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News from St Joseph's Church

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Regular at St Joe's: *You are warmly invited to all of our St Joseph's activities.*

Adventurers: for Primary School age. Every Wednesday, 4pm - 5.30pm. Come and have fun, be creative, find out more about following Jesus.

Joe's Cafe: every Saturday morning, 10am - 1pm. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast - a range of options - and meet friends. *Volunteers are needed to help with catering. Please speak to Jo Strange if you can offer to be on the rota.*

Place of Welcome: every Tuesday afternoon. Drop in for a cup of tea and a chance to chat with friends. 2pm - 4pm.

Stay and Play: every Wednesday morning during term time, from 9.30am- 11am, for parents and 'tinies'. Just turn up.

St Joseph's Playgroup: Tuesday and Thursday mornings during term time for children 2 - 4 years. Drop in for a visit, or contact Caroline or Jayne for more details.

Wednesday Circle: twice a month at 2.00pm on Wednesday afternoons.

Five Ways Lunch: Monthly Lunch Club, Wednesday 8th January 12.30pm. Please tell Rose Brettell if you wish to come.

Time Out: Tea and Coffee Afternoon, Mondays 1pm-2.30pm for parents, grandparents, carers. Informal chat with tea/coffee and cake.

Carpet bowls: Friday afternoons at 12.45pm.

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Jesus asked: 'Who do you say I am? (Mark 8: 29)



Still today, 2000 years after his time on earth, Jesus poses many questions. The Jews in his lifetime were looking for a Messiah - some one who would lead them back to the heady glory days of King David's reign. Was Jesus the long awaited Messiah? In John's gospel, we meet Jesus in conversation with a Samaritan woman.

She tells him that the worshippers of Yahweh are looking for the coming of the Messiah. Jesus, making no attempt to duck the issue, simply informs her *'I who speak to you am he.'*

Who is this Messiah? Over the weeks of Lent, we will be reading the last five chapters of Mark's Gospel. These bring us directly to Jesus death on the cross We call ourselves Christians – followers of Christ. That implies belief – in what he said and did; belief in his saving act upon the cross; belief that he lived and died and rose again to new life.

But, of course, belief doesn't do us much good at all unless we actually do something with it. I could tell you that a tram standing at the platform in Wolverhampton will soon be stopping in Birmingham. And I would probably be right. But if we stand on the platform, we will remain in Wolverhampton. To get to Birmingham, we must get on board and ride in the tram and travel with it.

So it is with Jesus. He calls us to believe and to commit ourselves to that belief – to say 'yes Lord Jesus, thank you for what you've done for me, right now I give myself to you. Be Lord of my life.'

Come take a fresh look at Jesus. Use the weeks of Lent to prepare to hear the message of the cross and resurrection. Read Mark's Gospel. Follow Jesus, make it your resolve to put him at the centre of your life.

Have you been Confirmed?

Confirmation is the sign of full, adult membership of the church family. It is an occasion when you renew the promises that were made at your baptism. It follows a short period of preparation, and is available for anyone who would like to make a full commitment to their faith. If you think that Confirmation may be for you, speak to Tim.

You are welcome to join our regular, weekly worship in church:

Sunday: every Sunday at 9.00am and 10.30am.

Wednesday 11.30am: Holy Communion.

Wednesday 7am: Morning Prayer at St Joseph's.

More: More of Jesus - More of our commitment to follow Jesus. This monthly service for our whole parish, begins at 6.30pm, and will be held on March 15th, at St Aidans.



Community Craft Group

A Community Art and Crafts Club is planned. All Adults welcome. Create your own masterpiece! Have a go at watercolour painting, or experience a variety of crafts. £2 per session, some materials will be provided. Speak to Graham Hartnell or Julie Eady if you are interested.

And Lent begins....

Mark the beginning of Lent: Shrove Tuesday, Feb 25th 4pm - 6pm:

Pastor's Pancakes: Drop in to the church hall any time between 4pm and 6pm and enjoy some tasty pancakes, and other pre-Lenten activities (and fun). A very short Pancake Day Prayer at 6pm.

Ash Wednesday: February 26th, 7.30pm: A Service of Communion to begin Lent at St Joseph's, with 'ashing' for those who wish. We will be thinking about using the Bible in prayer.

Be still and know: Quiet Day - Feb 29th Deepening our Prayer.

We will be holding a Quiet Day, 10am - 4pm, with worship, pointers to help us as we grow as people of prayer, and time to pray, think and reflect. Meet at St Peter's Church, Kinver, on the hill overlooking the village. Coffee and tea provided, bring a packed lunch. A small donation - to cover the costs of heating and coffee.

Girls' Pamper Night out: Saturday 7th March

5.30pm - 8pm in St Joseph's Church Hall. Any hidden talents wanted.

Text Sarah Small 0777 403 7938, Rosie Birhah 0798 694 1630.

Tickets - £5 each will be on sale from February 15th.

Lent Course: Wednesdays evenings at 7.30pm, March 4th - April 1st at St Joseph's - The Old Testament: The Big Picture. Why do we read the Old Testament? What is it all about? Come and experience the big picture, as we look at Law, History, Wisdom, Prophecy how the New Testament uses the Old.



Half night of Prayer: Friday 6th March at St. Joe's led by St. Aidan's, 7pm - midnight/1 am. You are welcome to 'drop in' at any time during the evening.

New Wine teaching morning: Sat, 14th March, 9:30 am at St. Aidan's. We welcome John MacGinley for a morning of teaching.

Celebration Evening: 7pm at St. Matthew's Tipton, John MacGinley will also speak at this evening celebration.

Mothering Sunday, March 22nd: will be marked with an All-age service at 10.30am.

On **Sat 21st March**, a craft session will be held during Joe's Cafe, 10am-12noon. Come and make a card with a difference for your Mum. Everyone can have a go! A free tea or coffee for all mothers at Joe's Coffee on this Saturday morning.

NEXT ABLAZE20 event, 28th March. Training session, Details to follow.

Palm Sunday, April 5th 6.30pm: Read Mark's Gospel. We will conclude our series on Mark's Gospel by inviting as many people as possible to join in a public reading of Mark's Gospel in St Joseph's Church. Sign up to read a short passage and share in the evening.

Passover Meal: prepare for Easter by sharing in a Passover Meal on Monday 6th April. This 3-course meal will include the passover story from the days of Moses as well as the significance of this event for Jesus, and his sacrifice for us on the cross. Tickets £5 per person, include a full 3-course meal.



Quote for the Month:

Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me. (St. Patrick's Breastplate)

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