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A Call to Prayer

Brought to us by Rev Ian Poole

In recent weeks I have felt the Lord impress upon me the need for ourselves to seek the Lord more. Speaking to King Solomon in 2 Chronicles 7:14 the Lord shared with him, what was the 'church of his day' to do in times of national distress. He said:

'If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.'

We live in precarious days, and I believe that there is a window of opportunity and grace that we need to grasp. Greater transformation required in ourselves, our churches and community is just not going to happen without prayer. As the Revival journalist George Otis Junior says, we need some 'heavy lifting equipment'

Of course, there are always potholes in any call to prayer that we would be wise to discern. Such as:

Will this just make us busier, but with no accompanying release of life and power?

Is it something that we feel we ought or have to do or is this of the Lord?

Is this an excuse to sit on our hands and not get out there into the harvest field?

Bushbury Parish has been blessed in the last two years. Is this the best we can hope for or is it a preamble to an outpouring of His Spirit amongst us bringing rescue and change beyond our imagination or ability?

Why not ponder whether the Lord might be calling you to attend one of the prayer meetings that we already have? 9.30am and gam on Thursdays at St James' and St Mary's respectively.

A Parish prayer meeting 6 - 7pm on Wednesday 21st October at The Good Shepherd.

AND...How about considering whether on some occasions you can attend the weekly Parish/Area prayer meeting on Saturday mornings at 8am called '**Waking The Dawn**'! It takes place at The Good Shepherd.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Bring Joy • Share Hope • Show God's Love

Are you in a position to help a child in need?

Would you like to be part of the story that shares the love of Jesus with them?

If so, would you consider filling a shoebox with toys, treats, stationery and hygiene items. Chose the gender of the child you would like to gift your box to and their age range (either 2-4 years, 5-9 years or 10-14 years). Don't forget to include a letter from you to them inside your box to make it extra special and personal and a £5 donation to help cover the shipping costs.

I am thrilled to confirm that St James will again be a church collection centre for Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes.



COLLECTION WEEK: 9th - 16th NOVEMBER

Should you need an empty shoebox to either wrap yourself or would like a pre-wrapped one they are available in the Church foyer.

Or you may consider donating a shoebox online at:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/shoebox-online>

Finally, once your box is dropped off or your donation made, please remember to pray for the recipient so that your box is gifted to the right child.

You may consider watching this video which supports this year's campaign:

<https://youtu.be/KOKtonyYIFs>



October 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



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

Harvest and Cafe Church Service Sunday 4th October. Please bring your Harvest gifts for The Well.

Little Angels Moms & Tots meet in the Church Hall on Wednesdays 1:15 - 3pm. Breaking for one week for half term on 28th October.

Youth Club The youth group meets term-time 7.15 - 8.45pm Fridays at St Mary's church hall, except for the 4th Friday of each month when we meet at St James' Church, Fordhouses.

Ladies Breakfast 10am Saturday 3rd October, at The Good Shepherd. Please sign up at the back of the church.

Oasis Ladies Group 1.30 - 3pm Monday 5th and 19th October at St Mary's Church Hall.

City Wide Prayer 7 - 8pm Thursday 15th October. Windmill Community Church, Henwood Road, Compton WV6 8PG

Men's Breakfast 10 - 11.30am The Book of Revelation! The Church of Smyrna - on Saturday 17th October.

Lichfield Cultural Festival 11am to 4pm on 17th October at Holy Trinity Heath Town.

Bushbury Parish Prayer 6 - 7pm on 21st October at The Good Shepherd. Feel free to miss the odd meal.

Diocesan Prayer 10.30 - 11am on Thursday 22nd October. On Zoom.

Sunday Club on 11th 18th and 25th October. The children join service at the beginning and then go to the Church Hall returning for the end of the service.

Church Grounds Work Party dates to be announced soon.

Coming up...

Oasis Ladies Group 1.30 - 3pm Mondays 2nd, 16th & 30th November at St Mary's Church Hall.

Ladies Breakfast 10am Saturday 7th November, at The Good Shepherd. Please sign up at the back of the church.

City Wide Prayer 7 - 8pm Thursday 19th November.

Men's Breakfast 10 - 11.30am Saturday 21st November. The Book of Revelation!