



The Ministry and Staff Teams wish you a peaceful and blessed New Year.

Our Services for Sunday 4th January - Epiphany

- 8.00 am Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am Sung Eucharist at St Mary's
- 11.00am Sung Eucharist at St Anne's
- 6.30pm Evensong at St Mary's

Evensong is a traditional service where some of the liturgy is sung. The service is from the Book of Common Prayer (1662) with psalms, canticles, hymns, prayers, readings and a reflection.

Parish Breakfast will follow the 8am service - all are welcome.

Readings for Epiphany: Isaiah 60.1–6, Ephesians 3.1–12, Matthew 2.1–12

Future Services

Sunday 11th January - Baptism of Christ

- 8.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.00am Sung Eucharist at St Mary's
- 11.00am Sung Eucharist at St Anne's
- 6.30pm Taizé service at St Mary's

A Taizé service is meditative in style and includes sung or chanted prayers, periods of silence and readings from the Bible. It is the repetitive nature of the singing that allows the mind and heart the freedom to go deeper into worship.

Sunday 18th January - Second Sunday of Epiphany

- 8.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's (BCP)
- 10.00am Service of the Word with Baptism at St Mary's
- 11.00am Sung Eucharist at St Anne's
- 6.30pm Evensong at St Mary's

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Our Regular Worship

- Details of our regular pattern of worship can be found on the Services page of our website <u>here</u>.
- Details of how the pattern relates to Children's Worship can be found on the Children and Youth page of our website here.
- Details of specific services can continue to be found in the Calendar.
- Morning Prayer is at 9.00am in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and at 9.00am in St Anne's on Tuesday.
- The Thursday Midweek Communion service is at 12.15pm in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's.

Notices - please continue to the bottom of the bulletin for events which are coming up

Thank you

Thank you to Bridget and everyone who helped and supported Christmas Day Together and worked hard to make Christmas Day Together a success. The day was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

Tuesday Teas

Tuesday Teas will meet at St Mary's on 6th January from 2.00 pm to 3.30pm. An informal get together this month cake and conversation!

Can you help with the Conversation Cafe at St Chad's Sanctuary?

St Chad's Sanctuary is a local Birmingham charity providing a variety of support to asylum seekers and refugees, including a weekly Conversation Café where people have the opportunity to practise their English. They are currently looking for volunteers to help with this friendly, informal English session which takes place on Wednesday mornings from 11.00 - 1.00. Volunteers arrive at 10.15 for the pre-session team briefing and to help with the set-up. They look at a different topic each week and each volunteer works with a group of 6-8 learners. You do not need to have any formal teaching qualifications, though relevant experience and a willingness to undertake some training would be an advantage.

The best way to find out what's involved is to come along and sit in on one of the sessions and meet our friendly and supportive team of volunteers. If this sounds like something you'd like to get involved in please email Karen at esol@stchadssanctuary.com. St Chad's Sanctuary, 72-74 Shadwell Street, Birmingham B4 6HA

Restore Training Course

Restore will be holding their next training course at St Johns Church, Harborne on 7th February 2026. The course is for anyone interested in learning more about refugees, or those considering volunteering as a befriender with Restore. The training will start at 9.45am and finish at 4pm. Contact Jasmine at Restore for more information on jasmine@restore-uk.org or click here to sign up.

Keeping safe in church

We are currently reviewing our lone working policy. If you come in to church on your own during the day, please do let the office know that you are there.

This week in the Parish

We continue to pray for:

Sheila Perks, Trish Burt, Jane, Laurie Flood, Elizabeth, Ros Long, Betty Clarke, Christine Guest, Philip Mills, Angela Sones and family, Christina Brown and Revd Richard Taylor.

Souls of the Departed: Geraldine Taylor.

The Parish also prays and gives thanks for:

- all in our congregations at the beginning of the New Year.
- Everyone who lives in our parish this week praying for all our neighbours who live on Yew Tree Road.

Church of England Birmingham Praying Together: The January edition is here.

Inclusive Church Newsletter: The November edition is here.

We celebrate the Birthdays of: John Dowell, Arden Rowley and John Townend.

Future events

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Tuesday Teas

Tuesday, 6 January 14:00

Tuesday Teas is a monthly group and you are warmly invited. There will be hot drinks, homemade cakes and the opportunity to chat. All are welcome - no need to book.

