



Church of the Good Shepherd, Low Hill

Notices November 2025

POLITICS!

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 the 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.

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Notice Board (These happen regularly in church, unless specified)

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 November 2nd and 16th (includes Sunday Club for the children, today). We enjoy something a little unexpected when there are 5 Sundays in the month: You are warmly invited to join our Koinonia Café worship on November 30th. This combines all the elements that you are used to - liturgy, worship and the word, just done a little differently. Be curious. We would love to see you.
- ♥ **Over 50s**, an easy-going friendship and support group, held on alternate Mondays at 2pm. November 10th and 24th 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 WV10 6PN.
- ♥ **Waking the Dawn** is every Saturday, 8am - 9am. All are welcome to come and pray.

Parish activities and beyond

- **Ladies Breakfast** continues on the first Saturday of every month (**November 1st**) - 10am at The Good Shepherd. Please, do 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 (December 7th).
- **ALPHA Day**. For those who have been involved in ALPHA this time, there is an away day being held on **November 8th at St James' Church, Fordhouses**. If you are not involved on the day, please do be prayerful during the day in support of the ALPHA guests and the team.
- **Remembrance Day and Memorial Service** is commemorated on **November 9th 11am** at Good Shepherd. We invite you to gather with us as we honour those lost in times of conflict, and remember loved ones who have died.
- **Healing Service** from November 9th, the parish healing service will continue on a 3 monthly basis at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 5 - 6pm
- **Men's Breakfast** is on Saturday November 15th and takes place every month at St Mary's from 10am. Please contact the parish office to book a place.
- **City-Wide Prayer** on Thursday 20th November 7pm at Harvest Temple, 173 Wednesfield Rd, Wolverhampton WV10 0AU



Here's some advance notices for December

Christmas meal	Saturday 6 th December at St Mary's Hall (further details to follow)
Shine Your Light	Saturday 13 th December, carol singing on Showell Circus
Christingle service	Sunday 14 th December 4.00 pm
Social Evening	Friday 19 th December (provisional plan - more details to follow)
Carol service	Sunday 21 st December at 11 am
Midnight Communion	Christmas Eve at 11 pm



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

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

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