

**PRAYER
FOCUS**



We pray for those who are ill - having treatment, tests or in any need of God's love; Emma Brookman, Colin Benton, Betty Gorman, Sue Parry, Pauline Corbett, Ann Smith, Hamish Ireland, Irene Cox, Peter Garner, Lorri Withers, Trevor Edgell, Jake, Aileen Band, Ruth and Jim Wood, Dion Coates, Alistair Grubb, Alice, Wesley and Barnaby, Vicky, Marlene Hunt, Tim Hardwick, Maureen Dew, Elwyn Griffiths, Catherine Beresford, Cathy, Dick and Joyce, Judith Stephenson, John Yates and all known to us.

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

Kathleen Cross

Prayer focus for September;

Loving God we pray for all involved in education: for those in the forefront of delivery, those supporting behind the scenes and students and scholars of all ages, some starting in new places and some who return to familiar ones. Will you reach out in love and grant to them all your guidance, strength and support that they may put behind them the struggles and difficulties of recent months which brought extra demands and added responsibility and enable them to look forward with renewed enthusiasm to reach their full potential. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Prayer for Sunday 25th September

Loving God, we pray for all who are suffering from physical, emotional or mental illness. Help them to see you through their pain, to be aware of your presence with them and give them courage to face their future whatever that may bring. Amen

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SUNDAY 25th September

COLLECT

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

TODAY'S READINGS

**1 Samuel 17 v1 -11, (pg227)
 v32-37 (pg228)
 Matthew 28 v16-20 (pg812)**

TODAY'S SERVICES

<i>WORLD LINK Mission Partner Sunday IcFEM Kenya</i>	9.00am	<u>St Catherine</u> Holy Communion with groups for children
	10.30pm 1.30pm 6.30pm	<u>Holy Trinity</u> Morning Praise with Groups for children Cycle Church (riding from Holy Trinity) United Soul Mates (The Crypt)
NEXT WEEK Monday 26 th	9.30am 10.30-12noon	Jolly Phonics Music Class, Erin James (Holy Trinity) Coffee Cake and Chat (Holy Trinity)
Wednesday 28 th	10.00am 11.15am 7pm	Midweek Communion (Holy Trinity) Tiny Church Stay and Play (Holy Trinity) Fast Forward Youth Group (The Crypt HT)
Friday 30 th	10.30am	Coffee Cake and Chat (The Wheel)
<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u> <u>2nd October</u>		
	9.00am	<u>St Catherine</u> Holy communion with activity table for children
	6.30pm (Coffee Served 6pm)	<u>Holy Trinity</u> Informal Worship (Holy Trinity)

IcFEM Mission Kenya – Dinner **CHANGE OF DATE**

Saturday 12th November 2022 7.00pm at Barnt Green Parish Centre

We are really sorry but regret that due to unforeseen circumstances we are having to change the date of our dinner. It will be 4 weeks later than originally planned but the same time, venue and menu. We hope you can still join us for another lovely 4 course dinner in aid of the IcFEM mission in Kenya. Menu and tickets at £15pp can be obtained from:

Judith Stephenson : 0121 445 2918 : 07708799853 :

stephensonsaway@yahoo.co.uk

or Alison Marshman : 0121 445 3802 : amarshman@msn.com

This is an event we organise across our two neighbouring parishes and this year it is being hosted in Barnt Green but please do support and join us.

Why not make it a really good night out and invite family and friends to accompany you? We can accommodate tables of any number but would love tables of eight. To help us please book early – menu choices are needed by Monday 7th November at the latest please. Payment can be made by cash on the night or prior to the event to Alison or myself. Sorry for any inconvenience caused by our change of date.

Many thanks Judith.

Sunday 3rd October 3pm - 5pm Coffee and Cake afternoon for Primrose Hospice. The New Cofton Village Hall, B45 8PD, £1 on the door £5 limitless coffee/tea and a generous slice of cake. £10 box of 4 to take away.

Andrew Hodge is doing a sterling job in his role of churchwarden alongside his full time work as a lawyer, however we really need another churchwarden to work alongside him to share the tasks more fairly. Church Wardens have specific responsibilities within the parish. As legal guardians of church property and leaders with the Bishop and Incumbent, Churchwardens are honoured lay ministers. They are called to:

- represent the church family and work with the incumbent for the mission and ministry of the parish
 - promote unity, peace and spiritual growth through their example and encouragement
 - be present and ensure good order and welcome during worship and other events
 - have responsibility for the buildings and goods of the church
 - take a lead during vacancies alongside the Area Dean
- Churchwardens commit to serving for a period of three years.

You can stand for the post of church warden if you are on the electoral roll, are a regular communicant, are over 21 years of age, are able to be a charity trustee and undertake a DBS and Safeguarding training.

Bolivia Link Regular Zoom Call

It was a delight to welcome Bishop Walter and Mrs Adela Toro to the parish on 15th August.

Our parish will have a particular relationship with Cristo Redentor and Cristo Salvador, the two Anglican Congregations in La Paz. We keep the connection by periodic zoom meetings with 2 or 3 people in attendance from both sides. The pattern so far with inter-congregational zooms is that after the initial greetings and introductions we share news of each other's situations and ministries. After that we share in prayer. Typically the zoom would last about an hour, we have two or three participants from La Paz and two or three from the parish here. To cope with time difference zooms are held on a midweek afternoon. Alison Marshman and Sheri Gidney will be 2 of the 3 representing the parish here, however we are looking to build a team of interested 'third' people who would like to take it in turns to be on the call. Please let Alison or Sheri know if this is you!

Bolivia Link Visit

The purpose of the trip is for Birmingham link Parishes to visit their link church in Bolivia and through two way sharing and learning strengthen the partnership. Would you like to visit La Paz in person to strengthen our link as part of this Diocesan Trip? Some aspects for individuals to consider: - Are you keen to learn about another culture? - Would you like to meet and share with Christians in another part of the world to share in the worship and witness of the church? - Do you have a particular interest in Bolivia? - Are you willing to share what you've learnt with your home parish and play an active part in continuing the link with Bolivia on your return?

Some practical information; - The trip would take place in July / August 2023 - The duration of the trip would be 16 / 17 days - There is some funding available but some self-funding or fund raising would be required. The deadline for an expression of interest is Thursday 20th October. This enquiry would be followed up with further conversations.

As followers of Jesus, each one of us is responsible for growing our relationship with God both on our own and together with others. As a church family we already offer many

different ways to do this recognising that we all learn in different ways and have different learning styles and availability. We also continue to offer options via zoom. Recently groups have changed, or members have moved away, or you might simply find yourself ready for a change. We are relaunching a range of options this September. Please make the most of them.

Please see additional sheet at the back of church for further details.

Please mark your diaries for 'A Welly Walk with Forest Activities' for all ages, Saturday 8th October 10:30 - 11:30. More details to follow. Please think about neighbours, friends and family members that you could invite along. See leaflets at the back of church.

