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 will be a service of Compline on Wednesday 8th October via Zoom, the details for which are - Meeting ID: 848 0981 2495 Passcode: 464983

Dates for your diary

All Souls service 2nd November at 6.30pm.

Christmas Fayre Saturday 22nd November.

Swann Group Advent service 30th November at 4pm at St Michael & All Angels church.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to Jane for organising this event and for everyone who came along and support it either by bringing a cake, eating a cake or doing both.

Saturday lunch club - Saturday 11th October

Please make a note of the date of the next lunch club in October.

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

Thank you for all the food products that have been offered this morning to support the work of Birmingham City Mission's food bank.

Unused laptop

Do you have an unused but working laptop at home that you could gift to St Benedict's church to support the administrative work of the PCC? If you might have one please let Fr Alex know.

Deanery Synod

There is an open invitation to the Deanery synod meeting on Tuesday 7th October at 7.30pm at St Margarets church, Olton. The synod will receive a presentation from Bishop Ester on the strategic funding that the diocese has received and will include a chance to ask questions. If you are interested in finding out future diocesan plans please do come along.

Prayers across our churches

Saint Cyprian's, St Michael & All Angels, St Benedicts church

Thank you, gracious and generous Lord, for the many blessings that flow into our lives at your hands. As we celebrate the collection of the harvest strength use in the power of your Spirit to lead fruitful lives, offering a Kingdom crop.

Saint Mary's church

Protect the vulnerable within our church family. May we care and reach out to all who need our support. Enable us to be people who are approachable to all with understanding.

Through all the changing scenes of life

1 Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy, the praises of my God shall still my heart and tongue employ.

Of his deliv'rance I will boast, till all that are distressed, from my example comfort take and lay their griefs to rest.

2 O magnify the LORD with me, exalt his holy name; when in distress to him I called, he to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around the dwellings of the just; deliv'rance he affords to all who in his promise trust.

3 O taste and see that he is good; experience will decide how blest are they, and only they who in the LORD confide.
Fear him, you saints, and you will then have nothing else to fear; make serving him your sole delight, your wants shall be his care.

Source: Christian Worship: Psalter #34A

Great is thy faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
 There is no shadow of turning with thee.
 Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
 As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness,
Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me.

- Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
 Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
 Join with all nature in manifold witness
 To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]
- Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
 Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
 Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
 Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside. [Refrain]

Source: <u>Hymns and Devotions for Daily Worship #311</u>