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A Brand New Year

Brought to us by Rev. Ian Poole

I'm sure there are many different reactions to the approach of another New Year. Here are a few examples....

Goodness me I've only just become used to writing 2024.

I wish those few days of Christmas festivity and company could last a little longer.

I'm glad that I will be reminded less of those I so dearly miss.

It's a relief not to have to pretend to get on with Uncle antagonistic and Auntie particular!

I'm so excited about all the new opportunities and adventures that await me.

All of the above are honest reactions and I'm sure many more that those of faith, some faith or no faith share, but might there be a uniquely Christian response to the arrival of a New Year? Surely the answer must be there are many, and I offer one below.

How well have I invested the resources of my gold, frankincense and myrrh in 2024 and what are my investment plans with the same for 2025?!

My gold? Have my finances and time that I have control over, been shared generously with my King, so that I've seen Him help me with my needs even if I have had to turn away from some of my wants?! What might I change in 2025?

My frankincense? Has my Maker daily heard my voice in prayer and song? Have I shared my shining little light with Him and my fellow travellers on Sundays? And 2025...

My myrrh? Am I prepared to follow in the footsteps of Jesus even if it means I might find myself on a path that discomforts me? (See John 21: 18 - 19). Remember it is often in the small things of life that we are invited to die to ourselves! And 2025...



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

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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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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.

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.*



Little Angels Moms and Tots meet term-time on Wednesdays at 1:15 - 3pm. Back after Christmas on 15th January.

Sunday Club Sunday Club will meet each Sunday except Sunday 19th January when the children join The Gathering for Holy Communion.

OASIS Ladies Group The next meetings will take place in the church hall from 1:30 - 3pm on 13th and 27th January.

Healing Service 5 - 6pm on Sunday 12th January at St Mary's Church.

Men's Breakfast at 10am on Saturday 18th January with the theme *Is the world coming to an end?* The next breakfast will be on Saturday 15th February.

Communion This month our communion service will be on 19th January

City Wide Prayer on Thursday 16th January at St James Church.

Coming up ...

Day of Fasting and Prayer on Saturday 8th February

- Start with Waking the Dawn Prayer 9am till 10am at The Church of the Good Shepherd
- 2-3pm Meet at St James' Church for prayer and worship
- 6-7pm Gather at St Mary's Church for prayer and worship

