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THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Brought to us by Rev Ian Poole

As we say goodbye to Rev Taiwo we are very grateful for his ministry amongst us and his wonderful example of love and a deep prayerful life, that always seemed to push obstacles aside with a smile and often a phrase such as, 'we give thanks'! We remember too that Taiwo, like all clergy and lay leaders, is and was to us, an 'under shepherd' to the Good Shepherd, who is of course Jesus.

So let us pray for Taiwo, Christianah and family as they settle into their new home in Wednesbury. Praying that Tawio would know the Lord's strength, wisdom and vision for this new challenge and most especially that the people of Wednesbury would be touched by St Bartholomew's and St Luke's ministries and so come to know the Good Shepherd who 'charms our fears' and 'bids our sorrows cease'.

Let us pray for ourselves, in Bushbury, in St James', The Good Shepherd and St Mary's, that the 'under shepherds', lay and clergy alike, would know the Lord's comfort, direction and wisdom. Above all, though, let us all be like those sheep in John Chapter 10, who **'follow him** (their shepherd and Shepherd), **because they know his** (His) **voice.'** (V4). Let us recognise that the Shepherd's voice is sometimes heard through our leaders and fellow sheep and to ignore their voice may mean we are ignoring His gentle and often persistent instruction to us.

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 Administrator

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Kerry's hours are Monday and Wednesday - 9.00am - 2.00pm and Friday 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

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

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May 2026



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

facebook.com/stmaryschurch.bushbury

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 service at the beginning and then goes to the Church Hall returning for the end of the service.

Ladies Breakfast at The Good Shepherd on the first Saturday of every month at 10am. You are very welcome to come and join the conversation and enjoy a continental style breakfast. There is no charge, but donations are welcome. To book a place, sign up at the back of church.

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Church Diary

Sunday Club on 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th May.

Little Angels Moms & Tots meet in the Church Hall on Wednesdays 1:15 - 3pm.

Walking Group meet each Saturday at 9.45 at St Mary's church hall for approximately a 1hour 15 minute walk, returning for coffee and tea.

Youth Club 7.15 - 8.45pm Fridays at St Mary's church hall. Every fourth Friday is at St James' Church.

Oasis Ladies Group 1.30pm to 3pm Mondays on 4th & 18th May in St Mary's Church Hall.

Ladies Breakfast 10am on the first Saturday of each month at The Good Shepherd. Please sign up at the back of Church.

Church Grounds work party Saturday 16th and 23rd May 10 - 1pm.

Deanery Zoom Prayer 10.30 - 11am Thursday 7th May. You can see the full programme, and the Zoom details of where to join in, at www.lichfield.anglican.org/our-faith/diocesan-day-of-prayer/

Revival Prayer 3.30 - 6pm Sunday 10th May St John's Shenstone. WS14 0JB. This is a Diocesan prayer meeting for the episcopal area and will be a wonderful opportunity to seek the Lord's favour that the Holy Spirit would work more powerfully in our day. If a few from each church could travel to Shenstone that would be great. It takes approx. 35 mins by car.

Ascension Service 6:30- 7:30pm Thursday 14th May St James'

Men's Breakfast 10 - 11.30am Saturday 16th May - Joseph is still alive... Just!

City Wide Prayer 7 - 8pm Thursday 21st May Potter's House Church, Clarence St, WV1 4JL

Coming up ...

Oasis Ladies Group on 1st, 15th and 29th June.

Ladies Breakfast 10am on Saturday 6th June. Sign up at the back of church.

Outreach BBQ 5 - 7pm Saturday 13th June St Mary's Church Hall. What does good health look like?! With guest speaker. Please invite your friends. There is a sign up list at the back of the church if you can help'.

Men's Breakfast 10 - 11.30am Saturday 20th June.

Alpha Day Away Saturday 20th June.

Joanne's Ordination! 4pm Saturday 27th June Lichfield Cathedral.

