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Spiritual Maturity

Brought to us by Rev. Taiwo Olumuyiwa

The fundamental bond of trust we share with Jesus is the foundation for all subsequent growth and actions. 2 Peter 3:18 instructs us to develop, which means consistent growth, ongoing expansion, and growing wisdom.

List of dos and don'ts if we are to develop every day.

Contemplating God's word daily is our source of comfort and guidance. Hold God's Word close to your heart. It provides the consolation, direction, correction, and encouragement we require.

Recognise the mysteries of prayer. All prayers are answered, whether the response is 'Yes', 'No', or 'Wait'.

Dependency on the Spirit of God. For us, the Holy Spirit makes intercession. Let the Spirit take charge of your life's circumstances. Rom. 8:26

Consistent church attendance—Nothing can replace going to church, and as Christians, we must come together to worship God and support one another.

Let Love serve as the compass for our lives. "If you love one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples" (John 13:35). Love is one of the Christian identities.

Act as a devout Christian. Put Christ first in all of your life's decisions.

Pay attention to temptation. Being tempted is not sinful, but giving in turns it into a sin. Trust in the Holy Spirit to fight your battle.

We have to live like Christ. We should live and look in a way that honours the Gospel and draws others to it.

Act as a Christian witness. Words and deeds are the two ways we bear witness, and they should be used in tandem whenever feasible.

Before continuing on your spiritual path, take some time to reflect on yourself. Find a peaceful location and spend some time in prayer.

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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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Kerry's hours are Mon, Wed & Fri 8.55am - 2.15pm



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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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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.

Food & Fellowship

a free community meal



A free Community Meal & Fun Day. On Saturday 22nd February at 5pm we are hosting an **Indoor BBQ** - We will cook outside but eat in the warmth of the hall. Please sign up at the back of Church if you can help in any way and also indicate whether you could drop some flyers to the houses on your street.

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.

Sunday Club Sunday Club will meet each Sunday except Sunday 16th February when the children join The Gathering for Holy Communion.

Sharing the good news of God's love House to house. 2.15 to 4.15 Saturday 1st February (and 8th March).

Day of Fasting and Prayer on Saturday 8th February Fasting. This is an invitation to miss the odd meal or fast for the day until 7pm. Please see the leaflets on Fasting and Prayer. BUT you don't have to fast in order to attend.

Prayer and worship. There will be three 1 hour slots during the day where we can gather to pray and worship together.

- 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

OASIS Ladies Group The next meetings will take place in the church hall from 1:30 - 3pm on 10th and 24th February.

Communion Service Sunday 16th February.

Men's Breakfast 10am on Saturday 15th February with the theme ***Is the world coming to an end?*** with part 2 on Saturday 15th March.

City Wide Prayer on Thursday 20th February from 7 - 8pm at All Nations Church, Temple Street. WV2 4AN

Prayer for the Deanery 6 - 7pm on Tuesday 25th February at St Mary's Church.

Coming up ...

Through Faith Missions Please support Pastor Dan Holland as he shares on Saturday 8th March 10 - 12.30 at Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship in Stafford.

Healing Service Sunday 9th March 5 - 6pm Good Shepherd

AGM 7:30pm Thursday 13th March. St Mary's Hall

The Bible Course starting on Tuesday 11th March at 7pm continuing on 18th, 25th March and 1st April. All Welcome.

Confirmation Service 4pm Sunday 16th March at St Thomas' Church, Wednesfield. If you would like to be confirmed please speak to Rev Ian. Confirmation preparation classes. 4pm at St Mary's Church Hall on Sundays 23rd February, 2nd and 9th March.

Deanery Service and Food. At 6pm on Sunday 23rd March at The Church of The Epiphany.