

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 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 **19th August 2026 @ 9.30pm** on Zoom. The Zoom details are - Meeting ID: 848 0981 2495 Passcode: 464983

Saturday lunch club

Make a note in your diary that the next lunch (there won't be one during September) will be on Saturday 10th October at 12pm.

Food bank donations

We received a message from Birmingham City Mission last week to say that their food bank supplies are running low. If you could offer any items over the next couple of weeks, we'll make sure that they find their way to Birmingham City Mission. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Church cleaning

We are planning on cleaning the church during the morning of Saturday 29th August. Dusters and mops ideally are to be ready by 10am. If you don't have any experience of cleaning please don't worry as expert training will be given, just turn up with a willingness to give it a go.

Harvest supper

Make a note in your diaries that there will be a Harvest Supper at St Michael & All Angels church on Saturday 3rd October at 5pm.

The wisdom of the old

There will be a bible course every Monday morning in October focusing on the wisdom and value offered by those of riper years. More details will follow in due course.

DAVE'S BIG MUSIC QUIZ – Sunday 16th August 4pm - £5 - St Mary's, Acocks Green

Raising money for the roof by raising the roof with tunes! £5 per person, teams of up to six, come as a team or come on your own to join with others. Refreshments will be available for a donation, raffle tickets £1 a strip.

Sermon link (a way of holding onto the message of the sermon this week)

To hold 'great faith' requires us to

- Recognise the enormity of the need that we have
- To know how that need to can be filled in Jesus
- To be persistent and courageous in the trust that we hold in our Lord
- To continually resist the temptation to see ourselves as unworthy.

Prayers across our churches

Saint Benedict's church

May all those whose hearts and minds are involved in the feasibility study be touched by the stillness and prayerfulness of the church site.

Saint Cyprian's church

Establish us quickly into our worship within the Memorial Hall, opening our hearts to give our all back to you in joy and expectation.

Saint Michael & All Angels church

Thank you, Lord, for the refurbishment work that is being undertaken in the kitchen. Thank you for the skill and care of those who are carrying out the work and thank you that despite our earlier expectations the kitchen is being replaced.

Saint Mary's church

Help all areas suffering from the drought, especially farmers who are struggling with low yield crops. Although many love the fine weather, we can understand it is a problem for those providing food for our table.

I'm accepted, I'm forgiven

I'm accepted I'm forgiven
I am fathered by the true and living God
I'm accepted no condemnation
I am loved by the true and living God
(x2)

As I draw near to the saviour
And creator of the world
There's no guilt or fear
There is joy and peace as I release
My worship to you o Lord
There is joy and peace

We then sing the whole song through again

In Christ there is no east nor west

Verse 1

In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

Verse 2

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.

Verse 3

Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

Verse 4

In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

And can it be

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love Divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.
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Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness Divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
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