

Holy Cross Day

14th September 2025



A service using Reserved Sacrament

Collect

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Faithful God,
whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree
and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes:
give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
for he is our salvation, our life and our hope,
who reigns as Lord, now and for ever.

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Numbers 21: 4-9

Jeanne

⁴ They travelled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom.

But the people grew impatient on the way; ⁵ they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!”

⁶ Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. ⁷ The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

⁸ The Lord said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” ⁹ So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

Philippians 2: 6-11

Yvonne

6 Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

7 rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death—

even death on a cross!

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

John 3: 13-17

Phil

13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Music

Complete Anglican

Processional	Lift high the cross	394
Kyrie		962
Gloria		Murray
Gradual	When I survey the wondrous cross	738
Offertory	All hail the power of Jesus name	16
Communion	My song is love unknown	463
Recessional	Crown him with many crowns	137

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

There won't be a Compline service for the next three weeks. We will begin again on Wednesday 1st October.

Dates for your diary

MacMillian Coffee Morning 27th September 11am at St Michael and All Angels church.

Harvest supper at St Michael & All Angels church on Saturday 4th October.

Christmas Fayre at St Michael & All Angels church on Saturday 22nd November.

Advent course

More details in due course but make a note of the dates of an Advent course exploring the theology/doctrine in some popular advent hymns. Each Monday starting on the 24th November and finishing on the 22nd December 10.30am (for around 75 minutes) at St Michael & All Angels church.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Sunday 5th October and will be taking a collection of dried food products offered during the service to support the work of Birmingham City Mission's food bank.

Creationtide 2025

The church annually sets aside a period of time which is dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. This year Creationtide runs from the 1st September until the 4th October. There is a simple prayer activity available at the back of church to help us enter more fully into this important season. Please take one, stick it on your fridge ticking off the prayers as you complete them.

Harvest supper and Beetle Drive

If you would like to attend the Harvest Supper and Beetle Drive at St Michael & All Angels church on Saturday 4th October, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of church by the **28th September at the LATEST**. Jacket potatoes will be available with a choice of three different fillings. You will need to indicate the filling

that you would like on the sheet to ensure that St Michael's caters properly. As there won't be a dessert you will need to bring your own along with any drinks that you would like (there will be tea, coffee and squash).

Prayers

Saint Benedict's church

Lord, you work through all things for good. We hold before you our funding bid to conduct a feasibility study on the church hall. May the deliberations and outcome enable us to do your will more fully, serving more deeply those who live in Bordesley.

Saint Cyprian's church

Thank you for the blessings that flow through the buildings that we have access to. Clear our sight and build up our will so that we may both see and commit to all that you would have happen with the Memorial Hall.

Saint Michael & All Angels church

May the beauty of our earth home and the blessings conferred on us by Mother Earth reset our hearts, so that we tread more gently on her face in all that we decide to do.

Saint Mary's church

As The new initiative of Bishops Michael and Esther begin, may we all take time to pray and particular hold five people in those prayers, that we know need your loving support.

Prayers at St Cyprian's church

We pray for all those who are in need at this time, for

Ollie, Beryl, Clarice, Harold, Maureen, Andy Newman.

We remember those who have died in faith... Irene Abbots and for those whose years mind is in September ... Alice Ryder, Caroline Briggs, Betty Saunders, Mabel Saunders, Colin Bentley, Linda Partridge