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Fruitfulness

Brought to us by Rev. Ian Poole

As we drift from the mellow mists of autumn into the cold darkness of winter we should marvel at the provision of the autumn harvest of fruit and crops ordained by our Maker to sustain us through the long winter nights. This gift of harvest is first to be found from the soil of our land long before it finds its way packaged and sold with a price tag by a local supermarket. Also, we recognise that this harvest is a gift to us from above, not first to be paid at the till at the super market.

Our Father in heaven looks upon our world and looks for fruitfulness since He has ordained it so. But not just in the gift and provision of food, but also He looks for it in our lives.

How as Church goes and more importantly as would be Christians can we be fruitful? Is it by following a new code of conduct and adopting a new way of thinking or developing new manners? If this were true then we would be producing fruit by our own strength and however good it might look on the outside it would be rotten within.

No, to belong to Christ and to be a fruitful Christ follower requires of us two things.

First, we must abandon any attempt to produce fruit ourselves, but rather we need to simply receive the priceless gift of salvation as we welcome Jesus to dwell in our lives. When we do so it is His divine life that is available to us to produce abundant fruit such as love, joy, peace etc.

Second, having received this gift of His presence and life so we need to guard it by how we live. Not according to our old pattern of life, but rather through obedience to His word (the Bible) and the prompting of the Spirit and by prayer that might on occasions include fasting!

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Gifts for God's work at St Mary's Church

A collection is taken in most services for the work of the church, if you wish to donate. If you are a member of the church and a UK tax payer and give a regular amount to the work of the church, please consider gift aid, Mike Hotchkiss has details. If you do not pay tax but wish to give regularly by an envelope scheme, boxes of pink envelopes are available by the church entrance.



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Welcome!

You are very welcome to join us today.

Please ask questions if you are not sure where or what things are or what they mean and we would be delighted to help.

Services:

9am Communion Service

10:30am The Gathering

St Mary's Church, Bushbury Lane, Bushbury, Wolverhampton

bushburyteamministry.co.uk

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Welcome



Church Facilities There's a loo on the far side of the church from the main door, next to the organ.

Accessibility We have a **hearing loop**. Please switch to T when appropriate. Please tell us if it is not working.

During most services **we do not go up the steps** at all so everything should be easily accessible.

The parish is working on becoming more accessible to people with dementia.

Communion We can offer **non-alcoholic wine and gluten-free wafers** on request. Please check this with the Church warden before the service.



If it's a communion service today and you are not familiar with this or do not share the Christian faith, please do not feel pressured to participate. When people move to the front to take the bread and wine, please feel free to come forward for a blessing.

Sunday Club We love to have children in our services! We currently don't run a creche but do have children's groups. Please feel relaxed with young children you are very welcome here.

Sunday Club joins '**The Gathering**' service at the beginning and then goes to the Church Hall except on the third Sunday where there is a communion service for everyone.

Alpha Course The Alpha course continues on Tuesdays from 7 - 9pm with food. It's not too late to join or to invite your friends. Sign up sheet at back of church.



Would you like to join a '**Life Group**' for fellowship, worship, bible and faith sharing? If you would please see church warden, Mike Hotchkiss.

The '**Hope Faith and Charity**' shop that supports mission in Romania, are very grateful for our support. In order to support the most vulnerable in the City they have adjusted their most needed items list, which will be at the back of the Church.

Safeguarding: *St Marys and Bushbury Parish take very seriously our commitment to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. A copy of the Safeguarding policy is available on request and on the website. Please inform us of any concerns.*

Church Diary



Little Angels Moms and Tots meet term-time on Wednesdays at 1:15 - 3pm.

Sunday Club Sunday Club will meet each Sunday on Sundays 3rd, 17th and 24th November

OASIS Ladies Group The next meetings will take place in the church hall from 1:30 - 3pm on 4th November, 18th November and 2nd December.

Bring and Share Lunch on Sunday 10th November after the service.

Healing Service 5 - 6pm on Sunday 10th November at St James' Church.

Men's Breakfast at 10am on Saturday 16th November.

Tear Fund Quiz at St Mary's Church Hall on Saturday 16th November at 7:30pm.

Communion This month our communion service will be on 17th November

Memorial Service 6.30pm on Sunday 17th November

Advent Messy Church 4 - 5:30 on Sunday 24th November

City Wide Prayer on Thursday 21st November

Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church 10 - 4pm on Saturday 30th November and 12 - 4pm Sunday 1st December.



COMING UP...

Parish Christmas Meal at 6pm on Saturday 7th December

Christingle Service at 4pm on Sunday 15th December

Carol Service at 4pm on Sunday 22nd December

Christmas Eve Service at 11pm on Tuesday 24th December

Christmas Day Service at 10am on Wednesday 25th December