

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 Hippopotamus starts.

Compline

There is a service of Compline this coming Wednesday the **26th 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

Thank you for all of the donations that have been received

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. 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.

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

We are called to see within each other the truth, the divine light that burns brightly within us all. To follow Jesus means that we must endeavour to see His face shining out of everyone who we meet, including those who we might struggle to connect with.

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.

Through all the changing scenes of life

1

Through all the changing scenes of life,
In trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ.

2

Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
With me exalt His name;
When in distress to Him I called,
He to my rescue came.

3

The hosts of God encamp around
The dwellings of the just;
Deliverance He affords to all
Who on His succour trust.

4

Oh, make but trial of His love,
Experience will decide
How blest they are, and only they,
Who in His truth confide.

5

Fear Him, ye saints, and you will then
Have nothing else to fear;
Make you His service your delight,
Your wants shall be His care.

God is working His purpose out

1 God is working his purpose out,
as year succeeds to year:
God is working his purpose out,
and the time is drawing near:
nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled
with the glory of God,
as the waters cover the sea.

2 From utmost east to utmost west,
wherever foot has trod,
by the mouth of many messengers
rings out the voice of God:
Listen to me you continents,
you islands look to me,
that the earth may be filled
with the glory of God,
as the waters cover the sea.

3 We shall march in the strength of God,
with the banner of Christ unfurled,
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth
may shine throughout the world;
we shall fight with sorrow and sin
to set their captives free,
that the earth may be filled
with the glory of God,
as the waters cover the sea.

4 All we can do is nothing worth
unless God blesses the deed;
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
till God gives life to the seed:
nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled
with the glory of God,
as the waters cover the sea.

Jubilate Hymns version of 'God is working his purpose out, as year succeeds to year', Arthur C Ainger (1841 - 1919)

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