

SERVICES THIS WEEK

This week:

Sunday 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Weekdays:

Mon – Fri 8.30am Morning Prayer
Weds 10.00am Holy Communion
(followed by open church)

Next Sunday:

8.00am **Trinity 2**
10.00am Holy Communion
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Readings:

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9: 51-62

Supporting ministry and mission at St Mary's

It costs about £1,600 a week to run St Mary's. If you would like to support the work of the church by regular monthly donations, please consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme. Forms are available at the back of church, or you can sign up by phone on 0333 002 1260 or online at parishgiving.org.uk. Donations can also be made by bank transfer to PCC St Mary's Church Selly Oak, sort code 40-11-20, account number 41565818. A Gift Aid declaration will add 25% to the value of your donations without cost to you – please ask a warden for a form.

Parish ministry team

Clergy

Revd Hazel White – 0121 4713517

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

Please note: Hazel usually observes Friday as her day off.

If you have any notices to add to the TWS, please email sarahjherbert@aol.com by the end of Tuesday for inclusion in the following Sunday's edition.

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*St Mary's is here to proclaim and celebrate
the love of God for all.*

Parish of Selly Oak St Mary



TWS

This Week Sheet

Welcome

First Sunday of Trinity

Sunday 19th June 2022

Hymns: 421 380 635 460 827

Collect:

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen.

Readings:

Isaiah 65:1-9
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

Post Communion Prayer:

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For your prayers:

Those who are unwell: Chris Dukes, Rosemarie Okot,
Diana Smith, Vicky Todd, Pat Westwood

Those who have died: Kathryn Farrow

If you would like to be added to our prayer list, or know someone else who would like our prayers, please email sarahjherbert@aol.com or speak to one of the clergy.

Church of England Birmingham Praying Together:
<https://www.cofebirmingham.com/being-a-christian/cofeb-praying-together/church-of-england-birmingham-praying-together-june-2022/church-of-england-birmingham-praying-together--june-2022.php>

Diary dates

June

Sun 19 th	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Mon 20 th	7pm	Fabric Committee
Mon 27 th	7pm	Ministry Team

July

Tues 5 th	7pm	Standing Committee
Sat 9 th	3pm	Summer Tea Party
Sun 10 th	12 noon	Baptisms
Thurs 14 th	1pm	Cherry Tree School visit to Church
Fri 15 th	1.45pm	University of Birmingham School visit to Church
Sat 16 th	tbc	Organists' Association meeting in Church
Sun 17 th	10am	All Age Eucharist

Keeping safe

For everyone's safety, we ask that we revert to the practice of accessing the church toilet via the path around the outside of church, and not via the choir vestry & steps.

We are now able to reintroduce the chalice at all Eucharistic services for those who would like to receive communion in both kinds. Until our Eucharistic assistants have all been re-authorised and trained, the ministry team will administer at the 10am on Sundays. There is no pressure to receive the chalice, and for those who do not wish to do so, please be assured that your communion is no less valid. Please note that intinction is not permitted under CofE guidance.

Welcoming our Curate

Please pray for Jacob Pallett as he prepares for his ordination and to join us as Curate. Jacob's first Sunday with us is Sunday 26th June, and we will welcome him in true St Mary's style with cake and prosecco after the 10am service. Do plan to come along, and we would also welcome contributions of cakes.

Jacob's ordination as deacon

The Cathedral have asked if it would be possible for us to supply a steward for the ordination service at the Cathedral on Saturday 25th June. You would need to arrive at 1430 for a briefing from the Cathedral wardens. In particular, you would be involved in inviting people to Communion.

Car boot sale

Many thanks to all who helped with the Car Boot Sale, a fantastic £874 for church funds was raised.

For community and families

St Gabriel's Weoley Castle invite us to join them for games and craft activities in the park known as 'the duck pond' on the corner of Castle Road and Shenley Fields Road from 1.30pm to 3.30pm on Sundays June 19th, July 10th & August 14th. All are welcome.

Coffee morning

Carole and John Surtees on Thursday 23rd June 2022, 10.30 to 12.00. Everyone is welcome to come and have a coffee (or tea) and a catch-up.

Twenty Questions Jesus Asked

In this book by John Pritchard, twenty questions that Jesus asked are examined, together with reflections on their significance for us as modern Christians today. Group discussions based on chapters from this book will be on Tuesday mornings 21st and 28th June 10-11.30am, or Thursday evenings 23rd and 30th June 7.30-9pm. Sign up lists are at the back of church.

Foodbank update: current shortages are tinned meat - spam, ham, corned beef, squash, instant meals - microwave rice, pot noodles, sugar, coffee, rice, shampoo, ladies, deodorant, wet wipes, toothpaste. Donations appreciated.

Book Group - Wednesday 29th June, 7.30pm

All welcome, join us at Bridgewater Court for our next Book Group, when we will be discussing *Killing Floor* by Lee Child. I can't remember now how we arrived at this choice, but it should be a rather different read from *Women of Holy Week!*

Kate

Summer Tea Party - Saturday 9th July

Please join us for cream teas, cake and some light entertainment outside church from 3pm. If anyone has any items suitable for a tombola or raffle, please could you bring them to church before Sunday 3rd July. We will also be asking for donations of cake and scones nearer the time.

The Readings

Today's readings remind us of the wideness of God's love.

The passage from Isaiah almost seems to encapsulate the Old Testament in a few verses: it depicts God's longing for relationship with Israel, how he holds out his hands to a rebellious people who perversely resort to strange religious practices instead of returning his love, and culminates with a promise that despite this his love and blessing will always be available to those who are faithful.

In the second reading Paul declares that this promise has been fulfilled, and not just for the Jewish people – through faith in Christ all can be heirs to Abraham, regardless of ethnicity, gender or social status.

The gospel illustrates this – it is a story of healing, but takes place on the far side of the Sea of Galilee, and the man healed was not a Jew but a Gerasene. After his healing, he begged to accompany Jesus but was told "Return to your home and declare how much God has done for you" – this is perhaps the first example of evangelism to non-Jews.

David