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## ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END

Brought to us by Rev Ian Poole

Though we like to keep it quiet, the truth is that in this life 'all good things must come to an end', whether it be a much longed for holiday on the one hand or a long lived life on the other. Both of these remind us that in life there is always a full stop and if there is no hope of something better than we are as Paul put it 'of all people most to be pitied'. It is then with some irony that the season of lent is when many Christians reduce their sense of hope by becoming less reliant on what we might term our 'little hopes'! Those things that we look forward to on a daily or regular basis. Why? To make life more difficult?! To earn favour with our Maker?!

Favour may come, yes, by volunteering to abstain from some of our little hopes, but this is not in a transactional or slot machine way. And what might be our little hopes? Most commonly these have included fasting from food in some way or other. I know it is a little twee that folk say they are going to give up chocolate for Lent, but that is part of my plans for this lent, but don't tell anyone. For me this is quite a big deal as I love a cup of tea and some choc.... Will I get withdrawal symptoms?

So we might say in the very season of spring we are choosing to go back into winter! And the main reason? Surely it is this; that we don't want to rely upon or be distracted by those little hopes or perhaps quite big ones, but we want to wait and be ready to celebrate a Very Big HOPE.... as we celebrate Jesus rising from the dead!

*'And hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.'* (Romans 5:5).

### 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.



**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.

### Church Administrator

Kerry Hoult - adbush@hotmail.co.uk 01902 782226.

Kerry's hours are Monday and Wednesday - 9.00am - 2.00pm and Friday 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

Thanks must go to **Listed Places of Worship** for the funding to repair the roof of our church.

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# March 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**

**Mothering Sunday Service 15th March at 10:30am**

**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 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.

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# Church Diary



**Sunday Club** on 1st, 8th and 22nd March.

**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.

**Oasis Ladies Group** on Mondays 2nd and 16th March at St Mary's Church Hall - 1:30-3pm.

**St Mary's AGM** Thursday 5th March 7.30pm Church Hall.

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

**Ladies Breakfast** 10am Saturday 7th March at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Sign up at the back of church.

**Mothering Sunday Service** 15th March.

**City Wide Prayer** 7 - 8pm Thursday 19th March at St Mary's.

**Men's Breakfast** 10 - 11.30am on Saturday 28th March.

**Bishop Tim visiting the Parish** St Mary's Church on 22nd March at 10.30am. There will be food following the service.

**Deanery Service Worship** Prayer and Food. 6 - 8pm Sunday 22nd March at Furzebank Worship Centre, Stroud Avenue, WV12 4EG

**PCC AGM** Thursday 26th March 7.30pm at St Mary's Church Hall.

**Rev Taiwo's Leaving Service** 5pm Sunday 29th March at St Mary's Church.

## Coming up ...

**Oasis Ladies Group** on 13th to 27th April

**Ladies Breakfast** There will be no Ladies Breakfast in April.

**Maundy Thursday Service** Thursday 2nd April at 7pm St Mary's.

**Good Friday Easter Walk** 2.30 - 4pm Good Shepherd to St Mary's for reflections. Then walk to St James' for refreshments.

**Easter Saturday Worship and Testimony** 1.30 - 3pm at Queen's Square.

**Rev Taiwo's Licensing** 1pm Saturday 25th April at St Bartholomew's Church Hill, WS10 9DQ.

**Confirmation Service** 5pm on Sunday 26th April at St Mary's Church.