

Church of the Good Shepherd, Low Hill



Notices November 2024



Fruitfulness

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 supermarket.

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!



November News



Notice Board (Things that happen regularly)

- ♥ **Sunday Services** are held at 11am every Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated on 3rd and 17th November and we look forward to a Remembrance and Memorial service on November 10th.
- ♥ **Waking the Dawn** prayer is every Saturday, 8am - 9am.
All are welcome.
- ♥ **Over 50s** continues fortnightly on Mondays at 2pm. The dates in November are 11th and 25th. A warm reception is guaranteed for all, please do get in touch if you want more information or would like to come along. If you already come, perhaps bring a friend next time?
- ♥ **Bushbury Youth Group** is on Friday evenings in St Mary's church hall at 7.15pm, except the last Friday of the month when it is at St James. It is open to youngsters aged 11 - 14. Contact the parish office (01902 782226) for further details and confirmation of meeting dates.
- ♥ **Coffee Morning**; your go-to place for all things toasted! Drop in any Friday, 10 - 12, during school term-time,
- ♥ **Monthly Clean-Up** is usually on the last Saturday of the month from 10.30am.
- ♥ **Men's Breakfast** - Saturday 16th November. Held as usual in the parish hall at 10am. If you want to attend, please let the parish office know (01902 782226)
- ♥ **TearFund Quiz Night** is on the evening of 16th November, also in the parish hall. It starts at 7pm. If you are interested and want more details, contact the parish office.
- ♥ **The Healing and Charismatic Service** is on 10th November, 5pm at St James Church.
- ♥ **Alpha** continues during the autumn on Tuesdays 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Other news

City Wide Prayer - 7pm on Thursday 21st November



Christmas Tree Festival - is at St Mary's Church 10 - 4pm on Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December. It was a lovely event last year, with some spectacular contributions from local businesses, schools and groups. Well worth a look.

Parish Christmas Meal - is at 6pm in the Parish Hall on December 7th. Listen out for more details in church notices.

The Well Foodbank; Thank you everyone for the harvest contributions to The Well. It was a very much appreciated bumper collection of 56kg. We leave a box in church every week for food donations. Cash can be donated too - it is easiest to do this online through their website (<https://thewellwolverhampton.co.uk>) or put cash in an envelope marked 'for the foodbank' and we'll make sure it gets to them.



Some advance notices about Christmas Services

**Our Christingle service will be at 11am on December 15th
and at 4pm on December 22nd we will be joined by St
James Church for a Carol Service, followed by festive
refreshments.**



If you need to contact Rev Taiwo Olumuyiwa, please in the first instance speak to the **Parish Office**: 01902 782226

We can also be found on: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com> (enter The Good Shepherd, Low Hill).

<https://bushburyteamministry.co.uk/church-of-the-good-shepherd>

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