

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 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 the **6th May 2026**. The Zoom details are - Meeting ID: 848 0981 2495 Passcode: 464983

Saturday lunch club – Saturday 9th May 2026

Please make a note of the date of the next lunch club in May.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Our APCM will take place after Mass on Sunday **10th May**. If the Spirit is moving you to think about joining the PCC please speak to either Fr Alex, Alan or any current PCC member. In addition, it would be wonderful to have two churchwardens, so again if the Spirit is blowing you towards considering standing, please speak to Fr Alex or Alan. There are nomination forms which need completing and returning to Rosemary (PCC Secretary) before the APCM starts. Remember that the Lord works in mysterious ways in all our lives!

Deanery Synod representatives

At our APCM we will elect two representatives from the church to sit on a newly constituted Deanery synod. If you would like to put your name forward, please take a nomination form from the back of church, complete it and return to Rosemary (PCC Secretary) **before** the APCM starts. There is also a booklet explaining the role of Deanery Synods and being a representative in the Narthex.

Ascension day service – 14th May

There will be a service for Ascension day at St Michael & All Angels church at 11am on Thursday 14th May.

Thy Kingdom come – 14th May to the 24th May

This year is the tenth anniversary of the worldwide call to prayer between Ascension day and the day of Pentecost. There will be an activity provided to help us keep to the ten days of prayer but you may want to make note of the dates in your diary.

Pentecost – Sunday 24th May

For those of you who like to sort your outfits out beforehand, we will be wearing red on the 24th May.

Christian Aid

We will be holding a collection to support the work of Christian Aid during the week beginning the 10th May. Envelopes will be ready soon. If you want to engage more fully with either the focus for this year's collection or the work of Christian Aid more broadly there is plenty of information available on their website

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

Intinction

Please note that following the House of Bishop's guidelines we don't receive communion by intinction, dipping the bread into the wine. If you don't want to drink the wine from the common cup (chalice) please just receive communion in bread only.

Removal of names from the prayer list

Please note that all the names will come off the prayer list next Sunday. If you would like anyone to remain on the list or to be added please let Jane of Fr Alex know.

Prayers across our churches

Saint Cyprian's church

Within all the activity and noise that wraps our lives within Hay Mill, may your voice be heard Lord, calling and coaxing your flock onward into an experience of life set free from all unjust worldly restriction and limitation.

Saint Benedict's church

Enable us merciful Lord to appoint to all the necessary PCC positions at our forthcoming Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Saint Michael & All Angels church

As we prepare for our APCM, we give our heartfelt thanks Lord for all who have constituted the churches Parochial Church Council in times that have now passed. For their faith, wisdom and energy thank you Lord.

Saint Mary's church

Guide us as we move on from our weekend of celebrations that your spirit may fill us all with renewed faith and trust to work together as your followers. That the roof fundraising may continue in an active manner over the coming months.

I know that my redeemer lives

1

I know that my Redeemer lives
And ever prays for me;
A token of His love He gives,
A pledge of liberty.

2

I know that my Redeemer lives,
A quick'ning Spirit He;
I know eternal life He gives—
Amazing grace—to me.

3

I find Him lifting up my head;
He brings salvation near;
His presence makes me free indeed,
And He will soon appear.

4

He wills that I should holy be:
What can withstand His will?
The counsel of His grace in me
He surely shall fulfill.

5

Jesus, I hang upon Thy word:
I steadfastly believe
Thou wilt return and claim me, Lord,
And to Thyself receive.