NEWSLETTER

Sunday 1st November 2026

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CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SERVICES AND EVENTS

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**

Monday 2nd November
5pm Evening Prayer
7.30pm Fr Mel's House Group at **Church of the Ascension**

Tuesday 3rd November
1.30pm Making Marks
5pm Evening Prayer
7pm Community Choir

Wednesday 4th November
10am Midweek Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 5th November
10am Mainly Music

Sunday 8th November
9.30am Morning Prayer
10.45am Act of Remembrance
4pm Hearts on Fire at **St Mary's**
5.30pm Faith Space at **St Mary's**

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

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 Wyncroft Care Home in our parish and for the people who care for them.

Baptism book and monthly prayer

A prayer we pray for you as parents:
Jesus, we ask that Your presence will be with this family.
Help them to know that in the face of everything Your power, love and authority goes with them. Amen.

Book: ***The Gruffalo***

Remembrance 2026

The Blessing of the Garden of Remembrance will take place outside the Royal British Legion in Kingswinford on **Sundav 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.

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.

Kingdom People: Join the Story with Bishop Hugh

Come along to Holy Trinity Wordsley for an opportunity to meet with Bishop Hugh, hear his vision for our diocese and pray for our future together.
All are welcome on Saturday 21 November 4pm-6pm

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!!

Soul Food

Our next Soul Food gathering will be on **Tuesday 10th November at 5pm.**
Please come along – everyone is welcome 😊

iSingPop – Pop up Church

iSingPop Pop Up Church is back on **Sunday 15th November.**
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!

Singing for Pleasure – Christmas Joy

December 11th 7:30pm at Church of the Ascension
Tickets £5 and for more details contact Floss Jepson or members of the choir.

Sunday 1st November – All Saints Day

Collect

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

Revelation 7.9-end	Psalm 34.1-10
1 John 3.1-3	Matthew 5.1-12

Post Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

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.

PARISH ADVENT COURSE

This Advent, Fr Jonathan invites you to a time of song, prayer and thoughtful discussion, drawing on Paula Gooder's celebrated *Women of the Nativity* to explore four biblical narratives that shape our ADVENT HOPE.

Church of the Ascension 7.30-9pm on:

Wednesday 25th Nov, Wednesday 2nd, Thursday 10th & Wednesday 16th December.

To sign up, or for more information, please contact Fr Jonathan or see the sign-up sheet and flyers at the back of church.

This course will also take place at St Mary's, for those who prefer afternoon sessions.

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.

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

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