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 on Wednesday the **11th November 2026 @ 9.30pm.**
The Zoom link is Meeting ID: 848 0981 2495 Passcode: 464983

Saturday lunch club

Make a note in your diary that the next lunch will be on Saturday 14th November at 12pm.

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 28th November

If you are available and willing to run a stall at the Christmas Fayre, could you sign your name up against the list of stalls on the noticeboard in the Narthex.

Kitchen refurbishment phase 2

The PCC is thinking through what we might do with the other half of the kitchen, the side that as yet hasn't been refurbished. Lesley is collecting for the PCC any views that we might have about what should be included in this space, lay out etc. If you have a view or any questions, please speak to her.

Christmas Fayre – cakes and jams

The Social Committee are currently collecting cakes and jams for a stall at the fayre. If you are able to bring in either a cake or a jar of jam to bolster the stock on the stall please let Rosemary, Faith, Denise or Veronica know.

Christmas Fayre - Hamper

There is a list of hamper items on the notice board in the Narthex. If you are able to bring in anything on the list please add you name alongside the item. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Prayers

Gas Street are opening their church plant at All Saints Stechford on the 29th November. Please keep Jerome and all those who will come with him in your prayers.

Swan Group Advent Sunday service

There will be a Swan Group service at 4pm on Sunday 29th November in the Memorial Hall.

Churches Together Stechford and Yardley (CTSY)

An Advent video is being put together featuring a wide selection of people representing all the churches representing CTSY. People are volunteering to be filmed receiving a candle and then passing it on to someone else. Each video will be stitched to the next to create a film with a candle being passed across a whole variety of people. We need people from St Michael & All Angels church to take part. This could be your big Hollywood moment; let Fr Alex know if you would like to be painlessly videoed.

Prayers across our churches

Saint Benedict's church

We pray that your church building may stand resolute as a beacon of peace, justice, love and mercy in your parish of Bordesley.

Saint Cyprian's church

Thank you, Lord, for those who gave themselves over the years to people of Hay Mill and for those who continue to give themselves to build up a sense of community. May your parish of Hay Mill resound with affection and compassion.

Saint Michael & All Angels church

May those who are temporarily absent from your church Lord know of your healing touch, the closeness of your presence and the glory of your promises.

Saint Mary's church

For those who are attending services of Remembrance this week, may they do so safely and with meaning, giving thanks for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, giving up their lives so we might be free.

It is a thing most wonderful

1 It is a thing most wonderful
almost too wonderful to be
that God's own Son should come from heaven
and die to save a child like me.

2 And yet I know that it is true:
he came to this poor world below,
and wept and toiled, and mourned and died,
only because he loved us so.

3 I cannot tell how he could love
a child so weak and full of sin;
his love must be most wonderful
if he could die my love to win.

4 I sometimes think about the cross,
and shut my eyes, and try to see
the cruel nails, and crown of thorns,
and Jesus crucified for me.

5 But, even could I see him die,
I could but see a little part
of that great love which, like a fire,
is always burning in his heart.

6 How wonderful it is to see
my love for him so faint and poor,
but yet more wonderful to know
his love for me so free and sure.

7 And yet I want to love you, Lord:
O teach me how to grow in grace,
that I may love you more and more
until I see you face to face.

Jubilate Hymns version of 'It is a thing most wonderful', William Walsham How (1823 - 1897)
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