

**PRAYER
FOCUS**



We pray for those who are ill - having treatment, tests or in any need of God's love; Mark Davis, Colin Benton, Betty Gorman, Sue Parry, Brian Smith, Pauline Corbett, John Jones, Jason Jones, Ann Smith, Hamish Ireland, George Gascoyne, Laurie and Maureen Allen, Irene Cox, Peter Garner, Lorri Withers, Trevor Edgell, Rachel Gidney, Jake, Maureen Dew, Mary Booth, Aileen Band, Ruth and Jim Wood and all known to us.

Please keep in your prayers the friends and family of those who have recently died; Val Hunt Stan Markall

Please pray for: Rory and Sarah McDermott and baby Leo following their Renewal of Wedding vows and the Thanksgiving for baby Leo at Holy Trinity yesterday.

Prayer focus for October

Heavenly Father, as we celebrate the changing of the seasons, the fruitfulness of Autumn and the bounty of the earth: give us thankful hearts that are mindful of the needs of others, give us generous hearts that share whatever we have with those in need and give us faithful hearts that reach out to you trusting in your plan and seeking your will for your world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For Sunday 10th October

Father, help me this week to join in with creation and sing your song: to fill the earth with songs of worship and tell the wonders of creation's king. Amen

(Adapted from "Creation sings" by Stuart Townend)

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Sheri's Rest Day is usually a Tuesday
The Church Office at the Trinity Centre is open between 9.30am and 1pm Mondays and Thursdays**

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, LICKEY
with ST. CATHERINE'S, BLACKWELL**

10th October 2021 - Harvest Thanksgiving

COLLECT

*Faithful Lord,
Whose steadfast love never ceases,
And whose mercies never come to an end;
Grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
New every morning
In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

TODAY'S READINGS

1 Timothy 2, 6 v 6-10
Matthew 6 v 25-33

**TODAY'S
SERVICES
10.00am**

**HOLY COMMUNION WITH CHILDREN'S
GROUPS (STCATHERINE'S) – HARVEST
THANKSGIVING**

Our Harvest Service will begin (if dry) in the Community Garden and we'll hear more about the garden from Katie during our service. Harvest gifts will be taken to Newstarts. Newstarts has a food bank as one element of wider support for the homeless, those at risk and those in need. <https://newstarts.org.uk/>

4pm – 6pm

Parish Council Best Front Gardens Prize Giving
(Holy Trinity)

THIS WEEK			
Monday	11th	10.30 - 12	Coffee, Cake and Chat (Holy Trinity)
Wednesday	13th	10.00am	Holy Communion (Holy Trinity)
Wednesday	13th	11.15am- 12.45pm	Tiny Church Stay and Play (Holy Trinity)
Wednesday	13th	7.30pm	The Happiness Lab (The Wheel)
Thursday	14th	10.30am	Funeral of Stanley Markall (Holy Trinity)
Friday	15th	10.30 - 12noon	Coffee, Cake Chat (The Wheel)
Friday	15th	11.30am	Funeral of Valerie Hunt (Holy Trinity)
Friday	15th	6.45pm	Memorial Service to mark baby loss (St. Catherine's)
Saturday	16th	4-5pm	Drop in Session for those enquiring about Baptism or Marriage (The Wheel)

NEXT SUNDAY – 17th October 2021

**10.00 am HOLY COMMUNION with CHILDREN'S GROUPS
(Holy Trinity): Safeguarding Sunday
6.30 – 8pm United Soulmates (Crypt Lickey Church)**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MIDWEEK COMMUNION: Our 10am Wednesday service returned to Holy Trinity Lickey on Wednesday 6th October. If you prefer a quieter, shorter service of Holy Communion then this service is for you. All are welcome, why not give it a try.

HOME COMMUNION: If you are not yet worshipping with us in church due to feeling nervous of being with others, or due to frailty or long term ill health then you can request a monthly visit from our Home Communion Team. Our Home Communion Team visit in pairs, providing prayers, news and greetings from your church family as well as bringing Communion from the main service to share in together in the comfort of your home. Our Home Communion Team are Mel and Alicia Hartland, Jan Munro, Mary Jones, Michael Bland, Maggie Forknell, Judy Waller and Keith Parsons. If you would appreciate a monthly visit please be in touch with Sheri 0121 445 1185.

DROP IN SESSIONS AT THE WHEEL FOR THOSE ENQUIRING ABOUT MARRIAGE OR BAPTISM

4pm - 5pm Saturday 16th Oct. 10am - 11am Saturday 6th Nov.
4pm - 5pm Saturday 4th December

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE – SUNDAY 7th NOVEMBER at 4pm in Holy Trinity Church. – A service to remember those who have recently died or who have died in the past. Please let Churchwardens Mel or Andrew or Sandra in the office know if you would like someone's name read out at the service. lickeyoffice@btinternet.com 0121 445 1425.

Community Garden St. Catherine's : The garden at St. Catherine's is now well established – it is for everyone, so please visit it whenever you can. We are currently looking for any contributions of bulbs, or any autumn/winter planting food items – so if you have anything you can

contribute, please speak to Emma Armstrong or Marie Tiffany or just drop off any contributions – there is a box at the far corner of the garden.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: 17th October is Racial Justice Sunday. We are invited to join Christians from across Birmingham for a service 16:00 – 17:40 St Andrew's Stadium, Birmingham City FC, Cattell Rd, Birmingham B9 4RL, UK <https://www.time4change.uk/events>

CHRISTMAS FAIR: Due to the uncertainty of winter and the lack of volunteers we are sadly unable to run this year's Christmas Fair. Instead we hope to offer some Christmas stalls during Coffee Cake and Chat in early December. Watch this space.

T4U SHOEBOXES: If you would like to gift a shoebox to children (or mothers) in one of the poorest areas of Eastern Europe, please help yourself to a pamphlet from the back of church and a flatpack shoebox if required. Boxes need to be returned by the first week in November. Filled boxes can be left at the back of either church. If you would like your box to be collected from your home please email me on suedavies44@btinternet.com or call 07961 382 985.

MAINTENANCE SUPPORT: As a church family we have a number of different sites in our care; Holy Trinity, St Catherine, The Trinity Centre, The Wheel and The Cemetery Extension and Coffin Walk. As a PCC we recognise that we simply do not have the volunteers to care for all of these sites sufficiently. As such we have agreed to advertise a contract for six hours a week working across all sites. Tasks will include hedge cutting, leaf clearing, unblocking drains and gutters, odd jobs as required etc. We recognise that this role will impact our finances however in order to keep the different sites safe and presentable we do not have any other option. There is enough work for a full time position however that is not within our budget, we hope that six hours a week, alongside our existing faithful volunteers will make a huge difference. Please chat to Churchwardens Mel or Andrew to find out more or to offer practical or financial support.

OFFICE MANAGER: Following a dedicated 35 years in post Sandra Smith has given notice of her retirement at the end of the year in preparation for her 70th birthday. Sandra's faithful ministry has been valued by the whole church family and wider community. We will be celebrating Sandra in December - watch this space!