

**PRAYER
FOCUS**



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

Emma Brookman, Irene Cox, Lorri Withers, Ruth and Jim Wood, John Marshman, Lenny Philips, Bernie, Ray Carver, Chris Pritchard, John Steeds, Diane Clayton, John (Jim's friend), Gillian Jones, Liz, Calvin and Carys Carter, Catherine Princess of Wales and all known to us.

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

Prayer focus for July

Loving Father, in this time when young people are ending their school year and looking forward to the summer holidays, please protect them and give them wisdom to keep safe and love one another. We pray for cycles of crime to be broken and families in fear to know peace. Amen

Prayer for 28th July

Heavenly Father, keep safe all those who are travelling in the coming weeks. Bring peace to families who have worked and studied and now seek rest and healing. Amen

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

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Please note: Louise's rest day is usually a Friday

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Please note: Jane works Monday in the church office

Our **Sunday sermons are now online** do make the most of them
www.lickeychurch.com

SUNDAY 28th July

COLLECT

**Gracious Father,
Revive Your Church in our day,
and make her holy,
strong and faithful,
for Your glory's sake in
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

<u>TODAY'S SERVICES</u>		<u>St Catherine</u>	<u>Today's Readings</u>
Sermon Series Tricky Questions	10.00am	Holy Communion	1 Peter 3 v 13-22 Matthew 28 v 16-20
	10.30am	<u>Holy Trinity</u> Morning Praise	<u>Today's Readings</u> Genesis 1 v 1-2 and 3 v 1-24 John 3 v 16 - 21
<u>NEXT WEEK</u> Monday 29 th		No Coffee Cake and Chat Today – starts again 9 th September	
Wednesday 31 st	10.00am 8.00pm	Midweek Communion (Holy Trinity) Mens Group (St Catherine)	
<u>Sunday 4th August</u>	10.00am	<u>St. Catherine</u> Joint Holy Communion Service	
Sermon Series Tricky Questions			
<u>Sunday Services in August</u>		As in previous years we are meeting as one joint congregation at 10am throughout August. 4th St Catherine 11th Holy Trinity 18th St Catherine 25th Holy Trinity	

Tiny Church are in need of some unwanted silk scarves for the music session they do. If you have any would you please give them to Clive or Alison, thank you.

Rachel visit to IcFEM Kenya Pray for Rachel as she visits our Mission Partners from 26th July - 20th August.

Cofton Park Manor SummerFest Sunday 28th July 2pm - 4pm Cofton Park Manor is home for one of our congregations, we are invited to their Summer Garden Party - there are lots of activities, food and drink and it's all free. If parking is tricky do use The Oak Tree pub car park.

Dates For your Diary

Thursday 15th August 12:30 - 2pm Buffet Lunch at the Vicarage

Sunday 8th September 4pm BBQ at the Vicarage for our Sunday and Youth Group leaders, parents, youth and children

Saturday 14th September 10:30 - 3pm, Holy Trinity with Roger and Sheri for a day to inspire and encourage

Sunday 22nd September 4pm Messy Church, St Catherine

Confirmation in September We are delighted that Bishop Maurice will be Confirming one of our Cofton Park Manor congregation in early September in situ. Please keep Jean in your prayers as she attends confirmation preparation sessions throughout August.

Way of Discipleship - Monday evenings from September: "Being with God" is a seven week course on Zoom. This "Way of Discipleship" module covers what a disciple is, how we grow, who God is, how to "be with God" in our daily lives, worship, prayer, reading the Bible and having a balanced life. You can browse the content at <https://wayofdiscipleship.org/> The dates are 16th, 23rd September, 1st, 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th October 7-9pm. Contact quydc@cofebirmingham.com to book.

Rev Louise Beasley - As Rev Louise is now Priested her training takes on a slightly different role. Lou will be on a 5-week placement to a parish in Handsworth to gain experience of ministry in a different context to our own. This will take place during August and September, do keep her in your prayers and remember Lou isn't away on a long Summer holiday! In addition, Lou hopes to study for an MA in the Autumn, the course spread over a few years means study is part time and is designed to fit alongside Curacy. It is most likely that Lou will have Wednesdays as her study day in addition to her evening classes.

In other news Louise has been training hard physically too, Louise writes "I plan to complete the Outlaw Ironman distance triathlon on Sunday 28th July 2024, a race which involves a 3.8km swim, 180km bike and finishes with a marathon (42.2km). Training for this event will be challenging due to working a 6 day week and my limited training time. I hope that I can complete 2 swim, 2 bike and 2 run training sessions a week, so I can finish the race. However, raising money for dementia research will be worth the pain of me completing such a huge challenge." If you would like to sponsor Louise, you can do so here. https://www.justgiving.com/page/louise-beasley-1699379309281?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Flouise-beasley-1699379309281&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

Our Social Committee are a fabulous team who lead our fundraising and social events, for example Quiz Nights, Barn Dance, Church lunches. The committee are looking for a few extra people to join their team to help plan and support these fantastic events. Please chat with Sheri or Dianne 07984581066 to find out more.

Sunday Morning Groups for Children Our children's groups are looking for extra helpers to join their teams on a rota basis. These roles are vital for the growth in faith of our children and are loads of fun. You can pre arrange a visit to groups to see if its something you could do before you commit. Please chat to Erin or Debbie. These roles require a volunteer form, a DBS and Safeguarding Training.

Food Bank, Your kind donations of food items, toiletries or cash are needed to support local people in need . With thanks Alicia .