

## **Notices**

### **Safeguarding**

The Parish operates in accordance with the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer who is **Mrs Jane Clark**. See the front of the Mass sheet for her contact email address. Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on **0121 426 0407** or email [StephH@cofebirmingham.com](mailto:StephH@cofebirmingham.com) if you have any concerns.

### **Fire escape**

In case there is a need to evacuate church, please make yourself familiar with the fire exit routes before the service starts.

### **Compline**

There will be a service of Compline on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30pm via Zoom, the details for which are - Meeting ID: 848 0981 2495 Passcode: 464983

### **Dates for your diary**

Christingle assembly Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December in church at 2pm.

### **Saturday lunch club – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Please make a note of the date of the next lunch club in the New Year and come along to support it.

### **Advent course**

It's not too late to join in with the advent course, just turn up tomorrow (it's the last one) at 10.30am at church.

### **Christmas flowers**

We have started collecting donations towards the Christmas flowers. If you are able to contribute, please put your offering in an envelope marked 'Flowers' placing it on the collection plate or hand it directly to Lesley. Thank you for your generosity and thank you to Lesley and Steve for all that they do to ensure that our floral displays are fabulous.

### **Place of Welcome Christmas celebration**

There will be a Christmas celebration on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at St Cyprians church Place of Welcome which is located in the Memorial Hall. If you are free, please do come along at 10.30am for a mince pie or two and a large dose of festive cheer!

### **Christmas services**

Please take note of the pattern of Christmas services which are on a separate page and are also available in the Narthex.

### **Knit and natter**

Knit and natter has broken up for Christmas, and the next session will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

### **Wood**

If you know of anyone who would like some wood from an old set of church pews please let Alan know.

## **Prayers across our churches**

### **Saint Cyprian's church**

Blessed our community Christmas breakfast merciful Lord we pray. May your loving presence burn brightly in the hearts of all those who will attend.

### **Saint Michael & All Angels church**

Lord of unimagined possibility and unbound creativity open to us we pray the possibility to get the hall kitchen area refurbished.

### **Saint Benedict's church**

Swing open the doors of possibility for renewing the fabric and use of the church hall. Enable us faithful Lord to use this asset for the blessing of those who you call us to serve.

### **Saint Mary's church**

As we remember all who have influenced our lives and lead us to this time and place, help us to encourage others to experience the love only you can give us. Thank you for all you do for each of us, help us to promote your Son, everywhere we go.

# O for a thousand tongues to sing

1

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace.

2

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad,  
The honours of Thy name.

3

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

4

His love my heart has captive made,  
His captive would I be,  
For He was bound, and scourged and died,  
My captive soul to free.

5

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood availed for me.

6

So now Thy blessed Name I love,  
Thy will would e'er be mine.  
Had I a thousand hearts to give,  
My Lord, they all were Thine!