St Thomas' Church and Community Project

"A Place for You"

December Newsletter



Christmas celebrations don't begin for me until I have heard the Pogues and Kirsty McColl sing the Fairytale of New York; that's my favourite Christmas secular song. It is played earlier and earlier each year! Yet in truth Christmas doesn't begin until 25th December. The four weeks before then are called Advent and are an important season in the church's year but often obscured by the busyness of Christmas preparations.

During Advent you might notice the church linens changing to purple, as they do in Lent, along with some changes to our familiar liturgy. The Advent Wreath also arrives, with its five candles: one is lit each Sunday of the season, and the last is saved for Christmas Day. The round shape of the wreath symbolises the eternal love of Christ. Advent is also the start of the Church's liturgical year, and this new year will see us reflecting on the gospel of Mark.

The candles represent four core themes of **hope**, **peace**, **joy** and **love**, in turn:

More importantly than candles though, is the purpose of the season. There is a two-fold expectation. We reflect through prayer and scripture on the incarnation of God as a baby laid in a manger, as well as Christ's promised second coming at the end of days.

This advent I want to challenge you to also consider the meaning of Immanuel:

- **Matthew 1:23:** "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").
- **Isaiah 7:14:** "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."

Immanuel – God with us. Alongside the mystery of God becoming flesh, and Christ returning at the end of days, what does it mean to have that same God with us every day. How is he present for you? How do you experience him?

I want to conclude by sharing one of my favourite poems by John Betjeman:

CHRISTMAS

The bells of waiting Advent ring,
The Tortoise stove is lit again
And lamp-oil light across the night
Has caught the streaks of winter rain
In many a stained-glass window sheen
From Crimson Lake to Hookers Green.

The holly in the windy hedge
And round the Manor House the yew
Will soon be stripped to deck the ledge,
The altar, font and arch and pew,
So that the villagers can say
'The church looks nice' on Christmas Day.

Provincial Public Houses blaze,
Corporation tramcars clang,
On lighted tenements I gaze,
Where paper decorations hang,
And bunting in the red Town Hall
Says 'Merry Christmas to you all'.

And London shops on Christmas Eve
Are strung with silver bells and flowers
As hurrying clerks the City leave
To pigeon-haunted classic towers,
And marbled clouds go scudding by
The many-steepled London sky.

And girls in slacks remember Dad,
And oafish louts remember Mum,
And sleepless children's hearts are glad.
And Christmas-morning bells say 'Come!'
Even to shining ones who dwell
Safe in the Dorchester Hotel.

And is it true? And is it true,
This most tremendous tale of all,
Seen in a stained-glass window's hue,
A Baby in an ox's stall?
The Maker of the stars and sea
Become a Child on earth for me?

And is it true? For if it is,
No loving fingers tying strings
Around those tissued fripperies,
The sweet and silly Christmas things,
Bath salts and inexpensive scent
And hideous tie so kindly meant,

No love that in a family dwells,
No carolling in frosty air,
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells
Can with this single Truth compare -
That God was man in Palestine
And lives today in Bread and Wine.

Rev Sue Round

December church services

If you want to discover more, come and join us any Sunday morning or at any of our community activities throughout the week.

Sunday 6th December – Our annual Memorial Service with Morning Prayer
Sunday 13th December – Morning Prayer
Sunday 20th December – Holy Communion
Thursday 24th December – Carols by Candlelight 6pm
Friday 25th December – Christmas Holy Communion in the Stable 10am
Sunday 27th December – A quiet reflective service of Morning Prayer

Children are always welcome to join us. We have some toys for babies and will provide activities for older children to do in their seats. Please do not worry if you arrive a bit late or need to leave before the end.

If you are on the rota to read during November, please assume that you will be reading the gospel. These may be subject to change. The readings are listed here in case you want to practice:

Sunday 6th	Mark 13 vv 24-end
Sunday 13th	Mark 1 vv 1-8
Sunday 20th	John 1 vv 6-8,19-28
Sunday 27th	Luke 1 vv 26-38



At Christmas, grief often sits quietly beside the celebration, a missing voice in the laughter and an empty chair at the table, reminding us that love endures even when the person we love is gone.

Sometimes called a Blue Christmas, Sunday 6th December will be our annual memorial service with Morning Prayer (different from our usual pattern of services). This is opportunity to invite people for whom we have carried ou funerals during the year as well as people we know to be grieving at this time. Of course, it also opportunity for us to remember our own loved ones as Christmas approaches.

Everyday Faith

What is 'Everyday Faith'?

Everyday Faith is the name given to a wide range of activities across the church of England that support and equip us all to 'find and follow God' in our everyday lives – Sunday to Saturday.

When we are together worshipping on Sunday, we are as a GATHERED church. When we are active as Christians Monday to Saturday, we are the SENT church. Whatever we are doing for the glory of God in our hearts is also worship.

Worship, prayer, teaching and Christian fellowship doesn't just happen in church on Sunday mornings, the church is active out in the community throughout the week.

- Stay and Play group for babies and toddlers on Monday (resumes 2nd November)

- Children's club with fun and games, crafts, cooking, activities, challenges and bible stories on Mondays from 4.00 till 5.30 and youth club 5.45 till 7.15 – resumes 2nd November

- Young Adults discipleship group – Monday evenings from 7.30 till 8.30

- A church service Heartlands Care home happens twice monthly

- Pastoral visits at West Hall Court every other Thursday morning and at Heartlands Care Home on Friday afternoons.

- Godly Play at Oasis Blakenhale Juniors every Tuesday – Christian teaching with classes from years 3 to year 6.

- The Open the Book team make monthly visits to the school assembly at Oasis Blakenhale Infants School. If anyone is interested in joining the team please speak to Susan, Jo, Linda or Jan - it's great fun and very rewarding

- Activities for those over 50 on Thursday and Friday – homemade hot soup is now being served throughout the winter months.

- We are also being Everyday Faith when we are chatting at the school gates, talking to someone in a coffee shop, the library, the post office etc, or reading quietly at home etc.



The congregation of St Thomas church are invited to join with the Church of South India for this service. Rev. Anoop Baby has been conferred with the permission to officiate in our Holy Trinity CSI Church Birmingham by the Church of England and will deliver his first Christmas message at this service and preside at the service of Holy Communion alongside Christmas celebrations. Pleased let Susan or Billey know if you want to attend.

Well, we are in the countdown to Christmas, and we will be soon celebrating the birth of that so special baby over 2,000 years ago.

Our lives are very different to that of Jesus at his birth – born in impoverished circumstances with no bed or cot, just a wooden stall lined with straw in a cold stone byre lit by a small oil lamp. Unlike us, he and his family had almost no impact on the environment.



Many of us will be buying gifts in nice packaging and wrapping them in colourful paper to give along with glittery cards to family and friends. We'll be doing this in the comfort of our centrally heated homes, probably while the TV is on in the background. We can't help but have an impact on the environment, can we? Of course, we want to enjoy Christmas – it's a time to spend with loved ones, a time to treat ourselves and forget the troubles and worries of the world. But we can still try to reduce our impact. Simple things like buying cards and wrapping paper that can be recycled; looking for gifts with less packaging or packaging that can be recycled; ensuring that none of our Christmas food goes to waste. It doesn't cost anything extra to do these things and every little helps.

Linda Nugent

Parish Environmental Champion



Foodbank Update

Christmas is one of the hardest times of year for the food banks, as winter is traditionally our busiest season and rising food and energy costs push more families to seek help.

Please keep the regular small donations of basic food supplies coming in and we have opened what we call our Christmas Treat Box and we are collecting extras to distribute to clients in the weeks before Christmas; for example, fancy biscuits, sweets and chocolates, mince pies, small Christmas puddings, savoury snacks etc. and some child-friendly sweet and treats too!

We will close on Wednesday 30th December and clients due on that day will be given a double parcel the previous week. We are back to normal from Wednesday 6th January continuing to be open every Wednesday 10am – 11am.

A big, big thank you to those who have regularly donated food items all through the year and to those who make one off gifts and donations.

Garretts Green nursery are doing a Christmas collection for the foodbank on 11th December and we are promised the same from St Thomas Moore.

Thank you to everyone from our volunteer team Rev Susan, Jo, Jan, Ray, Dan, Debbie, Barabara and Sue Deane.

If you have any spare shopping bags, or bags-for-life, we will be very grateful for them and we are happy to re-use plastic carrier bags you may have. Please leave them in the donation boxes or pass to Jan or Jo.

Website update

Our website reflects everything that happens in church on Sundays, including other acts of worship and study groups, as well as what happens during the week, all in the name of St Thomas. Please have a look if you are able. If you have any comments, observations of additional thoughts, please contact Rev Sue. In future all our newsletters will also be

available on the website so don't worry if you lose it. If you would like your own copy emailed to you, again, please contact Rev Sue.

Our web address is www.st-toms.com

If you use *Facebook* please like and follow us on St Thomas Church & Community Project.

Please note that our internet connection is still unstable. We do have connection through an alternative method than Virgin, but it doesn't reach the church. It will be fixed shortly but, in the meantime, if you are responsible for preparing the worship please bring the service backed up to a flash drive or your own laptop.

Prayer Requests and Prayer Pointers



Prayer means putting ourselves into a communicating relationship with the divine God. Prayer is often used to build a relationship with God, offering thanksgiving, asking for help, and seeking forgiveness. It is described as a means to express gratitude and find comfort and strength. It is a gift for our own sense of identity as children of God, and for our own sense of purpose. It is often helpful to end or begin our prayer time with the prayer Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

In your prayers this month please consider including these pointers:

- Pray for all those who are currently unwell, receiving treatment, recovering from illness or surgery and those in residential care.
- For those who work in nursing and caring roles in hospitals, residential homes and at home. For social workers and those who work in prisons.
- For those families grieving the loss of those serving in active combat.
- For world leaders striving to negotiate peace.
- For the UK Government and our new Prime Minister.
- For our congregation to continue to grow in faith and numbers.
- For our work in local care homes and at Oasis Blakenhale School.
- For the family and friends of Lee Hyde who died unexpectedly. His funeral is Wednesday 2nd December at Woodlands.
- For Nisha's health and wellbeing
- For Greg recovering from surgery
- For Steven and Dina Round as they grieve the loss of their 12-year-old son unexpectedly and overseas.
- For yourself, and your own family and friends.

Journey to the Stable will happen this year
Thursday 3rd December and Friday 4th December.
Please pray for the Stable Team as we share the story of the first Christmas with local year 2 classes.

Rochelle Dance Academy are open for new recruits, our Tiny Stars from age 3yrs upwards, right up to our senior superstars, experienced dancers also welcome.

RDA is more than a dance school, it's a family where we make memories, have lots of fun, and make lifelong friendships.

So, if you have a little one, bursting with energy and loves to dance bring them along for a free trial.

Contact Debbie for more information 07957460968.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Masquerade Musical Theatre Group are a musical theatre and drama group who meet in our Church Hall. We are invited to their Christmas Concert in church on Wednesday 16th December 6.15pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Stay and Play



Are you left at home with an active toddler? Come and join us on Monday mornings from 9.00 till 11.00 to meet other parents and carers with pre-school children. Lots of toys and activities for you to enjoy with your children and to help them make friends, grow and confidence and learn social and communication skills in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. We have free time where parents, carers and children can play together, be creative and grow together in preparation for nursery or school. After play time the children sit together for toast and then we finish with sing along and story time.

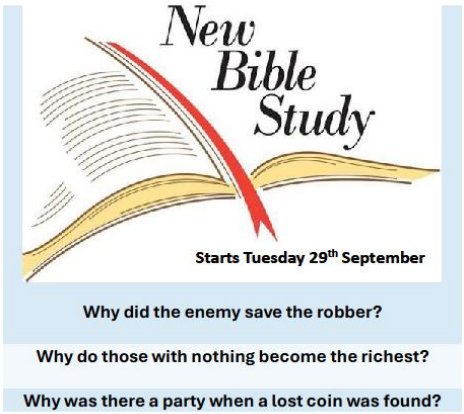
Cost is £2.00 per child (£1.00 for siblings), pay by cash or card, includes free refreshments. Come along for a free trial session and bring some friends and share your ideas for play with us.

Our Christmas Party is Monday 14th December usual time and a visit from Santa! He does seem to like us – we must be on the nice list!!

We will re-open after a break for Christmas and the New Year on Monday 11th January 2027

Would You Like to Live in an Upside-Down World?

It's good! Come and see...



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It's not to late to join in!

Carol Singing at Heartlands Care Home

Susan, Jan and Carol visit Heartlands care home every other Wednesday afternoon to hold a service with the residents,

We would love you to join us on **Wednesday 16th December at 2.00 p.m.** to join with singing carols and to share in some reminiscing about Christmas. We can arrange lifts. Please let one of us know if you would like to come. Thank you



TOYS 4 BIRMINGHAM

Christmas 2026

Toys4Birmingham is looking for donations of new toys and gifts to be distributed through our community networks to the city's most vulnerable children and young people

Ages from 0-18 years old

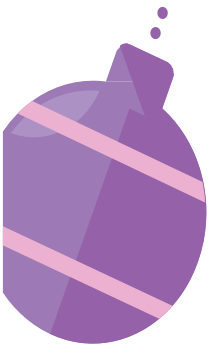
Drop your toys and gifts off at:

Edgbaston Stadium, Edgbaston Road, B5 7QU *on*
Friday 4th December 10am - 2pm Saturday 5th December 10am - 1pm *or*
Mon 7th December 10am - 1pm

or

by arrangement until Wednesday 16th December -
contact Louise on 07469 979286

Only NEW ITEMS Please!



Scan this QR code for more information or if you would prefer to donate money:

For more information email:

admin@thrivetogetherbham.org



Thank you!





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🎄 Christmas Fayre 🎄

Thursday 10th December · 3.15pm – 5pm

Oasis Academy Blakenhale School

Come and join us for the Christmas Fayre at Oasis Academy Blakenhale School on Thursday 10th December, from 3.15pm to 5pm! Expect festive fun, lovely stalls and plenty of Christmas cheer for everyone. Just head in through the junior school playground – we can't wait to see you there! 🎄 Your editor has it on good authority that Santa will be there too!!!



Stechford and Yardley Churches Partnership

Our Virtual Advent Calendar



The minister at Yardley Baptist Church has taken the lead in creating this lovely virtual Advent Calendar for us all to enjoy together.

Each day brings a new surprise, with contributions from members of our combined congregations, so you may recognise a few familiar faces along the way!

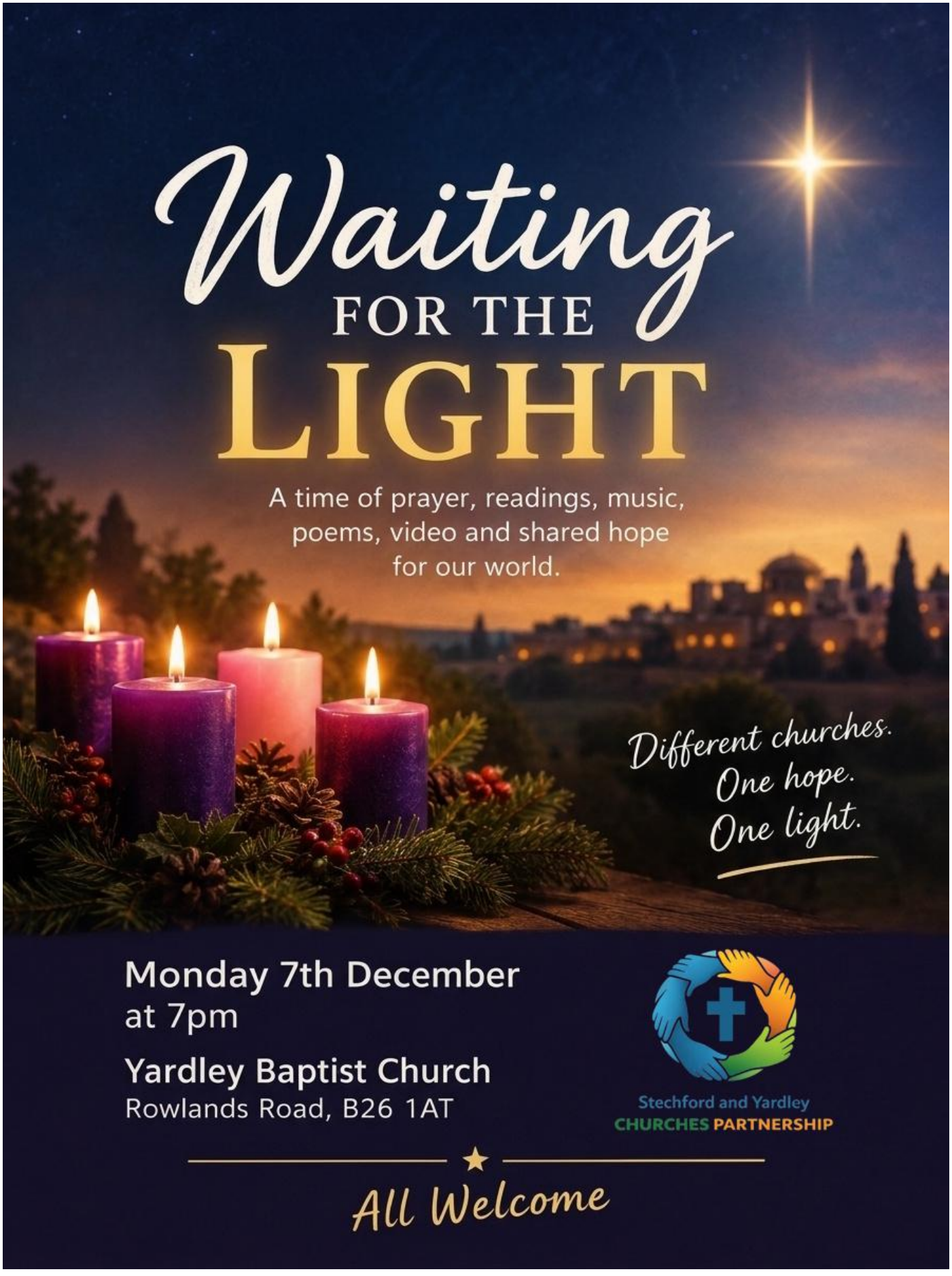
Open your calendar here

https://app.myadvent.net/calendar?id=gtj6r4md0si6mg5z2hsk2rtr2fmafbss

Simply copy the link into your browser or email me and I will send it to you.

(sue.round@St-toms.com)

Please note: none of the doors will open until their designated day, so no sneaky peeks – you'll all just have to wait!


Waiting
FOR THE
LIGHT
A time of prayer, readings, music,
poems, video and shared hope
for our world.
Different churches.
One hope.
One light.
Monday 7th December
at 7pm
Yardley Baptist Church
Rowlands Road, B26 1AT
Stechford and Yardley
CHURCHES PARTNERSHIP
All Welcome

The Table in Stechford

"Making room for all."

Tuesday 8th December 5 - 7pm

Join us for our outdoor event!



The Stechford Club Car Park, Albert Road, Stechford, B33 8BX

All are welcome

Advent Retreat for Church members

Temple Balsall Old Hall

Fen End Road West, Temple Balsall, Knowle, Solihull, West Midlands, B93 0AN



Key Details

Friday 11th December 10.30am to 4pm

Opportunity to step back from the busyness of Christmas preparations to chill and listen to what God is saying.

The day will comprise some **Bible study and reflection**, optional **mindfulness activities**, prayer**, fellowship and fresh air!** You might want to bring your **knitting or a book!**

There will be a **period of silence** during the day to remove external noise and digital distractions so that our busy minds can settle, allowing us to hear our inner voice, process stored emotions, and experience deep self-reflection,

Tickets will cost £5 per head to include a **sandwich lunch** and are available from **Rev Sue Round**

Please also let Sue know of any **dietary requirements**

If you need a lift please speak to Rev Sue Round



New Year treat

Sheldon Hall

A table has been booked

Sunday 3rd January 2027

12.30pm

2 courses

Carvery and dessert

£16.50 per head

Drinks are extra

Secure your place

If you would like to come, please pay a

£5 per head deposit to Rev Sue Round

Payment may be made weekly to Sue, to help spread the cost

This week saw the beginning of a new quinquennial of the General Synod. Below is Bishop Michae's presidential address:

Diocesan Synod Presidential Address
Rt Rev'd Dr Michael Volland
21 November 2026

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.' (Matt 25: 31-32)

On Tuesday this week I was in London for the inauguration of the new quinquennium of the General Synod of the Church of England. Along with our six Birmingham Reps (*and* Andy Winmill, Steven Skakel, Mthr Laura and Chris Booth) I joined almost 500 members of Synod in Westminster Abbey for a Eucharist at which His Majesty the King was present.

After the service we processed across Deans Yard and into the Synod Chamber at Church House. When we were assembled, the King joined us. I was sitting at the front, perhaps 15 feet from His Majesty.

I know he said some important things, because I have subsequently read the text of his speech. But at the time, and in that moment, I'm not entirely sure I was paying proper attention to what the King said. I was simply looking at him, taking in the atmosphere and generally feeling amazed that our King was right there, in the chamber with us.

This Sunday the Church marks the Feast of *Christ* the King. In the gospel reading from Matthew, Jesus paints a picture of the day when he will sit on his throne in glory, surrounded by all his angels. The nations will be gathered before him. That congregation will include you and me, and all those we love and care for. It will be significantly more important than members of Synod gathering at Westminster Abbey with King Charles III. Among the number gathered before King Jesus will be those who come to our churches, attend our schools, and live in our parishes. And Jesus tells us that at that time he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

Unlike my failure to pay proper attention (*in the moment)* to the important things being said by King Charles at Synod, I encourage all of us in Church of England Birmingham to pay close attention to what King Jesus is saying in this reading from Matthew's gospel. And if your response is, *Bishop, I am paying attention!* Then I say to you, *resolve to pay even closer attention*!

And when we pay attention to Jesus in Matthew 25, we hear him say that feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and those in prison are things God values. These are activities to which the church has always been committed. They are integral parts of our Kingdom-shaped mission and not optional add-ons.

Our church communities; made up of those who are being transformed through faith in Jesus, will find they are drawn to do these things *because* the love of God is at work in them and through them. And in doing these things something of the love of God is being shared. This is the church – and each of us as members – attending to the Great Commandment; *To love God with all our heart, and soul, and mind, and strength and to love our neighbour as ourselves*. And alongside all this loving service we are to attend to the Great Commission; to *go and make disciples*; to explicitly speak of the good news of forgiveness of sins and freedom from guilt in Jesus' name. And to do it in such a way as to invite people to put their faith in him. We are to pay attention to *both* of these aspects of Christian ministry; The Great Commandment *and* the Great Commission.

As Church of England Birmingham, we continue to prayerfully pursue our diocesan vision of growing churches at the heart of each community. This was a vision I inherited,

and I'm glad to put my shoulder to the plough alongside all of you as we seek to grow in faith, hope, love *and* in number of disciples. We are prayerfully committed to this strategic vision, and to encouraging and developing our Oversight Areas. These commitments are rooted in faith that the God of hope has given us a vision for this season and that the Holy Spirit is guiding us as we seek to witness to the Good News of Jesus.

Our vision is also rooted in a commitment to engaging with the Five Marks of Mission. Taken together these marks attempt to describe the dynamic mission of God in which the church is called to participate. Proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom and teaching, baptising and nurturing new believers are a distinctive offering for Christians. The hope we have is *in* Jesus and as people meet him and experience his transforming love, the church is built up and strengthened, and we are able to attend more fully to responding to human need by loving service, challenging injustice and safeguarding creation. Together, the five marks of mission capture the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. Together the five marks give shape to the outworking of our Christian faith and discipleship, and I encourage all in Church of England Birmingham to give maximum effort to *all* of these aspects of ministry.

In relation to God's mission, we give thanks for the recently reported rise in adult baptisms. This is something we are seeing in our own diocese. I encourage us to pray for all those taking this public step of faith. And we continue to pray, as we have been, that God would bring *many more* to faith in Jesus Christ so that we see more disciples and the number of baptisms continuing to rise.

Also, in relation to our part in God's mission, right across Church of England Birmingham we continue to undertake our crucial work on safeguarding, racial justice, interfaith engagement, community regeneration, social cohesion, education, and care for creation. In relation to this last area, I am particularly looking forward to presenting a Silver Eco Church Award to All Saints Kings Heath tomorrow! Congratulations to all

who worked hard to achieve this and may it inspire the rest of us to keep going with our own efforts to look after all that God has made.

As you know, on 1 December I will be introduced to the House of Lords. This comes as I give thanks for three years since my consecration as a bishop. To undertake my new responsibilities wisely I need the grace and wisdom of God. I ask for your prayers; that I might undertake this responsibility in a way that pleases God, is a faithful witness to Christ, honours and builds up the Church and contributes to the flourishing of our region and the nation. It will be important to get the balance right between my commitment to the pastoral care of the diocese and the evolving national responsibilities. Again, I ask for your prayers as I endeavour to attend to all that is required of me.

And be assured of my prayers for you, at the heart of which will be that King Jesus gives all those who make up Church of England Birmingham a fresh vision of his glory. As we pay proper attention to him, we will find ourselves growing in faith, hope and love. We will see others recognising his love in our lives and putting their faith in him. And so, with this as our vision, 'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit'.

May it be so. Amen.

For a quiet moment

Twas the night Jesus came and all through the house, not a person was praying, not one in the house.
The Bibles were left on the shelf without care, for no one thought that Jesus would come there. The children were dressing to crawl into bed, not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.
And mom in her rocker with baby in her lap and watching the late show while I took a nap.
When out of the East there rose such a clatter, I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash, tore open the shudders, and lifted the sash! When to my wondering eyes should appear, but Angels proclaiming that Jesus was here!
The people whose names had been written with love He gathered to take to His Father above.
With those who were ready He rose without a sound while all the rest were left standing around. I fell to my knees, but it was too late; I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight; Oh, if only I'd known that this was the night.
In the words of this poem the meaning is clear; The coming of Jesus is now drawing near.
There's only one life and when comes the last call, we'll find that the Bible was true after all

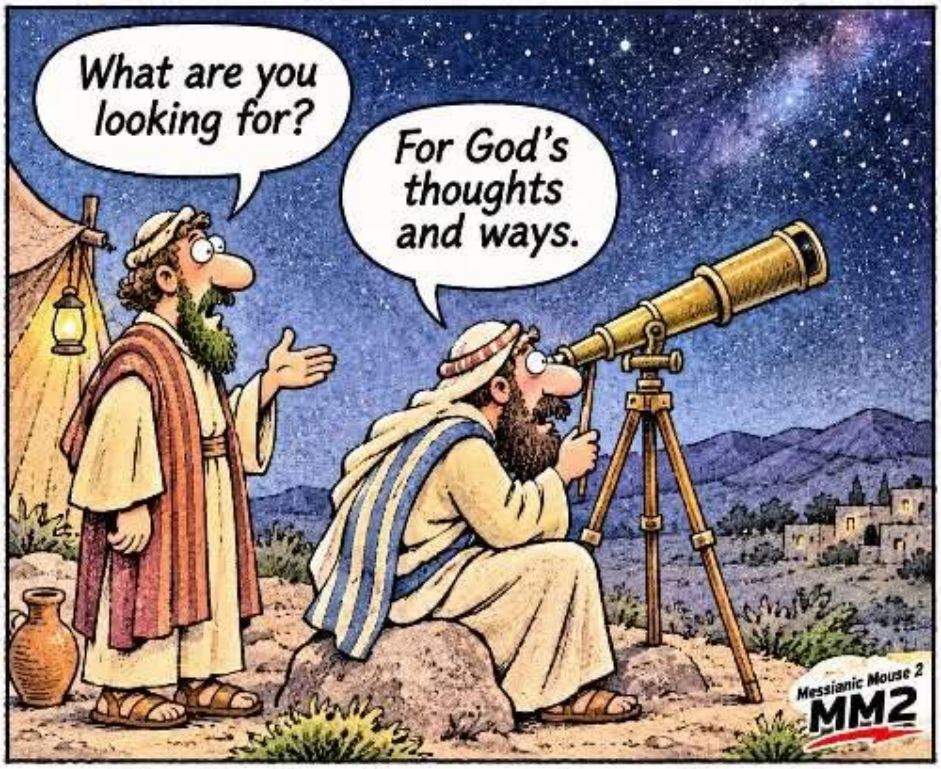


(Wesley Wells)

FUNNY RIDDLES WITH ANSWERS

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Riddle	Answer
What belongs to you but others use it more?	Your name
Why don't skeletons fight each other?	They don't have the guts
What has a head and a tail but no body?	A coin
What has words but never speaks?	A book
Why was the broom late?	It swept in
Why did the tomato turn red?	It saw the salad dressing
What can fill a room but takes no space?	Light
What has four wheels and flies?	A garbage truck
What has a face and two hands but no arms or legs?	A clock
What has a crown but isn't a king?	A tooth



"For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Nor are your ways My ways,"
declares the LORD." — Isaiah 55:9

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Christmas Word Search



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