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The season of Easter

Brought to us by Rev Taiwo Olumuyiwa

Easter is crucial in the Christian liturgical year because it commemorates Jesus' resurrection, which gives Christians joy and hope. It represents victory over death and darkness and the promise of eternal life.

Easter challenges us to reevaluate our perspectives and explore the transformational potential of faith in Jesus Christ in a time marked by scepticism and doubt.

Faith in Jesus Christ provides hope and security in a world of unpredictability and chaos. Easter reminds us that light exists even in dire circumstances.

As children of God, when we reflect on Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection, we take comfort in the fact that we are not the only ones going through difficult times. Jesus' life demonstrated the power of love, tenacity, and faith in God's ultimate plan.

The Easter season reminds us that, through faith in Jesus Christ, renewal and redemption are always possible, regardless of the difficulties we may encounter.

I pray you will be motivated to grow in your faith and apply Jesus Christ's life-changing teachings to your everyday life.



April 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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Kerry's hours are

Mon, Wed & Fri

8.55am - 2.15pm

Thanks must go to **Listed Places of Worship** for the funding to repair the roof of our church.

www.lpowroof.org.uk



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.



Holy 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.

Can you help out?

- ◆ Please consider going on a rota to be occasionally available to lock the church hall after it has been used for a hire event.

We always welcome teams to make refreshments after a Sunday service.

The sound and audio system needs new operators to cover for the existing team / work on a rota system. If you are interested, please speak to one of the wardens.



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.

Youth Club 7:15 - 8:45pm on Fridays 4th to 11th April at St Mary's Church Hall and every last Friday of the month at St James' Church for games. Youth Club will start back after the Easter break on Friday 2nd May.

Sunday Club Sunday Club will meet every week except on Easter Sunday.

The Bible Course An excellent course that helps us understand how to read and understand God's message of transforming love as we read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. On Tuesday evenings, 7:15 - 8:45pm continuing on 1st, 8th and 29th April, 6th and 13th May. All Welcome.

Parish AGM 8pm Thursday 3rd April at St Mary's Church Hall.

Sharing the good news of God's love House to house. 2.15 to 4.15 on Saturday 5th April.

Prayer for Deanery Friday 11th April 7 - 10pm. Prayer gathering at St Mary's with Bishop Tim for all our churches in the Deanery. This is a great opportunity. The strength and spiritual health of our churches strongly relates to how much we pray and seek God's face.

Oasis Ladies Group The next meetings will take place in the church hall from 1:30 - 3pm on 14th April, 28th April and 12th May.

Maundy Thursday 7pm at St James' Church.

Good Friday 2 - 3pm Good Shepherd. Walk of witness 3 - 4pm Followed by tea and hot cross buns at St James' Church.

Easter Saturday 1.30 - 3pm Churches gathering in Queen's Square from all over the City. Another great opportunity, to experience being with the wider Body of Christ that we belong to.

Coming up...

Healing Service on Sunday 11th May 5 - 6pm.

Men's Breakfast 10am on Saturday 17th May.

City Wide Prayer 7 - 8pm on Thursday 15th May at Potters House Church, Clarence Street WV1 4JL.

Community BBQ 5 - 7pm on Saturday 31st May.