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The significance of the Advent Season

Brought to us by Rev Taiwo Olumuyiwa

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin "adventus," meaning "coming." It is a four-week period in the Christian calendar devoted to reflecting on God's second coming and his arrival in Jesus Christ. This time is marked by prayer, scripture readings, and joyous celebrations that promote love, joy, peace, and hope. It highlights the birth of Jesus and his impending return, exhorting people to be kind and considerate to others. To fully embrace Advent, we must open the doors of our hearts to receive Jesus wholeheartedly. Additionally, we need to show love and compassion, especially for those in need. By so doing, we are fulfilling the commandments to love God and one's neighbours, as written in Matthew 22:37-40.

May the joy of Christmas fill our hearts. I wish you a joyous Christmas.



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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December 2025



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.

Sundays & Christmas Services:

Sundays - 9am Communion Service and 10:30am The Gathering

Christingle Service on Sunday 14th December at 4pm

Carol Service on Sunday 21st December at 4pm

Midnight Service Wednesday 24th December at 11.30pm.

Christmas Day 10am Family Service

Sunday 28th December 10am Parish Service

St Mary's Church, Bushbury Lane, Bushbury, Wolverhampton

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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.

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Church Diary



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. The Group finishes on 12th December and starts back on 9th January.

Sunday Club Every week except Sunday 28th December.

Oasis Ladies Group on Mondays 1st and 15th December at 1:30-3pm.

Ladies Breakfast on Saturday 6th December, 10am at the Good Shepherd - Continental style breakfast - Sign up at the back of church.

City Wide Prayer 7 - 8pm on Thursday 18th December at Windmill Community Church Henwood Road, Compton, Wolverhampton, WV6 8PG.

Parish Christmas Meal at 6pm on Saturday 6th December - Sign up at back of church.

Church Prayer Saturday 13th December 9.30 to 11 in St Mary's church. This is a special chance to pray for our outreach and mission in 2026.

Coming up ...

Men's Breakfast 10-11:30am on Saturday 17th January.

Ladies Breakfast 10am on Saturday 7th February.

Oasis Ladies Group on Mondays 5th and 19th January at 1:30-3pm.

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.