

## Clergy



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## A NEW YEAR OF LIFE

### Brought to us by Rev Ian Poole

As you read this, some of you will be reflecting that you have had a great Christmas and others might want to say 'moving on'... and many of us will be experiencing or anticipating the January blues! All of these responses are part of us just being human, but is there anything that our Christian faith and our Lord can teach us in this new start to another year?

Psalm 90:12 says '**teach us to 'number your days that we might gain a heart of wisdom.'** I have since my early days as a Christian understood this phrase to mean three things. **First**, that our lives are a wonderful gift. We can sometimes think that life and or our Maker owe us something rather than thanking the Lord for His mercy and love even if in a season of challenge we have to work harder to remind ourselves of His goodness. **Second**, it means our days are 'numbered'! Goodness does that mean that we can't assume we will live long or even be happy all the time?! I think it does and reminds us of this phrase from Psalm 139: 16 '**all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be!**' **Third**, we must live carefully knowing that one day we will be held to account for how we have lived.

So... how can we respond positively to this challenge? Here is a suggestion. Review 2025 and pray to the Lord that by His Spirit He might help you discern what you should leave behind, what you should celebrate and take with you into 2026 and what might the Lord want to give you in 2026 and what are you asking Him for. Finally, remember this, we are only pilgrims here on earth and we look forward to being with our Lord in paradise! In the mean time may we honour the Lord and say '**what a wonderful world!**'

### 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.



### Church Administrator

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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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DISCOVERING GOD'S LOVE



IN THE HEART OF BUSHBURY

## January 2026



## 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

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# Welcome



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**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 service at the beginning and then goes to the Church Hall returning for the end of the service.

**Ladies Breakfast** at The Good Shepherd on the first Saturday of every month at 10am. You are very welcome to come and join the conversation and enjoy a continental style breakfast. There is no charge, but donations are welcome. To book a place, sign up at the back of church.

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 1hour 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. The Group starts back after Christmas on 9th January.

**Ladies Breakfast** There is no Ladies Breakfast in January. The next one will be on 7 February.

**Sunday Club** every week

**Church Grounds Work Party** at 10 - 1pm on Saturday 3rd January

**Oasis Ladies Group** on Mondays 5th and 19th January at St Mary's Church Hall - 1:30-3pm.

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

**City Wide Prayer** 7 - 8pm on Thursday 15th January at Life City Church, Westbury Street WV11 JD

**Church Prayer** There is a national initiative to pray for our nation from Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd January. We will be holding a prayer meeting each evening from 6 - 7pm. The main aim of this season of prayer is to pray for the Church to be revived so that lives and society can be transformed.

## Coming up ...

**Oasis Ladies Group** on 2nd and 23rd February

**Church Grounds Work Party** at 10 - 1pm on Saturday 7th February

**Ladies Breakfast** 10am Saturday 7th February at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

**Men's Breakfast** 10 - 11.30am on Saturday 21st February

**City Wide Prayer** 7 - 8pm Thursday 19th February All Nations Temple Street. WV2 4AN

