

St Mark's Parish Church, Shelfield & High Heath

Last Sunday After Trinity



26th October, 2025

It is with the greatest sadness that we must
inform you that our dear Sister in Christ,

Jean Llewellyn,

passed away last Monday evening surrounded
by her family. She is now at peace and out of pain.

We pray for Annette and Jean's family.

We thank the Lord for Jean's 96 years we ask Him to bless her.

Jean's funeral will take place at St Mark's on
Thursday 20th November, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

*Jean requested that we do not wear black at her funeral and
that the collection will benefit St Giles Hospice,
the Air Ambulance and St Mark's.*

Service times for next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	Morning Praise	10.00 a.m.

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Charity No. 261017

Christmas Bazaar

CRAFTS, FOOD & VINTAGE

Saturday 15th November, 10:30—3:30. Entrance £1

Aldridge Community Centre, Middlemore Lane.



Please pray for... Annette & family, Elena, Lea, Jenny & Harry,
Tony & Sita, Trudi & Lauren & Josh, David, Michael, Matthew,
Jhool, Pat, Marilyn, Steven, Myra, Martin L., Joy, Sue J.,
Margaret, Bridget, Trevor & Susan, Anne J., Andrew, Samantha,
Natalie, Malcom C., Jonathon, Gary, Little Anna, Alice,
Shelley & Bobby, Ann, Wayne, Samuel & his family, Winnie, Julia,
Pamela, Pete, Elaine M., Alice, Kyle & family, Adam, Martin, Julie,
Tanya & Ian & Anne & Olivia, Maurice & Margaret, Tina & Paul,
Mavis, George & June, Ann, Pat, Mandy, Mike, Lianne & daughters
And those whose illness is more long term...

Carol C., Matt & Nicola, Lisa, Janet & Les, Ron W., Beryl, Kitty,
Connie & Andrew, Gill, Wyn, Marion C., Winnie A., Bettie, Alan,
Chris, Karen, Steph, Jackie, Evelyn & Peter, Revd. Mike.

Lord we remember those we have loved but see no longer
especially: **Jean Llewellyn**

We Pray for All Those Who Grieve

**Please pray for the people of Gaza & The Holy Land,
Lebanon, Sudan, Ukraine, Yemen & all war zones.**



Lord we pray for these organisations:

Walsall North Foodbank,
Shelfield & High Heath Youth Support Group

Please Pray...

That all members of the church may draw near to God in
humble prayerfulness. . .

That all peoples of the world be authentic in their prayer and just in their
relationships. . .

That those who are brokenhearted and crushed in spirit be comforted and
healed. . .

That each of us here always pray in such a way that we are honest before
God and live in such a way that we are honest before each other. . .





Christmas Fayre

Saturday 22nd November



We are asking for kind donations of
**Grand Draw prizes, bottles, chocolate,
biscuits, sweets & bric-a-brac.**

St Mark's is part of
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Daily Readings for next week...

Bible Sunday	Isaiah 45: 22-end, Romans 15: 1-6, Luke 4: 16-24	
Monday	2Chronicles 26: 1-21 John 13: 1-11	
Tuesday Simon and Jude, Apostles	Isaiah 28: 14-16 Ephesians 2: 19-end John 15: 17-end	2Chronicles 28 John 13: 12-20
Wednesday James Hannington, bishop, martyr, 1885	2Chronicles 29: 1-19 John 13: 21-30	
Thursday	2Chronicles 29: 20-end John 13: 31-end	
Friday Martin Luther, reformer, 1546	2Chronicles 30 John 14: 1-14	
Saturday	2Chronicles 32: 1-22 John 14: 15-end	
SUNDAY	Daniel 7: 1-3 & 15-18, Isaiah 56: 3-8	Isaiah 1: 10-18
All Saints' Day	Ephesians 1: 11-end, Hebrews 12: 18-24	2Thessalonians 1
4th Sunday Before Advent	Luke 6: 20-31 Matthew 5: 1-12	Luke 19: 1-10

A word for the week

Why do conceited people turn us off so much? Most probably because they are so stuck on themselves that we feel they separate themselves from us and that we are inferior to them. The word "Pharisee" in Hebrew means "separated ones." They separated themselves from other Israelites by the strictness and piety of their religious practices. Ironically, for some Pharisees this kind of piety was exactly what separated them from God as well.

The gospel challenges and reverses our perception about who is pious and who is a sinner. The Pharisees placed tremendous importance on exterior behavior, but some did not have the interior attitude of humility before God and others that made their pious practices truly an act of religion. Piety without humility and right relationships is false piety and not true prayer. The Pharisee is the real sinner. The tax collector has sinned, but the humility and honesty of his prayer justify him. He is really the pious one.

We joke about being pious and holy in church on Sunday, but our behavior in leaving the parking lot after the service is over is anything but Christian! Pious acts and prayer deepen our relationship with God, change us, and must be expressed in the way we treat each other. Respectful relating to others brings about in us true humility (truth about who we are) which, in turn, deepens our prayer and makes it more authentic. We are justified before God and others when our prayer and daily living are consistent with each other. What we do says who we really are.

**Eve is collecting children's / baby clothes,
children's shoes and baby blankets for charity.**

**For Sunnyside Dog Rescue Eve is collecting old blankets
towels etc, (nothing feather and no pillows please).**



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