Welcome to St Edburgha's Church
Sunday, 15th February – Sunday before Lent

During the distribution of Holy Communion, you are most welcome to take time to pray and light a candle in the Chapel.

Collect:
Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading:
Exodus 24.12-end

Second Reading:
2 Peter 1.16-end

Gospel Reading:
Matthew 17.1-9
1 Six days later, Jesus took with him
Peter and James and his brother
John and led them up a high
mountain, by themselves. 2 And he
was transfigured before them, and
his face shone like the sun, and his
clothes became dazzling white.
3 Suddenly there appeared to them
Moses and Elijah, talking with him.
4 Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is
good for us to be here; if you wish, I
will make three dwellings here, one
for you, one for Moses, and one for
Elijah.' 5 While he was still speaking,
suddenly a bright cloud
overshadowed them, and from the
cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son,
the Beloved; with him I am well
pleased; listen to him!' 6 When the
disciples heard this, they fell to the
ground and were overcome by fear.
7 But Jesus came and touched
them, saying, 'Get up and do not be
afraid.' 8 And when they looked up,
they saw no one except Jesus
himself alone. 9 As they were
coming down the mountain, Jesus
ordered them, 'Tell no one about
the vision until after the Son of Man
has been raised from the dead.'

Children's activities and toys are available to use at any time during the service at the top of the north aisle.

<u>For Your Prayers</u>

Lyn, Andrew, Glenys, Bill and Jo
Please contact the parish office if you would like to include someone on the prayer list

Monthly Charity

British RedCross

Supporting our Community

Sparkhill foodbank

Your donations of tins of meat, fish, fruit, rice pudding, and monetary donations are always gratefully received.

Children and Families Work:
Nate Glover: 07341 543761
Email:
nate.glover@cofebirmingham.com

Safeguarding: If you have any concerns about a vulnerable child, young person or an adult, please contact Julie Bridges (children) 07814 023913 – Tammy Tearoe (adults) 07462 228797

Electronic Order of Service:

Hymn Numbers for Today

2, 391, 386, 278

Saturday 21st February – 10:30am – 12:30pm

ARTS & CRAFT FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART
Thursday 26th February in Church at 2:00pm

‘Celebrating Creation’ - Get Outside for Lent!

During Lent, we will be holding **6 weekly outdoor sessions** to celebrate God’s creation, beginning **25/02/26**. This will be time to enjoy being outside, time to connect with nature, and time to connect with the God who made all things good. We will meet outside church on **Wednesday mornings** at **10.30 am** (inside church if the weather is wet!) and spend around 30 minutes looking at nature, lamenting our failure to care for creation and celebrating all that we have been given. Followed by a cup of tea to warm us up ...! For further information, please contact **Sylvia Roberts Tel: 07771 655 789**

LENT CHARITY LUNCHES

The XPM Committee will be organising “hunger lunches”
in the Church Hall following coffee after the 10.30 am service on two Sundays in Lent. Home-made soup, a roll and baked potato in exchange for the cost of your normal Sunday lunch! Funds raised will support the work of CMS and the Church in Malawi. This year the lunches will be on: **February 22nd & March 1st.** Why not join us for lunch on one or both of these Sundays?
Please sign the sheet at the back of church so that we know how many to cater for, or contact Sylvia Roberts on 07771 655 789

Fundraising Events

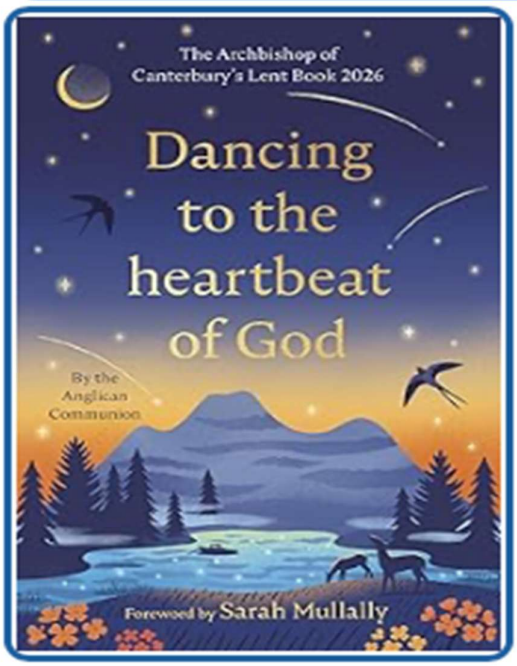
7th March
Traditional Afternoon Tea
In the Church Hall
Book a Table @ 0121 291 0401
£18 per head or £21 with Prosecco
Children under 12 is £8

Special Services

Tuesday 17th February
Hope and Joy Service
11:30 am -12:00pm

Wednesday 18th February
Ash Wednesday Service
7:00pm - St. Edburgha’s
10:00 am - All Saints Church

Sunday 22nd February
Compline Service at 6:30pm



Book Discussion
Tuesday afternoons in Lent
3:00pm-4:00pm
Gilby Chapel
24th February and 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th March

Sharing our faith with others can feel daunting.

'What will they think?' 'How will they respond?' 'What if they're of another faith tradition?' 'Will I offend them?'

All these questions can cause us to keep silent, but Jesus calls us to share the Good News!

Join Reverend Tammy on Tuesday afternoons in Lent starting from 3:00pm to 4:00pm to hear the experience of Anglicans around the world who are courageously sharing their faith with their friends and neighbours.

Each week we will read and discuss one short reflection collected from across the Anglican Communion and compiled in this year's Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book: *Dancing to the Heartbeat of God*.

Please Note: You do not need to buy a copy of the book.

Have you been thinking about attending church, but Sunday morning isn't convenient due to other commitments?

Introducing TWO NEW OPPORTUNITIES for prayer and worship at St Edburgha's Church *your* parish church where you are always welcome:

STARTING PANCAKE TUESDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY

11:30am Hope and Joy Service every Tuesday of the month*

An opportunity early in the week to pause and reflect in the company of others. During this 30-minute service we'll have time for prayer, time to sing familiar hymns, and a time to hear words from Scripture. Whether you are a long-time Christian or someone who is seeking a peaceful space to simply 'be', *you are welcome*.

**In the event the church is not available at 11:30 the service will be moved to 2:30pm*.

STARTING SUNDAY 1ST MARCH

4:00pm Creative worship on the first three Sundays of the month

A rolling schedule of worship styles including:

sung Evensong, Celtic Evening Prayer, "Scones of Praise" and more...

With services lasting less than an hour this service offers an opportunity to 'dip your toe in' for the first time or, for those already familiar with church, to reconnect with a worshipping community in a new way.

ALL ARE WELCOME