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Have you been adopted?!

Brought to us by Rev Ian Poole

What a strange question. Of course there will be some reading these few words who will say yes I was adopted and you may know the age at which this took place. It might also be true of you that your adopted parents were the best you could have hoped for and perhaps even better than your biological parents might have turned out to be. Though for most of us we will say I haven't been adopted and I trust for many of us we will be proud of our parents and the upbringing they provided for us.

But I still want to ask you the question 'have you been adopted'? Perhaps it is obvious that I'm not referring to whether your carers were your parents or guardians, but I'm referring to a more profound and necessary form of adoption that is vital for meaningful human existence and flourishing both here and in eternity.

1 Corinthians 5:15 says 'And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died for them and was raised again.'

Who you live for is a sign of whether or not you have been adopted by your Heavenly Father. Sure He has made you and given you the gift of life, but that doesn't mean you are His adopted child. You need to be adopted by your heavenly Father, since that is what Jesus came from heaven to earth to achieve. As long as you live for yourself then you will be bound by the affections you have for your nearest and dearest, whether they are living or not. Of course the Lord wants you to honour your nearest and dearest, BUT Jesus needs to be your chief nearest and dearest, for this sets us up to be secure in all other relationships and sustains us through whatever loss we experience.

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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



May 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

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.



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.

Church Diary



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

Youth Club 7:15 - 8:45pm starts back on Friday 2nd May at St Mary's church hall every week except on the fourth Friday when it is at St James' Church, for games.

Sunday Club Sunday Club will meet every week.

The Bible Course



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 Tuesdays 29th April, 6th and 13th May. All welcome.

Memorial Service Sunday 4th May 6.30pm at St Mary's Church.

Sharing the good news of God's love House to house. 2.15 to 4.15 on Saturdays 10th May and 7th June.

Healing Service on Sunday 11th May 5 - 6pm at St James' Church.

Oasis Ladies Group The next meetings will take place in the church hall from 1:30 - 3pm on 12th May and 2nd June.

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

Men's Breakfast 10am on Saturday 17th May and 14th June in the Church Hall.

Church Grounds Work Party Saturday 24th May 10 - 1pm

Ascension Day Service Thursday 29th May 7pm at St Mary's Church.

Community BBQ 5 - 7pm on Saturday 31st May at the Church Hall.

Coming up...

City Wide Prayer 7 - 8pm on Thursday 19th June. City Life Church Westbury St, Wolverhampton WV1 1JD