

Church of the Good Shepherd, Low Hill

Notices October 2025

A call to seek the face of the Lord

Desiring to know and experience God's presence and favour is known as "seeking the face of the Lord." This is different from merely pursuing his provisions or material blessings. It comprises establishing a close, intimate relationship with God through prayer, worship, scripture meditation, and a commitment to living according to divine precepts, which includes making time for God, concentrating on his characteristics and presence, and acknowledging his revelations and inspirations. Some people think that fasting can help them become closer to God and increase their spiritual fervour.

There are many advantages to seeking the face of the Lord, such as discovering God's presence, finding inner joy, peace, and security, receiving divine wisdom, strength, and guidance for life's obstacles, and undergoing transformation and renewal. Seeking God's face helps foster a closer relationship with God and a more profound sense of His love. It can also lead to spiritual success, blessings, and provision.

I want to encourage us, as Psalm 105:4 says, 'Always seek the face of the LORD and his strength'.



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Notice Board

These happen regularly in church.

If you want further information, get in touch via our online contacts below - A Church Near You, Facebook or Bushbury Team Ministry website.



- ♥ **Sunday Services** continue every week at 11am. Holy Communion will be celebrated on October 5th and 19th (includes Sunday Club for the children, today).
- ♥ **Over 50s**, an easy-going friendship and support group, held on alternate Mondays at 2pm. October 13th and 27th See Pat for details.
- ♥ **Praying for our Nation** is every Thursday, 10am at Lyn and Dave's. Contact us for details.
- ♥ **Coffee Morning**; Drop in any Friday morning 10 - 12. All are welcome to drop in for a cuppa and a natter - and expertly crafted toasties.
- ♥ **Bushbury Youth Group** for 11 - 14-year-olds continues weekly on Fridays during the school term, 7.15pm in St Mary's church hall except the last Friday of the month which is a games evening at St James' Church, Fordhouses.
- ♥ **Waking the Dawn** is every Saturday, 8am - 9am. All are welcome to come and pray.
- ♥ **Ladies Breakfast** continues on the first Saturday of every month (**October 4th**) - 10am at The Good Shepherd. You are very welcome to come and join the conversation and enjoy a continental style breakfast. There is no charge but donations are invited.

While you're thinking about it, put a reminder in the diary for next time (November 1st).



Other opportunities across the parish and beyond

- **4th October: Deanery Prayer** at Emmanuel Church (73, Queen Elizabeth Ave, Walsall, WS2 0BD) 2 - 5pm. An opportunity to fellowship together from across the Wulfrun Deanery and share in prayer, worship and the word.
- **11th October: Men's breakfast** at St Mary's from 10am
- **12th October: Harvest Service** - Please plan to bring something for The Well foodbank. There is a list of suggested items on the noticeboard at the back of church or on their website <https://www.thewellwolverhampton.co.uk/>
- **12th October: Confirmation Service** at St Stephen's Willenhall. 5pm start.
- **Diocesan Cultural Festival** From 2pm on Saturday 18th October at St John's Church, Snow Hill (NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE). It will be helpful if those planning to attend could secure tickets online using the following link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/diocese-of-lichfield-cultural-festival-tickets-1710540906899>

But don't worry if you can't do this, as even if you don't have a ticket you can still attend, it is just to get an idea of numbers for catering.

Here's a heads-up for November



✧ ALPHA Day will be at St James' Church on November 8th

✧ Men's Breakfast



will be on November 15th



Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

You may know this by the 'shoebox appeal.' St James have partnered in this appeal for many years and have asked that we include a notice about it as they are a collection centre for the shoeboxes. Here is the website if you want more details

<https://occ.samaritans-purse.org.uk>



If you need to contact Rev Taiwo Olumuyiwa, please in the first instance speak to the **Parish Office:** 01902 782226

We can also be found on: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com> (enter The Good Shepherd, Low Hill).

<https://bushburyteamministry.co.uk/church-of-the-good-shepherd>

or find us on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CHURCH.COGS>
