

## 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 is a service of compline on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026, the Zoom details for which are

Meeting ID: 848 0981 2495

Passcode: 464983

### Saturday lunch club – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Please make a note of the date of the next lunch club in March as there won't be one in February.

### Jumble sale @ St Benedict's

St Benedict's are planning a jumble sale in March. If you have any jumble at home, please let Fr Alex have it. Thank you for the donations received so far.

### Children's Society boxes

If you have a Children's Society Box please return it back to Denise as soon as possible.

### Lent Course – Racial justice

There will be a lent course running on Monday mornings during Lent at St Michael & All Angels church. Each week starts at 10am for around 60 minutes and will explore issues of racial justice within the Bible. The first session is on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** and the last one on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. If you would like any further information just let Fr Alex know.

### Easter flowers

If you are able to contribute towards the Easter flowers, please pass your donation either directly to Lesley or place it in a clearly marked envelope on the offertory plate. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Stations of the cross**

Every Sunday during Lent at 6pm there will be a service on Zoom walking through the stations of the cross. The Zoom link will be the same each week.

Meeting ID: 826 5065 9129 Passcode: 856494

### **Facebook group**

For those of you who use Facebook, we now have an active open Facebook group where we will advertise the work of the church. The group is called St Michael and All Angels Church Birmingham. Please do connect to it and also tell others of its existence. Our thanks go to Jenny Smith who is managing this for the church.

### **Mothering Sunday posies**

Could you help put together the flower posies for Mothering Sunday at 9am on Sat 14th March (before the lunch)? If you can please let Jane know. Greenery will be needed nearer the date, and any help would be appreciated.

### **Kitchen design**

There is a display of the proposed plan for the new kitchen on the noticeboard in the Narthex. If you are interested, please have a look and let any member of the PCC know your thoughts by Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026. The design isn't finalised yet so any feedback will be gratefully received.

## **Prayers across our churches**

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

Inspire our thoughts and increase our courage so that we can see clearly whether there is a workable future in establishing the Community Benefit Society to lease the church and hall.

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

May those who are working to build the houses in the back garden of the vicarage have their physical and financial interests looked after by their employer.

### **St Benedict's church**

Thank you, Lord, for enabling the funding to become available through which to look at the feasibility of repurposing the church hall into affordable local housing.

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

As we begin our journey through Lent, may we have a purpose to our thoughts and walk knowing you are watching us, on our journey as we follow your walk towards Good Friday.

## How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
it soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds  
and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
it satisfies the hungry soul,  
and gives the weary rest.

Dear name, the rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding-place;  
my never-failing treasury, filled  
with boundless stores of grace!

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,  
my Prophet, Priest and King;  
my Lord, my life, my way, my end –  
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see you as you are,  
I'll praise you as I ought.

Till then I would your love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of your name  
refresh my soul in death.

John Newton (1725-1807)

## At the name of Jesus

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him King of glory now;  
this the Father's pleasure, that we call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came;  
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

Bore it up triumphant with its human light,  
through all ranks of creatures to the central height;  
to the eternal Godhead, to the Father's throne,  
filled it with the glory of his triumph won.

Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death,  
but with awe and wonder, and with bated breath;  
he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue  
all that is not holy, all that is not true;  
crown him as your captain in temptation's hour,  
let his will enfold you with its light and power.