St Mary's KINGSWINFORD

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 22nd November 2026

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St MARY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sunday 22nd November
CHURCH CLOSED
10am TEAM Service at Church of the Ascension

Monday 23rd November
8.30am Morning Prayer
10am Mainly Music

Tuesday 24th November
8.30am Morning Prayer
10am Midweek Said Eucharist

Wednesday 25th November
Tree Decorating for Tree Festival
8.30am Morning Prayer
2pm Advent Course

Thursday 26th November
10am Coffee Morning

Saturday 29th November
10am Tree Festival

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10am Sung Eucharist
11.30am Tree Festival
4pm Advent Evensong

All are welcome to Evening Prayer at COA at 5pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week

Pray for our sick and those who care for them:

Ken, Mike & Janet Roberts, Kate, Martin Cresswell, Pat & Arthur Peakman, George Pemberton, Anthony Houghton, Louise Barker, Bob Green, Jean Corbett, Nicky Arnold, Margaret Crane, Wayne McCombie, Jackie Reese, Debbie Filgate, Philip Doidge and Ian.

Recently departed:

Fred Gorman, David Jackson

Years mind:

William (Paddy) Hume, Raymond Hipkiss, Bridget Mallen, Clifford Field, Freda Slater, Beryl Marsh, Ronald Slater, Clara Jarratt, Dorothy Homer, James Preece, Colin Meakin, Ernest Allen, Hazel Smith, John Fletcher, Timothy Johnson, Edith Lowe, Peter Stanton.

Please pray for the people that live in New Bradley Hall 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***

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.

HEARTS ON FIRE AND THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

In February we are moving our Hearts on Fire service to **4pm on Sunday 7 February 2027** so that ++Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury can attend the service as part of her visit to Worcester Diocese that weekend.

Final details to be announced but please do add this to your diaries.

Christmas is coming!!

Our annual **Tree Festival** is being held over the weekend of **28 - 29 November**, please can you help? We need bottles for the bottle tombola (wine, beer, pop, squash) and filled jars for the jar tombola (these can be empty jars that you have filled with sweets, pasta, tea bags etc or jars of jam, pickle or sauces.

Our **Christmas Quiz Night** is on **Saturday 5th December @ 7pm** - £7 per person including food - please book your place with Helen Moren.

Please note that our Wreath Making Workshop is now full.

Fr Mel's Prayer Group

This group will next meet on **Monday** 30th November **at 7.30pm** at Fr Mel's.
Please contact Fr Mel for more information on 07899 945935.

Kingswinford in Bloom at St Mary's

Just a last reminder about the "tidy up" this **Saturday 21st** from 10am-12noon.
We are hoping to have some of the local cadets helping us this time 😊
Please come along if you can as we all know, many hands really do make light work.

Community Coffee Mornings

Our next coffee morning is on **Thursday 26th November from 10am** and held on the **second** and **fourth Thursday** of each month.
As always, everyone is welcome 😊

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 13th December 5.30-7pm at St Mary's.**
All young people aged 14-18 are very welcome. Please spread the word!!

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

Sunday 22nd November – Christ The King

Collect

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory. **Amen**

Today's Readings

Ezekiel 34.11-16 & 20-24
Psalm 95.1-7
Ephesians 1.15-end
Matthew 25.31-end

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

St Mary's 2-3.30pm on: Wednesday 25th November, Tuesday 1st, Wednesday 9th & Wednesday 16th December* (*Last session begins at 3pm).

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 Church of the Ascension, for those who prefer evening sessions.

VACANCY – TREASURER FOR ST MARY'S

St Mary's has now been without a Treasurer for a number of years, and this is becoming unsustainable. Please could you consider whether you are able to undertake this role. Full training would be given. Please speak to Fr Adam if you want an informal conversation about this. In the meantime, can we all pray that someone comes forward.

Whenever the Eucharist is celebrated, gluten-free wafers are available from the communion station in the Lady Chapel.

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