

## Clergy



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### Living by the reign of His Peace!

#### Brought to us by Rev. Ian

As the disciples huddled together behind a closed or even locked door on the evening of the first day of the resurrection, we are told that rather than peace reigning in their hearts, in its place, was fear; **'fear of the Jewish leaders'** (John 20: 19). Though they had very strong reasons to believe the impossible had happened, that their adored Leader had risen from the dead, (with huge implications for the world then and now), nonetheless, thoughts of His murder lingered in their minds. Surely they would be next?

Despite or perhaps even because of all our mod cons and improved standard of living, peace, the most basic of necessities, is in short supply in our modern world. Whether that be from the many outward concerns of our world or whether it be from our own internal angst. An angst which is also a serious epidemic in the young people of today.

And yet..... On that first day of the resurrection Jesus' words, that were directed at the disciples' fear and discomfort, were, **'Peace be with you'** (v19). These words were not like the tokenism of our 'have a good day' or our polite 'hope you are well'. No, as these words were heard and registered in the disciples minds and hearts they were stunned by the gift and power of Jesus' reigning peace. A peace that can stand against anything this world will throw at us. So many souls in our world today need this overcoming power. May we then trust for and receive His reigning peace even as we resist our hearts being **'troubled'** or **'afraid'** (John 14: 27). Surely then we will have the witness of His Peace in our hearts and may that Peace be sealed in our hearts as we don't keep it just for our own consumption, but as we take every opportunity to share this reigning peace of Jesus with a needy world and all those whom the Lord brings us into contact with.

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#### Gifts for God's work at St Mary's Church

A collection is taken in most services for the work of the church, if you wish to donate. If you are a member of the church and a UK tax payer and give a regular amount to the work of the church, please consider gift aid, Mike Hotchkiss has details. If you do not pay tax but wish to give regularly by an envelope scheme, boxes of pink envelopes are available by the church entrance.



Kerry Hoult

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Kerry's hours are Mon, Wed & Fri 8.55am - 2.15pm



## Welcome!

You are very welcome to join us today.

Please ask questions if you are not sure where or what things are or what they mean and we would be delighted to help.

### Services:

9am Communion Service

10:30am The Gathering

**St Mary's Church, Bushbury Lane, Bushbury, Wolverhampton**

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# Welcome



**Church Facilities** There's a loo on the far side of the church from the main door, next to the organ.

**Accessibility** We have a **hearing loop**. Please switch to T when appropriate. Please tell us if it is not working.

During most services **we do not go up the steps** at all so everything should be easily accessible.

The parish is working on becoming more accessible to people with dementia.



**Communion** We can offer **non-alcoholic wine and gluten-free wafers** on request. Please check this with the Church warden before the service.

If it's a communion service today and you are not familiar with this or do not share the Christian faith, please do not feel pressured to participate. When people move to the front to take the bread and wine, please feel free to come forward for a blessing.

**Sunday Club** We love to have children in our services! We currently don't run a creche but do have children's groups. Please feel relaxed with young children you are very welcome here.

Sunday Club joins **'The Gathering'** service at the beginning and then goes to the Church Hall except on the third Sunday where there is a communion service for everyone.

Would you like to join a **'Life Group'** for fellowship, worship, bible and faith sharing? If you would please see church warden, Mike Hotchkiss.

The **'Hope Faith and Charity'** shop that supports mission in Romania, are very grateful for our support. In order to support the most vulnerable in the City they have adjusted their most needed items list, which will be at the back of the Church.

**Safeguarding:** *St Marys and Bushbury Parish take very seriously our commitment to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. A copy of the Safeguarding policy is available on request and on the website. Please inform us of any concerns.*

# Church Diary



**Deanery prayer for the Diocese** 4.30pm Wed 1st May at St Mary's Vicarage

**Little Angels Moms and Tots** meet term-time on Wednesdays at 1:15 - 3pm.

**Sunday Club** will be held on 5th, 12th and 26th May.

**OASIS Ladies Group** will meet in the Church Hall from 1.30-3pm on 6th and 20th May and 3rd June.

**Ascension Day Service** – 10am on Thursday 9th May at St Mary's Church

**Healing Service** at 5 - 6pm on 12th May and 9th June at St James' Church

**City Wide Prayer** will take place at Holy Trinity Heath Town at 7pm on Thursday 16th May

**Men's Breakfast** at 10am on Saturday 18th May and 15th June. Please sign up on the list at the back of Church.

**Pentecost** - Sunday 19th May—wear something red!

**Bring and Share Lunch** after the service on Sunday 19th May.



**Messy Church** at 4 - 5.30pm on Sunday 19th May.



**AND COMING UP ...**

**Mission Week** Saturday 29th June to Saturday 6th July - We will be hosting TFM (Through Faith Mission) as we seek to reach out into our community with the good news of the Gospel.

**Confirmation** Our next Confirmation service will be held at 6pm on Wednesday 10th July at St James' Church.

If you would like to be confirmed then please make contact with Rev Ian.

