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 **2nd December 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 12th December at 12pm.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you for all that was so freely offered in putting yesterday's Christmas Fayre on. The individual contributions made by so many people were wonderfully generous.

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.

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 – 29th November at 4pm

This has now been cancelled due to a boiler breakdown in the Memorial Hall.

Prayers across our churches

Saint Benedict's church

May your holy and life-giving spirit Lord sharpen our discernment as we receive the initial feasibility reports concerning reimagining the future use of the hall.

Saint Cyprian's church

Thank you, Lord, for all those who you gather at the Place of Welcome. Thank you for all that they bring for the fun and fellowship.

Saint Michael & All Angels church

Thank you, gracious Lord, for all that was given to the Christmas Fayre, for the generosity of hearts that offered themselves and for the organisational effort which enabled it to happen.

Saint Mary's church

Help us to stay focused through this Advent season, keep us prepared for the coming of our Lord, especially as things are so commercialised. Look for our Lord in everyone you meet, wherever you may go.

Come thou long expected Jesus

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end;
By His life He brings us gladness,
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.

Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Ye holy angels bright

Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.

All nations of the earth,
extol the world's great King;
with melody and mirth
his glorious praises sing;
for he still reigns,
and will bring low
the proudest foe
that him disdains.

Away, distrustful care!
I have thy promise, Lord:
to banish all despair,
I have thine oath and word:
and therefore I
shall see thy face,
and there thy grace
shall magnify.

With thy triumphant flock,
then I shall numbered be;
built on th'eternal Rock,
his glory we shall see.
The heav'ns so high
with praise shall ring,
and all shall sing
in harmony.

Source: The Sing! Hymnal #19