

**SERVICES**

**This Week:**

**6.30pm** **Evening Worship**  
Hymns: 236, 335, 19

**Weekdays:**

Mon – Fri 8am Morning Prayer  
Wed 10am Holy Communion  
(followed by Open Church)

**Next Sunday:**

**8.00am** **Dedication**  
**10.00am** **Holy Communion**  
**Readings** 1 Chronicles 26:6-19  
Ephesians 2: 19-22  
John 2: 13-22  
**6.30pm** **Choral Evensong**

Parish of Selly Oak St Mary



**This Week Sheet**

**Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Welcome

We normally have Junior Church at the 10am service.  
If you can't see any children, ask at the door  
and people will advise you.

**Hymns:** 603 790 **506** 451 135

(the collection for the work of the church  
will be taken in the third hymn)

**Collect:**

God of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Readings:**

Jeremiah 18: 1-11  
Philemon 1-21  
Luke 14: 25-33

**For your prayers:**

**Those who are unwell:** Ezra Simms, Brenda Skinner,  
Vicky Tod, Pat Westwood, Linda Carruthers,  
Janet Richards

**Post Communion Prayer:**

God of all mercy,  
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins  
and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole in Christ  
may bring that healing to this broken world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**If you are new to this morning's service:**

If it is your custom to receive the bread and wine in your own church, then you are welcome to do so here. If you would rather not receive, you can keep your hands down for a blessing.

You may wish to remain in your seat, which is also fine.

**Stay for refreshments after the 10am service if you can.**

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If you wish to support the work of the church financially, you can be part of the 'envelope scheme' or set up a Standing Order. You can also fill out a Gift Aid Declaration to increase the value of the gift. See wardens for information. Here are our account details:

**PCC St Mary's Church Selly Oak**  
**HSBC Account number: 41565818**  
**Sort code: 40-11-20**

**Parish ministry team**

Clergy

Revd Jayne Adams 07894 167552

Revd David Parker 0121 445 1901/07532 338961

Licensed Reader

Mary Cutler 0121 472 3343

Church Wardens

George Harrison: 07831 573169 Martin Sorby 07982 850 444

Bookings for weddings and baptisms: Weds 6.15-7.15pm

Bellringing practice: Weds 7.30-9pm.

*If you have any notices to add to the TWS, please email sarahjherbert@aol.com.*

## **Diary Dates**

### **September**

Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Wedding
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Bereavement Group
	7.30pm	Way Group
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Wedding
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Bible study
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Baptism Group
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Coffee morning

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**The Way Group (Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Sep)** 7.30pm at 36 Innage Road, B31 2DU: "A Book that has Inspired Me."

**Bible Study (Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Sep)** Bible study sessions will resume after our summer break on Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Sept, 10.30am at 166 Sellywood Road. We will be continuing with Wm. Barclay *The Gospel of Luke*, Ch 17: 11-371, pp. 257-262; *The Rarity of Gratitude and The Signs of his Coming*. We would hope to start on Ch. 18: 1-14, pp. 262- 267; *Unworn in Prayer* and *The Sin of Pride*. All Welcome.

**Coffee morning (Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Sep)** The next coffee morning will take place at the home of George and Helen Harrison, 11 Hollister Drive, Harborne.

**Book Group (Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct)** 7.30pm at 9 Bridgewater Court, to discuss Rumer Godden's *In this House of Brede*.

**Stamps wanted** We will soon be preparing for our annual Memorial Service, inviting the families and friends of those whose funerals David or I conducted in the last year. To enable us to send invitations, we would be grateful for donations of postage stamps. Donated stamps can be put in the small box at the back of church, on the table by the hymn and service books on Sunday mornings. Our ministry to those who are bereaved is an important part of outreach and witness at St Mary's, and being able to touch lives of those who grieve is important. With thanks. *Jayne*

### **New Vicar Update**

Interviews for the post of new vicar are scheduled for Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. We will be looking for members of the congregation to participate in aspects of this day so if you think you might be interested please pencil it in your diary.

### **Birmingham Diocesan Course for Developing Disciples (3D)**

Application forms for 2019-20 3D course are available at the back of church - highly recommended for those wanting to explore their faith deeper. See David for further information.

### **Children's Bibles needed**

Christian Life Church are appealing for used copies of Children's Bibles, for their Drop in Centre. If you are an adult who has never had the opportunity to read the Bible the children's edition can be any easy and enjoyable introduction to the scriptures. If you have a copy of a Children's or Young Person's Bible please consider donating it to CLC – in St Mary's, bibles can be left beside the Food Bank container. *Helen*

### **Retreat (Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Oct)**

The Way Group has organised a Retreat at St Mary's Convent, Handsworth, on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 10am to 4pm, to be led by Sister Brigid (who preached to us in March). The cost, including drinks and lunch, will be £20 each. Anyone wishing to attend would be very welcome to join in. Please sign the sheet at the back of church. *Pat Finney*

### **The readings**

Jeremiah is sent to watch a potter, who, dissatisfied with his work, takes the lump of clay and remoulds it. God warns Israel this might happen to them - God created Adam from earth, and we all return it: Israel's life and future is in God's hands. We may feel many factors have moulded us - our upbringing, the times we live in, the place we come from, our own individual quirks. We should make sure that God is one of those influences.

Paul's letters were designed to be read aloud to the newly born churches: sermons, theology, philosophy lectures, poetry readings, even. But this charming note is a personal letter, and we glimpse the private and the human side of Paul - warm, grateful, clearly very fond of both the slave and his master, holding them in equal esteem. They are his friends; he's hoping to foster good relations between them. Paul was crucial to the founding of the early church. It's good to be reminded he achieved this, not just through his public teaching, but by trying to live out this teaching. In Christ there is no slave or free. Paul is a piece of clay remoulded by the love of God to someone very different from the Saul he used to be. But what price did he pay for it? We may imagine he lost his family, friends, standing in the world, all that was precious to him. In the Gospel today Jesus warns that the same may be demanded of us. Following him will have inevitable costs which we have to take seriously. We may be changed in ways we haven't anticipated or wanted. We, too, may have to be remoulded. *Mary Cutler*