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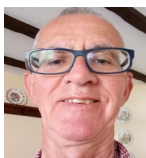


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## Our Self Worth

### Brought to us by Rev Ian Poole

A sense of self worth is a wonderful gift and despite all the advances of modern society it is something that seems to be more and more in short supply. There are many things that promote our sense of self worth including our achievements, which may well include a fulfilling job and also when we are thought well of and are loved by others. These of course are valid, but I want to share with you two others.

First, as the Psalmist has it (Psalm 139) we are 'fearfully and wonderfully made'. How our bodies work is miraculous in their huge complexity and beauty and any problems we experience beyond those that are self-inflicted are related to our ancestors, Adam and Eve becoming estranged from our loving heavenly Father which resulted in death and its companion of ill health to be the lot of the human race. So don't let anyone including yourself say anything different.... You are fearfully and wonderfully made!

Second, though our bodies are amazing and to be celebrated the scripture describes them as 'jars of clay' in comparison to the treasure that can dwell within which is described as an 'all-surpassing power' which 'is from God and not from us.' (" Corinthians 4: 7). This treasure of course is the very presence of Jesus that dwells in the believer by His Spirit.

May we all grow in our appreciation of how amazing our bodies are and how incredible it is that an initial taste of the presence of the living God dwells in our beings by His Spirit. And just in case we are tempted to become a little too pleased with ourselves let us remember that 'not to us, Lord, not to us, but to Your Name be the glory' (Psalm 115:1).

#### Church Administrator

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Kerry's hours are Mon - Wed 8.45am - 3pm & Fri, 9am-12.30pm

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## 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**

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# Welcome



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**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 'The Gathering' service at the beginning and then goes to the Church Hall except on the third Sunday where there is a communion service for everyone.

**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 either contact us via Facebook [www.facebook.com/church.cogs](https://www.facebook.com/church.cogs) or leave a message on 01902 782226.

## 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.



We are grateful for your continued generosity and support. If you feel called to give today, we've made it easier than ever - simply use the SumUp card reader located at the back of the church, or make a donation through the app by scanning the QR code provided. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps sustain the mission and ministry of our church. Thank you for being a vital part of our community.



# Church Diary



**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.

**Life Groups** We have 5 Life Groups ongoing. If you would like to join one please speak to Rev Ian.

**Church Grounds Work Party** 10 - 1pm on Saturday 6th September & 4th October

**Oasis Ladies Group** Returns to the Church Hall on 8th & 22nd Sept and 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October at 1:30-3pm.

**Sunday Club** Every week except Sunday 28th September which will be Cafe Church.

**Parish Day of Prayer** This is a wonderful opportunity to seek the Lord as we start a new season and as we seek the Lord's favour in all our ministry and mission including Alpha - 8-9am on Saturday 6th September at The Good Shepherd, 1-2pm at St James' Church and 6-7pm at St Mary's Church.

**Sharing the good news of God's love** House to house 2:15-4:15pm on Saturday 20th September.

**Youth Club** every week from Friday 12th September 7:15 - 8:45pm at St Mary's church hall with games at St James' Church on the 4th Friday of the month.

**Community Barbeque** on 13th September at the Church Hall 5-7pm. It is going to be great! So why not invite friends and neighbours. There are plenty of invites at the back of church

**Deanery Service and Food** 6pm at St Giles' on Sunday 14th September.

**Alpha!** From Tuesday 16th September, 7 - 8.30pm at St Mary's Church Hall we start a brand new Alpha Course. Watch a short video, enjoy a drink and piece of cake and then listen to what people think or share what you think. Sign up at the back of church so that we have a rough ideas of numbers. Do pray for who you can invite whether that be friends, neighbours or family.

**City Wide Prayer** 7 - 8pm on Thursday 18th September at St James' Church.

**Men's Breakfast** 10-11:30am on Saturday 20th September. Joseph's Technicolour Coat Part IV.

## Coming up ...

**Deanery Prayer** at Emmanuel Church WS2 oBDSaturday 4th October 2 - 5pm

**Harvest Service** Sunday 12th October

**Confirmation** at St Stephen's Church 5pm Sunday 12th October If you would like to consider being confirmed then please speak to Rev Ian

**Men's Breakfast** Saturday 18th October

**Big Quiz** Saturday 18th October

**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.