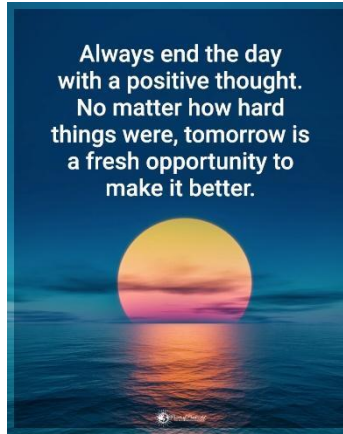


News from St Clement of Alexandria
Green Lane, Castle Bromwich
known locally as St Clements Church



We said goodbye to our Vicar, Revd Fiona Harrison-Smith, on 16th August as she moves to **Brighton** to take up a new post, where she will be licensed and inducted as **The Reverend Fiona Harrison-Smith**. We will all miss her, but we will carry forward everything we have learnt and shared together over the last nearly three years.

St Clement's is a strong, inspiring and welcoming Church, and by moving forward together as "one", we can continue to support each other and the wider community, just as we have done for many years. Communication, with a capital **C**, is very important, and as we move forward together in prayer, our doors will always remain open.

On 18th July, St Clements' annual outing took us to Gloucester. We boarded the coach at 9am and, once we arrived, the day was ours to enjoy, with everyone free to decide how they wanted to spend their time.

As you can imagine, first on the list for many was finding somewhere for a drink, some toast or perhaps even a slice of cake! There was plenty to see and do, from visiting the magnificent Cathedral to exploring Gloucester Quays. The weather was a little hot, but it was a wonderful day, enjoyed by everyone.

Now, I wonder where we will be heading next year!

We have now launched **Project Watertight for 2026/2027**, with the aim of securing funding to carry out essential work on the Church's high roof before the winter. Although St Clements may look modern, it was built in the 1960s and, like any building of its age, it regularly "knocks on the door" for funding. Keeping the Church well maintained is certainly an ongoing challenge, but one that we are committed to meeting together.

We will be celebrating **Harvest** over the weekend of 26th and 27th September, with a Harvest Supper and Bingo on Saturday 26th September, starting at 4pm, followed by our Harvest Festival on Sunday 27th September.

We will also be celebrating **Black History Month** from 1st to 31st October, with a special Celebration on Saturday 24th October, starting at 4pm. There will also be **Cake and a cuppa** after the Service on Sunday 25th October.

Children's Church and all of our Groups, Café and Memory Café will re-open at the beginning of September. Look out for details of our music sessions and easy exercise on our Facebook page. We look forward to welcoming everyone back and seeing some familiar faces once again.

Crafternoon, held every other Tuesday from 2pm to 4pm, will be supporting Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid by making and donating knitted or crochet garments, blankets, hats and gloves. Our Christmas Appeal will also support this worthwhile organisation.

We at St Clements are certainly not rudderless. With God at the helm, and by working together, we can continue to achieve great things and support our Church and wider community.

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For more information about our Church or any of our events, please get in touch with one of our friendly volunteers, who will be happy to help.

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