



Notices

Sunday after Ascension



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 20th May 2026 @ 9.30pm. 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.

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/>

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.

Summer cream tea

Please make a note of the time, date and venue as your formal invitation will arrive in due course. This year's cream tea will be on Saturday 25th July 1.30pm to 3.30pm at the Vicarage.

Rota and Readings – Pentecost

Mass

Preside	Fr Alex
Lead	Sam
Server	Doreen
Intercessions	Rose
Sides person	Rita
Crucifer	Sam
Sacristan	David

Readings

Acts 2: 1-21
Psalm 104: 26-36, 37b
1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13
John 20: 19-23

Prayers

Saint Cyprian's 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 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

Bless those who are attending Walsingham this weekend with a vision, a deep stirring recognising the profoundness of the love in which they are held by you.

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... Florence Burrows, Peggy Webster, John Hand, Irvin Gardiner, Caroline Scotford, George Fearn, Annie Thomas, May Buxton, Augustine Dixon, Emily Smith, Phyllis Roberts