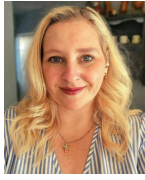


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Rev Ian Poole

District Warden



Rev Jo Redding

Parish Warden



Glynis Arthur

Admin



Karen Adcock



Kerry Hoult

I WILL OFFER UP MY LIFE

How can we make the most of our lives and find the greatest fulfilment? Different generations find different answers to these questions. Generation X, those born in the 1960s and 70s, often lived life to the fullest in terms of prioritising whatever brings pleasure. In contrast, Generation Z, those born in the late 1990s and early 2000s, are more interested in what is right and are often more altruistic. They are a welcome throw back to generations before Generation Z arrived.

But both these generational approaches have their problems. The one finds that short term self centredness brings no lasting joy and the other finds that focusing on 'doing the right thing' can at times be overwhelming. So, can we really enjoy life and at the same time make a valuable fulfilling contribution here on earth?

The answer is simple.... And is found in this wonderful verse, Romans 12: 1. **'Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship.'** Sounds a little painful, doesn't it? If not fanatical? The singer-songwriter Matt Redman in his song 'I will offer up my life' says that this must be in 'spirit and truth.' He then pens these words **'Pouring out the oil of love as my worship to You. In surrender I must give my every part. Lord, receive the sacrifice of a broken heart.'** So, the answer to the mystery is?! It is this; that we come to realise the massive love of God for humanity demonstrated in the death of His Son for our brokenness and once we realise this, responding with our love as we live to worship and serve our Maker. With some irony this approach to life, once found, brings huge pleasure and fulfilment. We will also value life's gifts along the way and make a valuable contribution to humanity! .

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.



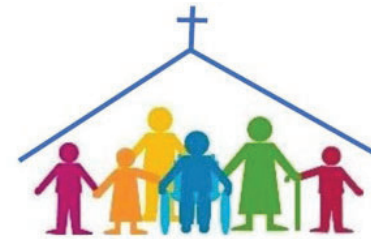
Church Administrator

Kerry Hoult - adbush@hotmail.co.uk 01902 782226.

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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July 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



Little Angels Moms & Tots usually meet in the Church Hall on Wednesdays 1:15 - 3pm. They will be taking a break over the summer with the last meeting on Wednesday 15th July.

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 Fridays 7:15 - 8:45pm at St Mary's Church Hall on 3rd and 10th July 2026. Youth Group restarts after the summer break on Friday 11th September at St. Mary's Church Hall..

Sunday Club on 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th July.

Ladies Breakfast 10am at the Good Shepherd on Saturday 4th July. Please sign up at the back of the church.

Picnic, Games and Fun Saturday 4th July 1 - 3pm at Northwood Park. Please bring your own picnic and something to sit on, we will bring the fun and games!

Deanery Prayer, Fellowship and Food 6 - 8pm Sunday 5th July at The Epiphany.

Church Grounds Work Party at 10 - 1pm on Saturday 11th July.

Oasis Ladies Group on 13th July.

City Wide Prayer 7 - 8pm Thursday 16th July at St Mary's.

Men's Breakfast 10 - 11.30am The Book of Revelation! on Saturday 18th July.

Day of Prayer and Fasting including time of prayer at St James Church on Thursday 23rd July from 6pm to 7pm.

A Bushbury Welcome to...



We are delighted to welcome Rev Joanne Redding and her family who will be serving as Curate in Bushbury Parish.