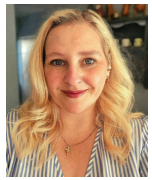
Clergy		District Warden	Parish Warden	Admin
				
Rev Ian Poole	Rev Jo Redding	Glynis Arthur	Karen Adcock	Kerry Hoult

Where is your Treasure?!

Brought to us by Rev Ian Poole

It is very sobering to remind ourselves that many Christians around the world today have very little earthly treasure and worse, they don't even know whether they can hold on to their own lives or the lives of their loved ones. This is often not due to their lack of hard work or natural gifting, but rather because they are persecuted by those around them and the society in which they live. In this they have a strong identity with the early Christians. For example, in the beautiful and wealthy city of Smyrna, the Christians of 2000 years ago are described by Jesus as living in ***'poverty'*** (Revelation 2: 9). They weren't just getting by, because this word poverty in the original means they were fighting to survive. Even worse than that: was, if they refused to burn incense in honour of the Emperor Domitian; if they refused to call him Lord, then they would either be imprisoned or executed. And yet Jesus declares to them ***'yet you are rich!'*** In the words of Paul to Timothy, they had found a way to invest in the bank of heaven, laying up for themselves ***'treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age.'*** And they achieved this by valuing their obedience and love for Jesus above everything else. Jesus said, ***'where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'*** So where is your treasure? If you had to flee your home or this life suddenly what one thing would you want to take with you? The answer my friend is blowin' in the wind and it must be; your relationship with Jesus!

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.
www.lpowroof.org.uk

DISCOVERING GOD'S LOVE
IN THE HEART OF BUSHBURY

November 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
bushburyteamministry.co.uk **facebook.com/stmaryschurch.bushbury**

Welcome

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.

Scan to Pay

We are grateful for your continued generosity and support. If you feel called to give today, we've made it easier than ever - simply use the SumUp card-reader located at the back of the church or make a donation through the app by scanning the QR code provided. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps sustain the mission and ministry of our church. Thank you for being a vital part of our community.

OPERATION Christmas Child — Samaritan's Purse

Operation Christmas Child

A simple shoebox gift can change a life



Are you in a position to help a child in need?

Would you like to be part of the story that shares the love of Jesus with them? If so, consider filling a shoebox with toys, treats, stationery and hygiene items.

WHAT TO INCLUDE?

Toys · Treats · Stationery · Hygiene items

CHOOSE THE CHILD

Boy or Girl

Age range:
- 2 – 4 years
- 5 – 9 years
- 10 – 14 years

MAKE IT EXTRA SPECIAL

Include a letter from you to the child.

Please include a **£5 donation** to help cover shipping costs.

St James Church will again be a collection centre for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

National collection week is **9th – 16th November**

Share the love of Jesus



Empty shoeboxes and pre-wrapped shoeboxes are available in the foyer. Or, you can donate a shoebox online at: https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/shoebox-online

You may like to watch this year's campaign video: https://youtu.be/KOKtonyYIFs

Once your box is dropped off or your donation made, please remember to pray for the recipient so that your box is gifted to the right child.

Small gifts. Big possibilities.

SENDING GOOD NEWS. CHANGING LIVES.

Samaritan's Purse® HELPING IN JESUS' NAME

Join Us This Christmas

St. Mary's Church, Bushbury

A Blue Christmas and Memorial Service
29th November • 6.30pm

Christmas Cafe Service & Drama
6th December • 10.30am

Christingle Service
13th December • 4pm

Carol Service
20th December • 4pm

Christmas Eve Family Interactive Nativity
24th December • 4pm

Christmas Eve Midnight Service
24th December • 11.30pm

Christmas Day Service
25th December • 10am

For more information: Tel. 01902 782226
Email: adbush@hotmail.co.uk

Church Diary

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.

Youth Club The youth group meets term-time 7.15 - 8.45pm Fridays at St Mary's church hall, except for the last Friday of each month when we meet at St James' Church, Fordhouses.

Ladies Breakfast 10am Saturday 7th November, at The Good Shepherd. Please sign up at the back of the church.

Oasis Ladies Group 1.30 - 3pm Mondays 2nd , 16th & 30th November at St Mary's Church Hall

City Wide Prayer 7 - 8pm Thursday 19th November at St Mary's Church.

Men's Breakfast 10 - 11.30am The Book of Revelation! - on Saturday 21st November.

Sunday Club 1st , 15th , 22nd and 29th November - The children join service at the beginning and then go to the Church Hall returning for the end of the service.

Church Grounds Work Party 7th and 21st November

Prayer! St Mary's 9 - 10am every Thursday in the Church Hall.

St James' 9.30 to 10.30am every Thursday.

Waking The Dawn which is a Parish and Area Prayer meeting at 8am Saturday mornings at The Good Shepherd.

Praying for Gold Sunday 22nd November 3.30 - 6pm at St Peter's Hednesford Church Hill. WS12 1BD. We will be gathering across the episcopal area to worship and pray together.

Parish Weekend Away. Please see details on poster and there will be an early sign-up list.

Coming up...

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

Parish Christmas Celebration Buffet 6pm Saturday 5th December at St Mary's Church Hall. £6 adults £2 children (less than 13yrs). Sign up sheet coming soon.

DIOCESE OF LICHFIELD

Cherishing The Balance

Discipleship Group
for those with a life limiting diagnosis



Thursday 5th Nov 2026
2.00pm – 3.00pm Via Zoom

After a great first meeting, we are once again offering a safe and supportive space for honest conversation, prayer, reflection, encouragement and companionship with others across the Lichfield Diocese on a similar journey.

Whether you are newly diagnosed, living with advanced illness, receiving palliative care, or simply looking for others to journey with in this season of life, you are warmly invited.

Facilitated by Bev Dyer, Reader in Bushbury
Hosted by Helen Emery, Whole Life Discipleship Officer

If just turning up online feels like a big first step, email helen.emery@lichfield.anglican.org and arrange a no pressure chat to find out more.



To be the body of Christ as a parish.

To increase our vision and unity as we worship and learn together.

Learning to "do life together".

Sharing our faith in friendship and love with those who will join us.

- Activities for all ages (children, youth & adults)
- Worship, teaching and time to reflect
- Relax and unwind

VARIABLE ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

A range of accommodation options are available to suit different needs and group sizes.

PLEASE SPEAK TO GLYNIS.A AND HARLAN.P AT ST MARY'S, JANE.G AT ST JAMES AND BEV.D AT GOOD SHEPHERD FOR MORE INFORMATION.

www.cefnlea.co.uk