#### **Notices**

### Fire escape

In case there is a need to evacuate church, please make yourself familiar with the fire exit routes before the service starts.

#### **Compline**

Compline on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 9.30pm. The Zoom details for which are Meeting ID: 848 0981 2495 Passcode: 464983

### Church cleaning - Saturday 23rd August

Please make a note in your diary that there will be a church cleaning party at 10am on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

#### Quiet Morning – 13<sup>th</sup> September

Please make note of the date of the Oversight area quiet morning at St Edburgh's church from 9am until 1pm. More details in due course.

#### **Messenger**

Our thanks go to Faith for assembling the latest edition of the Messenger and for everyone who has contributed towards it. Please do take a copy from the Narthex. If you would like a copy for a friend or neighbour please do also take additional ones.

# Dates for your diary

Harvest supper at St Michael & All Angels church on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Christmas Fayre at St Michael & All Angels church on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

# MacMillan Coffee Morning - Sat 27th September 11.00am

If you can offer any help and/or cakes, please let Jane know.

# Stay and Play scheme at St Benedict's church

St Benedict's church are starting a Stay and Play scheme in September and are gathering together the resources that they need. Do you have any toys suitable for under 4's at home that you don't need anymore? If you have anything which is in good condition, please do bring it in.

# Funeral of Alan Morgan

Alan's funeral will be held at Yardley Crematorium on Friday 15th August at 12.15pm.

#### Saying goodbye to Fr Wayne

Please sign the card in the Narthex for Fr Wayne. Next week it will be at St Benedict's church. There will be a reception to formally say thank you to Fr Wayne on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August from 11am until 1pm, at St Benedict's church. This will be a bring and share cake or savoury nibbles event so please come armed. This **Sunday** is the final date to donate towards buying a gift for Fr Wayne. If you would like to contribute towards this, please put your offering in an envelope clearly marked Fr Wayne, placing it on the offertory plate.

#### Prayer list

We will be refreshing our prayer list in a couple of weeks, where we will start the list afresh. If you would like anyone to be included on the revised prayer list, either new names or a continuation of who is on already please let either Jane, Faith or Fr Alex know.

#### Hymn books

Do you have a view about the quality of the hymn book that we use? If you do, would you be interested in being part of a small group that will meet twice (at a time that works for the group) to look at the options available in other hymn books? The group will then make a recommendation to the PCC regarding replacement of our current hymn books or sticking with them. Any questions or for further information please speak to Fr Alex.

# Prayers across our churches

# Saint Benedict's, Saint Cyprian's and Saint Michael & All Angels church

In all the mixed emotions that moving brings - excitement, anticipation and trepidation we pray for Father Wayne. May he know the love in which he is held and grasp a vision of the future which you bless all who follow you with. May the transition be stress free and may the affection which will shape our goodbye also shape the welcome that he receives. We thank you gracious Lord for all the blessings that we have received from the ministry of Fr Wayne.

# Saint Mary's church

Take care of all who going away on holidays, may they be refreshed and return ready to carry on with their church life. For those who are staying home, then give them rest to continue the church life.

# We have a gospel to proclaim

- 1. We have a gospel to proclaim: Good news for men in all the earth; the gospel of a Saviour's name: we sing His glory, tell His worth.
- 2. Tell of His birth at Bethlehem, not in a royal house or hall, but in a stable dark and dim: the Word made flesh, a light for all.
- 3. Tell of His death at Calvary, hated by those He came to save; in lonely suffering on the cross for all He loved, His life He gave.
- 4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn: empty the tomb, for He was free. He broke the power of death and hell that we might share His victory.
- 5. Tell of His reign at God's right hand, by all creation glorified; He sends His Spirit on His Church to live for Him, the Lamb who died.
- 6. Now we rejoice to name Him King: Jesus is Lord of all the earth. this gospel message we proclaim: we sing His glory, tell His worth.

# Glorious things of thee are spoken

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.
He whose Word cannot be broken formed thee for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the Giver, never fails from age to age.

3 'Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near. Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day, safe they feed upon the manna which He gives them on their way.

4 Savior, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasures,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

Source: Psalms and Hymns to the Living God #416

# Take my life, and let it be

1

Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee; Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise,

2

Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee,

3

Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I withhold; Take my intellect, and use Every power as Thou shalt choose,

4

Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine. Take my heart; it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne,

5

Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee,