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POLITICS!

Brought to us by Rev Dr Ian Poole

For many of us when we were growing into adulthood we were told there are two things you mustn't speak about. The first is politics and the second is religion. Well unlike Tony Blair's press secretary, Alastair Campbell, who famously said 'we don't do God', we of course as Christians do! So do we do politics? One of the previous Archbishops of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, said that in his role as Archbishop he had to have a newspaper under one arm and a bible under the other, but he needed to be careful that he neither went silent on the nation nor was always available as 'rent a quote'!

And ourselves? How important is it that we have clear political views? I think it is very important and more so for some of us than others. It shows that we care for others with whom we live and that we care about the amazing planet upon which we exist.

However, there are two guard rails that need to be boundaries to our views. The first is that whilst we rejoice in our individuality, which includes our upbringing, race, culture and unique personality, we do not have freedom to let our political views go unchecked. What I mean is there is a need for us to weigh our views prayerfully and at times also be prepared to say ... 'I don't know!' The second is the principle that Paul shares with us in 1 Timothy 2: 4 '**No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer**'. In other words, like all things in life we need to be careful that neither our views nor those of others distract us from the primary task of sharing with those around us the politics of eternity. That there is a Father in heaven, the Maker of all things, who loves us and is waiting for us to return to Him through the sorrow of our sin and brokenness that caused the Maker's Son to die on the Cross.

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.

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Church Administrator

Kerry Hoult - adbush@hotmail.co.uk 01902 782226.

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

Thanks must go to **Listed Places of Worship** for the funding to repair the roof of our church.

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November 2025



FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Christmas Angels

Saturday 29th November 2025
10am to 12 noon and 2pm to 4pm

Sunday 30th November 2025
2pm to 4pm (quieter session)

Crafts | Story telling |
Refreshments | Photo prop

St Mary's Church, Bushbury Lane WV10 8JP

Please book your session by calling 01902 782226 or emailing adbush@hotmail.co.uk

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

bushburymteamministry.co.uk

facebook.com/stmaryschurch.bushbury

Welcome



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.



It is that time of year again when we are launching our Shoebox appeal, known as **Operation Christmas Child**, to support disadvantaged children. Pre-printed shoeboxes are available in church for a donation of 50p should you need one.

We have been advised that there has been a shortage of boxes for boys aged 10-14 years in the past, so please give this group prayerful consideration if you are unsure of which age range you would like to support.

St James is a collection centre again this year and will open at various times throughout the week 10-17 November for you to bring your shoebox.

Many thanks for your support

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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 1 hour 15 minute walk, returning for coffee and tea.

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

Sunday Club Every week except Sunday 9th November which will be Remembrance Sunday.

Church Grounds Work Party 10 - 1pm on Saturday 1st November

Ladies Breakfast on Saturday 1st November 10am at the Good Shepherd - There is no charge, but donations are welcome. To book a place either contact via Facebook www.facebook.com/church.cogs or leave a message on 01902 782226.

Oasis Ladies Group at Church Hall on 3rd and 17th November at 1:30-3pm.

Healing Service on Sunday 9th November at 5pm at the Good Shepherd

Men's Breakfast 10-11:30am on Saturday 15th November Joseph's Technicolour Coat.

City Wide Prayer 7 - 8pm on Thursday 20th November at Harvest Temple, Wednesfield Road, Wolverhampton WV10 0AU

Coming up ...

Oasis Ladies Group on Monday December 1st and 15th

Parish Christmas Meal on Saturday 6th December (more details to follow)

Christingle Service on Sunday 14th December at 4pm

Carol Service on Sunday 21st December at 4pm

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.