St Mark's Parish Church, Shelfield & High Heath





2nd November, 2025

Important Notice!

NEXT Sunday, 9th November there will be only ONE service which will start at **9:45 a.m.**

so that our Act of Remembrance can take place on time.

The funeral of our dear Sister in Christ,

Jean Llewellyn,

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.

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

St. Mark's is supporting the Rotary charity Books4Home.

1 in 8 children in the UK do not own a book of their own.

Books4Home collects pre-read books for children to choose, take home, read & keep forever. You can help by donating pre-read children's books. Please bring books to St Mark's on Tuesdays between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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 enthusiastically seek Jesus and receive the gifts he offers. . .



That all peoples of the world may encounter the love of God and come to salvation. . .

That sinners may repent and the lost may be saved. . .

That each one of us here may be changed by encounters with the presence of Jesus. . .



Christmas Bazaar

CRAFTS, FOOD & VINTAGE Charity No. 261017 Saturday 15th November, 10:30—3:30. Entrance £1

Aldridge Community Centre, Middlemore Lane.

Service times for next Sunday

Sung Communion with Act of Remembrance

9.45 a.m.

St Mark's is part of **Inclusive Church**



Daily Readings for next week...

Monday		Isaiah I: I-20
Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), Richard Hooker, priest, teacher of the faith, 1600, Martin of Porres, friar, 1639.		Matthew 1: 18-end
Tuesday		Isaiah 1: 21-end Matthew 2: 1-15
Wednesday		Isaiah 2: I-II Matthew 2: I6-end
Thursday Leonard, hermit, 6 th cent. William Temple, archbishop, teacher of the faith, 1944.		Isaiah 2: 12-end Matthew 3
Friday Willibrord, bishop, 739		Isaiah 3: I-I5 Matthew 4: I-II
Saturday Saints and Martyrs of England		Isaiah 4: 2-5: 7 Matthew 4: 12-22
SUNDAY	Job 19: 23-27a	
Remembrance Sunday 3 rd Sunday Before Advent	2Thessalonians 2: I-5 & I3-end	
	Luke 20: 27-38	

Christmas Fayre





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

A word for the week

from Jesus the promise of salvation.

What is the catalyst that leads us to change our behaviours? Sometimes it is dissatisfaction with the way things are, sometimes it is a crisis that demands a decision, sometimes it is a person who shows us a better way. In the gospel Zacchaeus, a tax collector, sinner, and wealthy man, goes out of his way (probably out of curiosity) to encounter this Jesus about whom he has heard. Little does he know where this encounter will lead! The exchange between Zacchaeus and Jesus leads beyond Zacchaeus's curiosity and Jesus' staying at his house. Zacchaeus "received [Jesus] with joy," set his unjust actions aright, and obtained

Jesus excludes no one—especially not the lost—from his presence and favour. Jesus offers the gift of salvation; the work of change needed to receive the gift is ours. Like Zacchaeus, we must examine our own unjust actions and change our behaviour. For example, we must examine our wasteful use of goods, and be more conserving. We must monitor the words we say to and about others, and be more kind in our conversations. We must proctor our use of time, and bring work, leisure, and care for others into better balance. To receive the salvation Jesus offers, we must be as uninhibited and enthusiastic about encountering Jesus as was Zacchaeus, and just as willing to be changed by Jesus.

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