the Ascension School** is at **9am on Monday 2nd November**. You're all welcome to come and attend - please be in the school hall and seat by no later than 8.50am.

Prayer and Praise at Fr Mel's

This group will next meet on **Monday 2nd November at 7.30pm**.
AT CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION. Everyone welcome!

14 – 18 year olds 'Faith Space'

We will continue to hold our "Faith Space" gatherings on the **second Sunday** of each month. This is an opportunity for young people to meet, share pizza, explore 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!!

Community News

Whether you're green-fingered or not, if you've been through Wall Heath this summer you will have seen the beautiful planters that the **Wall Heath in Bloom Team** have nurtured. After a community effort to litter pick and get the village looking it's best, they were assessed by the RHS in July and have been awarded a **GOLD** award which is just fantastic. Congratulations to everyone involved!

St Mary's are hoping to link up again with the **Kingswinford in Bloom Team** for another tidy up of the churchyard ready to welcome the community for the Christmas services and events. Please watch this space for further information if you would to get involved....we all know that many hands make light work 😊

25th October – Bible Sunday, Last Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty God, in whose service lies perfect freedom:
teach us to obey you with loving hearts and steadfast wills;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Nehemiah 8.1-4a, 8-12
Psalm 119.9-16
Colossians 3.12-17
Matthew 24.30-35

Post Communion

Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning,
you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth:
may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect
in 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.

A big "Thank You" from Hayley for making her so welcome since she started with us in September and to those that went along to support her at the service at Worcester Cathedral last Sunday. It was great to see so many people celebrating the work that our Children's, Young People's and Families Ministers do within our worshipping communities 😊

Fr Mel has started a **BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ AT ST MARK'S PENSNETT, ON THURSDAY MORNINGS AT 10AM**.
The group is meeting fortnightly and if you feel that this sort of gathering might help you, you're most welcome to come along
If you'd like more info, please contact Fr Mel on 07899 945935.
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Gluten Free Wafers

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

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