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



The phrase "When the Lord closes a door, somewhere He opens a window" is a well-known line spoken by the character Maria in the classic movie *The Sound of Music*.

As we move from summer to autumn and then into the dark winter months, so often in life we yearn for what has been rather than embracing what is to come.

Together with St Mary and St Margaret, we said farewell to the Revd Fiona Harrison-Smith and her family on 16th August 2026 with a "get together" (yes, there was cake!) as she embarked on a new phase of her ministry in Brighton.

Once again, we find ourselves in an interregnum, having to "step up" to the challenges that lie ahead while looking forward to the future. How long it will be before we welcome a new incumbent for both Churches is unknown, BUT we are very much OPEN! Our services, groups and events continue, and details of what's happening can be found at the end of this article.

The Mary Bridgeman Tea and Coffee Lounge (known as the café) re-opened after the summer break on Monday 7th September, from 9.30am to 12.30pm, and will continue every Monday (except bank holidays).

The Memory Café re-opened on Thursday 10th September, from 1pm to 2.30pm, with those who attended enjoying the music of Phil England.

The Crafternoon/Twenty21 Group welcomed everyone back on Tuesday 8th September, from 2pm to 4pm. Our current project is supporting Birmingham & Solihull Women's Aid with knitted garments and, at Christmas, with gifts of toiletries and other items.

We will once again be celebrating "Black History Month" with a supper on 24th October, starting at 4pm. Tickets will be £8 and will be on sale shortly.

At the moment, the Church is in "Ordinary Time", so the altar is green, symbolising hope, life and spiritual growth. Ordinary Time is often called the "growing season" of the Church year and, if you look towards nature, that is a very true reflection of what is happening all around us.

Even on the darkest days during the winter months, or during a summer when there is no rain, nature bounces back, and we continue to hope for better days to come.

In a world that can feel so unstable, the love of God remains constant. Through nature, we can see God's love in the beauty of creation, the rhythm of the seasons and the provision for all living creatures.

Remember, a smile costs nothing, and kindness is worth a thousand rainbows!

How to get in touch:

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