

**PRAYER
FOCUS**



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

Emma Brookman, Sue Parry, Hamish Ireland, Irene Cox, Lorri Withers, Jake, Aileen Band, Ruth and Jim Wood, Alice, Wesley and Barnaby, Vicky, Cathy, Dennis, Laurie and Maureen Allen, John Marshman, Trixie Green, Kenny Philips, Maureen Yates, Bernie, Dai, Ray Carver, Chris Pritchard, Diane Brookman, Shirley Fairbairn, Diane Lambert, Maurice Hughes, Jimmy Green, Gillian Jones, His Majesty The King, Catherine Princess of Wales and all known to us.

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

Anthony Laventine, Vernon Green

Prayer focus for April

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the promise of new beginnings and the renewal of life that this season brings. Just as the earth awakens from its winter slumber, help us to embrace the opportunities for growth and transformation that lie before us. Amen

Prayer for 28th April

Good Father who hears the cries of the poor, we pray for a world where everyone has enough to eat, a safe place to live, access to education and healthcare, and dignity and respect for who they are. Inspire and uphold them, so that all they do is rooted in your love. Amen

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

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, LICKEY with ST. CATHERINE, BLACKWELL

SUNDAY 28th April

Today's Readings

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
Your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

**Acts 8 v26-end (Pg 892)
John 15 v1-8 (Pg 878)**

<u>TODAY'S SERVICES</u>		
APCM	10.00am	<u>St Catherine</u> Joint service of Holy Communion with groups for children, Followed by APCM
	6.30pm	<u>Holy Trinity</u> United Soulmates and Fast Forward youth groups (The Crypt)
	6pm-7.30pm	Preparation for Confirmation and Baptism (on Zoom)
<u>NEXT WEEK</u>		
Monday 29th	9.45am 10.30am 8pm	Jolly Phonics Music Class (Holy Trinity) Coffee Cake and Chat (Holy Trinity) Parents and Prayer (on zoom)
Tuesday 30th	7.15pm	Start Course (The Crypt, Holy Trinity)
Wednesday 1st May	10.00am 11.15am 3pm	Midweek Communion (Holy Trinity) Tiny Church Stay and Play (Holy Trinity) Holy Communion (Cofton Park Manor)
Thursday 2nd	12.30pm 6.30am-10pm	Buffet Lunch (The vicarage) Polling Station (The Wheel)
Saturday 4th	12noon-2pm	Walks with Louise (Outside Holy Trinity)
<u>Sunday 5th May</u>		
	10.00am	<u>St Catherine</u> Holy Communion
	6.30pm	<u>Holy Trinity</u> Evening Praise

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

St Stephen's Rednal-Mini Concert – 2 May 2024 Please join us on Thursday, 2 May 2024 for a recital from Alice Whitten. Alice is an accomplished musician who plays piano and violin, sings and conducts, so who knows what delights she may have in store for us! Expect an eclectic mix from the classical/vocal canon...Coffee and biscuits are available from 11am with music from 11.15 – 11.45am. The concert is free, with donations, if you are able, being gratefully received for the Roof Appeal.

Birmingham Spring Convention At The Priory Rooms Bull Street in Birmingham city centre.

Can you support Rachel and Sheri - we'd love to see your smiley faces in the congregation? During the Friday evening session Rachel will be sharing her call to overseas mission work with IcFEM in Kenya and getting ready for a move in 2025. Sheri is the service leader for the Friday evening session.

FRIDAY 10th May at 7.30pm

Session 1: Invincible Joy - Philippians 1:12-26

Mission focus - Rachel's Story

SATURDAY 11th May at 11am

11am Session 2: Courageous Perseverance - Philippians 3:12-21

12.15pm Choice of 3 seminars *Habits of Wellbeing* Ruth Rice, Renew

Wellbeing, *Mission on the Margins* Elle Warrenner-Davis, Derby City

Mission, *Challenges and Opportunities in Education* Daniela Martines, The Christian Institute

1pm Bring Your Own Lunch

2pm Choice of 3 seminars (repeated)

3pm Session 3: Supernatural Peace - Philippians 4:1-13

Speaker **Paul Mallard** was called to ministry in 1982 and has served in churches in Chippenham, Worcester, Birmingham and Bath. He is an established speaker, including for the Keswick Convention. Now based in Birmingham again, he is FIEC's Director for the West Midlands and Chair of its Theology Team.

IcFEM Dreamland Mission Partners Kenya

Solomon and Ruth Nabie, Directors of IcFEM in Kenya are visiting the UK in May.

To celebrate our fellowship and provide some practical support we are having a fundraising BBQ at Pip and Doug Simkiss' home on Saturday 18 May 12 noon till 4pm.

Tickets are £15 in advance and all from Barnt Green, Cofton Hacket, Lickey and Blackwell parishes are welcome. We have also invited supporters from the wider area. This will be a great opportunity to hear news from Kenya and to chat with Solomon and Ruth plus Aiden, IcFEM operations manager. Please add the date to your diary.

Solomon and Ruth will be interviewed by Rachel during our joint morning service at 10am Sunday 19th May at St Catherine.

Solomon and Ruth will be attending Coffee, Cake and Chat on Monday 20th May

A new homegroup for men will be starting in May. Based in The Wheel on Wednesday evenings and led by Jim Bevan and Mel Hartland, this group will include a Bible Study and Praying for each other. It's a place to deepen your faith and get to know others in the church family better. Please let Mel or Jim know if you'd like to join them or email mel.hartland@talk21.com

Calling all gardeners! For **Christian Aid week** in May we are planning a plant sale again to raise funds. Please bear us in mind with your planting and sowing at this time of year! Any seedlings and cuttings, annuals and perennials, house and garden plants will be greatly appreciated. For more information: Anne O'Loughlin 07952301835

Do you have experience of finance? Have you managed your own business, are you an accountant or work in a financial environment? Our Finance Subgroup has an important role to play in supporting the running of the church and they need a couple of extra members to boost their team. If you think you have the skills and would like to help, please let Sheri or Jane know.

Confirmation and Adult Baptism Services and Preparation

Confirmation is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptized. If you were baptized at a christening when you were a child, your parents and godparents made these promises on your behalf. As a young person or adult, you may be ready to affirm these promises for yourself and commit your life to following Jesus Christ. At a confirmation service, you make these promises for yourself. Your friends and family as well as the local Christian community will be there to promise to support and pray for you. The local bishop will lay their hands on your head and ask God's Holy Spirit to give you the strength and commitment to live God's way for the rest of your life. From this point onwards you are received as a full member in the Church of England and can take Communion. The next local confirmation is to be held on **Monday 17th June 7:30pm at St Chad's Rubery**. Preparation for Confirmation will take place on zoom on Sundays 14th, 21st, 28th April and 9th June 6pm - 7:30pm please contact Sheri to book your place.

Adult Baptism - it's never too late to be baptized. Whenever it happens, whether as a baby, child or adult, baptism is at the heart of an amazing journey of faith as a follower of Jesus Christ. You are never too old to take this step, and being baptized as an adult is a wonderful experience. You may have been baptized at a christening when you were a child or in a different Christian tradition, and there are always special ways to renew the promises that were made then in a fresh way as you discover more about what it means to live them out in your life. It is usual for Adult Baptism Candidates to be Confirmed shortly after their Baptism as the same promises are made at both. Preparation for adult baptism will take place on zoom on Sundays 14th, 21st, 28th April 6pm - 7:30pm please contact Sheri to book your place.