

PRAYER FOCUS



We pray for those who are ill - having treatment, tests or in any need of God's love;

Emma Brookman, Sue Parry, Pauline Corbett, Hamish Ireland, Irene Cox, Peter Garner, Lorri Withers, Jake, Aileen Band, Ruth and Jim Wood, Alistair Grubb, Alice, Wesley and Barnaby, Vicky, Maureen Dew, Cathy, Dick and Joyce, Susan Dean, and all known to us.

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

Colin Benton, Pam Kinchin, Sue Davies

Prayer focus for January;

Loving God, you make all things new and promise that the former things will pass away. We call on you in this New Year: to exile hunger and starve the greed that feeds economic inequality; silence lies, and expose the power structures which they uphold; declare wars over, and help us to delight in ways to share resources; interrupt silence and dismantle the privilege it justifies. Let all these former things pass away and in the fertile ground left behind in their passing, let us sow compassion and reap justice. Amen

Prayer for 22nd January:

Dear Father in heaven, grant us the inner quiet we need so that we may come into your presence and hear you speak, forgetting all the things that try to force themselves upon us. May we experience your true and living support. Keep our hearts glad and thankful for everything, even in grief, anxiety, and suffering. In this thankfulness we can remain with you always. Amen

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Please note; Sheri's Rest Day is usually a Tuesday.

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Our Sunday sermons are now online do make the most of them

www.lickeychurch.com


SUNDAY 22nd January

COLLECT

**God of all mercy,
Your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit, and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen**

TODAY'S READINGS

**1 Cor 1 v10-18 (pg 926)
Matthew 4 v12-23 (pg 785)**

<u>TODAY'S SERVICES</u>		<u>St Catherine</u> NO SERVICE
		<u>Holy Trinity</u> Morning Praise with groups for children and special guest Overseas Mission Partner Heather Johnstone Cup of Tea with Heather (The Vicarage)
	10am	
	3pm	
<u>NEXT WEEK</u>		
Monday 23rd	9.45am 10.30-12pm 1.15pm	Jolly Phonics with Erin James (Holy Trinity) Coffee Cake and Chat (Holy Trinity) Funeral of Colin Benton (Redditch Crematorium)
Wednesday 25th	10.00am 11.15am 8pm	Midweek Communion (Holy Trinity) Tiny Church Stay and Play (Holy Trinity) Alpha (on zoom)
Thursday 26th	3pm	Interment of Ashes Colin Benton
Saturday 28th	9.30am-12 noon	PCC Morning (Trinity Centre Meeting Room)
<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u> 29th January		<u>St Catherine</u> NO SERVICE
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Safeguarding Sunday</div>	10.00am	<u>Holy Trinity</u> Holy Communion with groups for children

Very sad news, Sue Davies passed away very peacefully on Wednesday 18th January, Peter and family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, kindness, and prayers.

We are delighted that Birmingham City Council has decided to drop Parking Charges for the Lickey Hills Parks

Week of Christian Unity An opportunity to worship with others this week; Tuesday 24th January 12noon St Chads Rubery and 7pm at no 4 Arden Road Frankley (next to the fish and chip shop)
Wednesday 10am Holy Trinity Lickey and 7pm an online service of Night Prayer from St.Chad's via zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83949233757?pwd=YmFUNWRNUkNxL3UwdXNFYVZlVFpOdz09> Meeting ID: 839 4923 3757 / Password: 547738

Plaster work with high scaffolding is taking place inside St Catherine from 9th January for up to 3 weeks. For safety reasons, please stay out of the church building during this time.

Church heating - we are looking for someone to set the heating at Holy Trinity. It's a 5 minute job each autumn/ winter week. Please email Lickeyoffice@btinternet.com if you're able to help.

Are you able to join the Church Welcome Rota - greeting people as they arrive for Sunday Worship? Please speak to Jane Price for further information.

COMMON THREAD Common Thread is returning to the Wheel on the third Friday of each month, 10am until noon. We have 4 sessions planned to start but if you have your own project feel free to bring it along. January 20th Card making, February 24th Sewing apron making, March 17st Egg Decorating, April 21st Jewellery making – see Dianne Galkowska

Roger Jones & the CMM Choir will be performing 3 Wise Camels at St Stephens Church, Rednal on 4th February at 4pm - 5pm. No charge but there is a collection at the end.

Our PCC are meeting together on Saturdays 21st and 28th January to take stock of where we are and focus on the year ahead. Please be praying for these important meetings.

Quiz Night Coming Soon – Saturday 4th February, details to follow

Alpha : Tackling Life's Questions This year has caused us to ask different questions and reflect on life in very different ways. Are you interested in exploring what you believe, finding out more about the Christian faith, and looking afresh at the place God has in your life? If so, the Alpha Course could be for you. Alpha is a series of ten weekly meetings which has helped lots of people, locally and around the world, to reflect on what they believe and deepen their faith. Each session includes watching a short film filled with different viewpoints and real -life situations and then an opportunity to discuss and ask questions. No previous knowledge is assumed – just an interest and willingness to explore together! The next Alpha begins 8pm – 9:30pm on Zoom on Wednesday 11th January. If you are interested, or know someone who might be contact Sheri on 0121 445 1185 sherigidney@gmail.com www.alpha.org
Are you able to support Alpha with dedicated prayer or as a small group leader? Please be in touch with Sheri to let her know.

Volunteers Needed for Church Visits - Do you have a current church DBS for children? Support is needed to run 5-6 activities for the following visits.
Friday 10th February 9:30am - 11:30am at St Catherine Church RE visit by Blackwell First School Reception Class.
Tuesday 21st March 4:45pm - 9:30pm at Holy Trinity Church visit by 1st Lickey Beavers, Cubs and Scout for their Faith Badge and Community Badge
Please be praying for these visits and if you are eligible to volunteer please do with Sheri.

Ash Wednesday and Lent Course 2023 - Ash Wednesday will be marked at 10am on Wednesday 22nd February at Holy Trinity with a Service of Communion and Imposition of Ashes and will be led by Rev Colin Corke.
We will be joining in with the National Church of England Lent Course - Dust and Glory -This Lent we are all invited to explore how we can live well with the mess of everyday life. Dust and Glory encourages us to take a fresh look at the frustrations and failings that every day brings and, rather than pretending we can always avoid them, seek to learn from them and grow closer to God through them. Booklets are £2 each, they include a daily reading and reflection and can be ordered from Sheri in advance, you can find a preview here.
<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2023-01/Dust%20and%20Glory%20Sample%20Pages%20Adults%20Booklet.pdf>
If you are part of a homegroup, you might like to use the resource there, however there is also the invitation to meet together weekly for an hour in The Wheel from 3pm - 4pm on Thursday 2nd March until Thursday 6th April inclusive to discuss our shared learning together over a cup of tea.