

## 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

Due to service to admit Churchwardens there won't be a service of Compline this coming Wednesday. Compline will return on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026 @ 9.30pm. The Zoom details are - Meeting ID: 848 0981 2495 Passcode: 464983

### Christian Aid

Thank you to everyone who has returned a Christian Aid envelope. We're just waiting now to find out the total amount collected from the coordinator at St Edburgh's church.

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm to 3.30pm at the Vicarage.

### St Benedict's Patronal Festival

A Choral Mass will take place at 3pm on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July to celebrate St Benedict. Please do come along to support the congregation at St Benedict's.

### Swan group service

There will be a Swan Group service at 4pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July at St Michael & All Angels church.

## Prayers across our churches

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

Enable us good Lord to restore the fabric of your church building. May it return to be a space where plaster stays on walls and bricks retain their integrity. Open up to us we most humble beseech you a path to secure external funding.

### **Saint Benedict's church**

As the housing feasibility study begins on the church hall, we pray for all who will be involved in the designs, surveys and costings. Keep the eyes on all of our hearts on the call to serve those who you have set us within.

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

We pray that the final half term of the school year may be a time of excitement and joy for all those who come to and who work within the pre-school. May the laughter and innocence of children call us all back to the truth that it is when we become your children we inherit the Kingdom.

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

As we carry on our church journey, may solutions be found for our leaks and dry rot, so the roof is fit for purpose into the future.

## How deep the Fathers Love for us

How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss –  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life –  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart –  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

## Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;  
star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining;  
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,  
odours of Edom, and offerings divine,  
gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,  
myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
vainly with gifts would his favour secure:  
richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

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## Rock of ages cleft for me

1

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Save me from its guilt and power.

2

Not the labour of my hands  
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All could never sin erase,  
Thou must save, and save by grace.

3

Nothing in my hands I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress,  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace:  
Foul, I to the fountain fly,  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

4

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.