



Notices

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer who is **Mrs Liz Thomas**. 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 this coming Wednesday, the 6th May 2026. The Zoom details are - Meeting ID: 848 0981 2495 Passcode: 464983

Stay and Play

The PCC are planning to open the Stay and Play on Monday mornings in June. We are in need of people to come and help set up, offer simple refreshments and pack it away. If you are interested in getting involved (we will give you training) please let either Fr Alex or Sharon know.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Our APCM will take place after Mass on Sunday 24th May. If the Spirit is moving, you to think about joining the PCC please speak to either Fr Alex 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 any current member of the PCC. There are nomination forms which will need completing and handing to Sandra (PCC Secretary) before the APCM starts. Remember that the Lord works in mysterious ways in all our lives!

Annual Parochial Church Meeting report

Ahead of our APCM please take a copy of the report covering 2025 from the back of church.

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.

Deanery Synod representative

At our APCM we will elect a representative 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 Sandra (PCC Secretary) **before** the APCM starts. There is also an information sheet at the back of church about the role of Deanery Synod representative.

Christian Aid

If you are able to contribute towards the work of Christian Aid, please take an envelope from the back of church and return it on the offertory plate by Sunday 24th May. The unopened envelopes will then be collected by the co-ordinator at St Edburgh's church with our collection being added to that of the other churches in the Oversight area. 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/>

Prayer list

The prayer list has been refreshed. If you would like anyone adding please let Fr Alex know (and get the person's permission as well).

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.

Rota and Readings – Sixth Sunday after Easter Reserved Sacrament

Preside		Readings
Lead	Sheila Huckfield-Powell	Acts 17: 22-31
Server	Sue	Psalm 66: 7-end
Intercessions	Sue	1 Peter 3: 13-end
Sides person	Rita	John 14: 15-21
Crucifer	Sam	
Sacristan	Jeff	

Prayers

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.

We pray for all those who are in need at this time, for Sue Cattell, Jenny Lothar, Mayleen Harewood, John Fergus, Sheila Bailey, Edgar Bailey, Laura Baker, Charlotte, David Mashikinya, Horrace Beckford, Colin and Nina

We remember those who have died in faith Peter Yong along with those whose years mind is this week... Sylvia Smith, Cyril Bate, Arnold Goodridge, Florence Gray, Lily Myatt, Phyllis Drew, Gertrude Cooper, Algernon Curtis, Edna Bland, Stanley Fokes, Joseph Swingler