

## Clergy



Rev Dr Ian Poole

## Wardens (Parish)



Karen Adcock



Jacquie Mullett

## Wardens (District)



Mike Hotchkiss



Richard Todd



### Message from the Rector - Windrush

We have just celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the Windrush generation arriving at our shores. Certainly this was a good thing to do, but it also reminds us of our nation's guilt with regard to the poor welcome to our land and churches of fellow members of our common wealth, many of whom are our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are also reminded of our negligence, if not incompetence, in wiping out vital records of their arrival, resulting in painful and unjust legal processes which only cover our nation with shame.

For myself my formative childhood and early adult years were spent in Somerset and then Bristol. I was largely not acquainted with different cultures, though I do remember a reference to Enoch Powell's infamous 'river of blood' speech, which of course was focused upon no less than Wolverhampton! I suspect we all agree that was a true example of hate speech.

I want to close by sharing how we should celebrate each other as brothers and sisters in Christ from different nations and races..

First, the words of an esteemed late Zimbabwean Pastor who said simply, in a Christian context, 'white + black is gold!' We could say the same I think wherever there is Christian unity between different cultures and races.

Second are some words from the book of Revelation. 'After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb' all worshipping the Lord. (Revelation 7: 9). I remember vividly arriving in Malawi in the 1990s and being in a worship service where the Malawians were singing in their native tongue. It was as if heaven had come down to earth and was a foretaste of that great gathering before the Throne of God. In Bushbury Parish may we celebrate our ethnic diversity and humbly honour each other from whom we have so much to learn and celebrate, for in our worship before our King we stand together and equal.



## SERVING THE LIVING GOD

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 Holy Communion

10:30am The Gathering

Communion on 3rd Sunday

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

[bushburyparishchurch.co.uk](http://bushburyparishchurch.co.uk)

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Gifts for God's work at St Mary's

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.



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

## Church Diary

**Little Angels** Mother and Toddler Group in the Church Hall on Wednesdays from 1:15 to 3pm during term time

**Let us Pray for Mark Cadwallader's and Kerry Holt's Ordinations at Lichfield Cathedral** Sunday 2nd July at 10am

**Bring and Share** Sunday 2nd July and 6th August

**Messy Church** Sunday 9th July at 4 - 5:30 pm.

**Together Festival - Himley Park** Saturday 8th July

**OASIS Ladies Group in the Church Hall** Meeting on 17th and 31st July from 1.30pm to 3pm.

**New Vicar** - Please pray for the Lord to lead to us our new Vicar! Interviews on Wednesday 19th July.

**City Wide Prayer** - 7pm on Friday 21st July at St Mary's Church

**Men's Breakfast with Games** at 10am on 22nd July.



**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.

**Sunday Club will take place on each Sunday in July except 16th when it is communion service .**

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.*