



September 2026



Welcome!

You are very welcome to join us today.
Please ask questions if you are not sure where or what things are or
what they mean and we would be delighted to help.

Services:

9am Communion Service

10:30am The Gathering

St Mary's Church, Bushbury Lane, Bushbury, Wolverhampton

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Clergy



Rev Ian Poole

District
Warden



Rev Jo Redding

Parish
Warden



Glynis Arthur

Admin



Karen Adcock



Kerry Hoult

Our Attitude Towards Israel

Brought to us by Rev Ian Poole

In the 1970s I was growing up in Bristol and often used to listen to the current affairs Radio 4 news programme at 10pm called 'The World Tonight'. I don't think my pre world war two radio was very good at picking up Radio 1 or 2. Anyway if there was one news subject that dominated the news night after night it was always the Middle East and Israel. Not much has changed then! Israel remains the epicentre of much world unrest. The reasons of course are well rehearsed and can be traced back over the centuries to the enmity between Ishmael, Abraham's son by another 'wife' and Isaac the miraculous son of promise by his wife Sarah. Ishmael and the Arab nations (some more than others) have always been jealous of Israel and the favour of Yahweh upon them. Jealous of a nation who after the terrible suffering of the holocaust have found themselves protected for many decades by the might of the West and especially USA.

The horrendous massacre of 7th October 2023 led to the present administration in Israel trying to stamp out its enemies once and for all. The results have been mixed, and tragically much innocent life has been lost especially Palestinian life all bearing the image of God.

And the response of the Christian church? For some Israel can do no wrong for it is the chosen nation and for others they believe Israel has forgotten mercy in pursuit of justice. What should our response be?

Romans 11:25 refers to Israel as 'a cultivated olive tree' and any goodness of that tree is derived from God Himself, just like the vine of John Chapter 15 whose life flows from Israel's most famous Son. So let us honour all Jews as we honour all humanity. Let us not excuse their misplaced zeal to restore a land that must now be a new land found in the hearts of those who love Jesus. But let us not forget that in the choice of the Lord they were first His special people.

Can you help out?

Please consider going on a rota to be occasionally available to **lock the church hall** after it has been used for a hire event.

We always welcome teams to **make refreshments** after a Sunday service.

The **sound and audio system** needs new operators to supplement the existing team / work on a rota system. If you are interested, please speak to one of the wardens.



Church Administrator

Kerry Hoult - adbush@hotmail.co.uk 01902 782226.

Kerry's hours are Monday and Wednesday - 9.00am - 2.00pm and Friday 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

Thanks must go to **Listed Places of Worship** for the funding to repair the roof of our church.

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Praying For Gold

An afternoon of prayer for Mission and Revival in the Episcopal area of the Bishop of Wolverhampton.
3:30pm - 6:00pm

Sunday 6th Sept St Matthew's Wolverhampton 222 Willenhall Road WV1 2JQ
 Sunday 22nd Nov St Peter's Hednesford Church Hill WS12 1BD
 Sunday 7th Feb St Gabriel's Walsall Walstead Road WS5 4LZ

Join us for an afternoon of worship, prayer and silence -from across different traditions and styles- as we pray for mission and revival across the Wolverhampton area!

Coming up...

Deanery Prayer, Worship and Food. 6 - 8pm Sunday 4th October at St Stephen's Church

Oasis Ladies Group 1.30 - 3pm Mondays 5th & 19th October at St Mary's Church Hall.

Ladies Breakfast 10am Saturday 3rd Oct, at The Good Shepherd. Please sign up at the back of the church.

Harvest Festival /Cafe Church 10.30am Sunday 4th October

City Wide Prayer 7 - 8pm Thursday 15th October. Windmill Community Hub and Church, Henwood Road, WV6 8PG

Men's Breakfast 10 - 11.30am Saturday 17th October. The Book of Revelation!

Confirmation Service 5pm Sunday 18th October at St Giles' Church

Parish Prayer 6 - 7pm Wednesday 21st October at The Good Shepherd.



Church Facilities There's a loo on the far side of the church from the main door, next to the organ.

Accessibility We have a **hearing loop**. Please switch to T when appropriate. Please tell us if it is not working.

During most services **we do not go up the steps** at all so everything should be easily accessible.

The parish is working on becoming more accessible to people with dementia.



Holy Communion We can offer **non-alcoholic wine and gluten-free wafers** on request. Please check this with the Church warden before the service.

If it's a communion service today and you are not familiar with this or do not share the Christian faith, please do not feel pressured to participate. When people move to the front to take the bread and wine, please feel free to come forward for a blessing.

Sunday Club We love to have children in our services! We currently don't run a creche but do have children's groups. Please feel relaxed with young children you are very welcome here.

Sunday Club joins service at the beginning and then goes to the Church Hall returning for the end of the service.

Ladies Breakfast at The Good Shepherd on the first Saturday of every month at 10am. You are very welcome to come and join the conversation and enjoy a continental style breakfast. There is no charge, but donations are welcome. To book a place, sign up at the back of church.

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Walking Group meets each Saturday at 9.45 at St Mary's church hall for a 1hour 15mins walk, returning for coffee and tea.

Little Angels Moms & Tots meet in the Church Hall on Wednesdays 1:15 - 3pm. They will be starting back on 2nd September.

Ladies Breakfast 10am Saturday 5th September, at The Good Shepherd. Please sign up at the back of the church.

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Oasis Ladies Group 1.30 - 3pm Monday 7th and 14th September at St Mary's Church Hall.

Freedom in Christ – Starting Tuesday 8th September, 7pm. A new 10-week Freedom in Christ course begins on Tuesday 8th September at 7pm in St Mary's Church Hall, with an additional Saturday session (date TBC). Freedom in Christ helps us understand our identity in Jesus, break free from anything that holds us back, and grow as confident disciples. It's ideal for anyone who has completed Alpha or wants to deepen their walk with God.

Please sign up at the back of church. If you're unsure, leave your details and we'll be in touch nearer the time. For more information, speak to Revd. Joanne or Revd. Ian.

Alison and Linda's Life Groups continue as normal.

Youth Club The youth group meets term-time 7.15 - 8.45pm Fridays at St Mary's church hall, except for the 4th Friday of each month when we meet at St James' Church, Fordhouses. Starting back on Friday 11th September 2026 at 7.15pm at St Mary's Church Hall.

City Wide Prayer 7 - 8pm Thursday 17th September. Life City Church, Westbury Street, WV1 1JD.

Men's Breakfast 10 - 11.30am The Book of Revelation! on Saturday 19th September.

Community BBQ 4 - 6pm Saturday 26th September at St Mary's Church Hall. Food and Fun.

Sunday Club joins service at the beginning and then goes to the Church Hall returning for the end of the service

Church Grounds Work Party dates to be announced soon.