

## 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

There is a service of Compline this coming Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2026 @ 9.30pm on Zoom. 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.

### Saturday lunch club

Make a note in your diary that the next lunch will be on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 12pm.

### Carol Howells funeral

10:15am on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at St Mary's church, Tenby. Faith has more details if you would like them.

## Prayers across our churches

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

Thank you Lord for the opportunity that we have to reimagine the church site being used for affordable local housing. As our imaginations are captured with the possibility of a different tomorrow enable us to remain focused on you and your will for us as we serve the people of Bordesley.

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

Lord of opportunity and repatterned tomorrows, help free all that needs to be loosened so that we may see clearly the next steps to take with the Community Benefit Society.

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

As we start a new annual cycle of PCC meetings bless us with Kingdom insight so that we may be able to discern your will for your people, your body in South Yardley. Fill us with confidence borne on the back of mercy and grace to seek to do your will rather than our own.

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

We thank you for our earthly fathers, those who are no longer with us and those who are still in our lives every day. May each and everyone of them be precious in both our sight and yours Lord.

## God is love let heaven adore Him

God is Love, let heav'n adore him;  
God is Love, let earth rejoice;  
Let creation sing before him  
And exalt him with one voice.  
God who laid the earth's foundation,  
God who spread the heav'ns above,  
God who breathes through all creation:  
God is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love; and love enfolds us,  
All the world in one embrace:  
With unfailing grasp God hold us,  
Ev'ry child of ev'ry race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
Under sorrow's iron rod,  
Then we find that selfsame aching  
Deep within the heart of God.

God is Love; and though with blindness  
Sin afflicts all human life,  
God's eternal loving kindness  
Guides us through our earthly strife.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
O'er us final triumph gain;  
God is Love, so Love for ever  
O'er the universe must reign.

## **Take up thy cross the saviour said**

1 Take up your cross, the Savior said,  
if you would my disciple be;  
take up your cross with willing heart,  
and humbly follow after me.

2 Take up your cross; let not its weight  
fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up  
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame,  
and let your foolish pride be still;  
the Lord for you accepted death  
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,  
and calmly every danger brave:  
it guides you to abundant life  
and leads to victory o'er the grave.

## Lord for the years

1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

3 Lord, for our land in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

4 Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

5 Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us, for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.