

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 **2nd September 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

Thank you for all of the donations that have been received

Church cleaning

Thank you for all those who came yesterday to help clean church.

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. If you would like to come, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

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.

Mugs

We are collecting old mugs that are in a condition to be reused. If you have any at home please bring them into church leaving them in the box in the Narthex.

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

Receiving the gift of God's grace (His unmerited favour) is costly, it is not cheap. Being in relationship with Jesus requires us to live differently to the vast majority of the ways of the world. Our faith must give off an odour, we must smell. I wonder what scent you perfume the environment around you with?

Prayers across our churches

Saint Benedict's church

May the power of your spirit Lord stir the creative abilities of the architects as they reimagine the possibilities if the Hall were repurposed for housing.

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 with care and skill in the hall kitchen. Thank you, Lord, for the generosity of grant that we received from Keeble College, Oxford.

Saint Mary's church

As schools and colleges return, may the new students be given space to settle, and staff be enabled to support all and ensure a calm atmosphere is created.

Would you walk by on the other side

Would you walk by on the other side
When someone called for aid?
Would you walk by on the other side
And would you be afraid?

Refrain:

*Cross over the road my friend,
Ask the Lord his strength to lend,
His compassion has no end —
Cross over the road.*

Would you walk by on the other side
When you saw a loved one stray?
Would you walk by on the other side
Or would you watch and pray?

(Refrain)

Would you walk by on the other side
When starving children cried?
Would you walk by on the other side
And would you not provide?

(Refrain)

Father hear the prayer we offer

Father, hear the prayer we offer:
Not for ease that prayer shall be,
But for strength that we may ever
Live our lives courageously.

Not forever in green pastures
Do we ask our way to be;
But the steep and rugged pathway
May we tread rejoicingly.

Not forever by still waters
Would we idly rest and stay;
But would smite the living fountains
From the rocks along our way.

Be our strength in hours of weakness,
In our wanderings be our guide;
Through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.

The Servant King (From Heaven You Came)

From heaven you came helpless babe
Entered our world, your glory veiled
Not to be served but to serve
And give Your life that we might live

*This is our God, The Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to The Servant King*

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load he chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn
'Yet not My will but Yours,' He said

Come see His hands and His feet
The scars that speak of sacrifice
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered

So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving

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