



Welcome to St Edburgha's Church
Sunday, 16th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent

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

Collect:

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading:

Malachi 4. 1-2a

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ² But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

Second Reading:

2 Thessalonians 3. 6-13

⁶ Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us.

⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not

idle when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 21. 5-19

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶ 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' ⁷ They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and

what will be the sign that this is about to take place?’⁸ And he said, ‘Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and, “The time is near!” Do not go after them.’⁹ ‘When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.’¹⁰ Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom;’¹¹ there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.’¹² ‘But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name.’¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify.¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance;¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.’¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name.¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish.¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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

For Your Prayers

Steve Johnson

Associate Vicar

Knowle Parish Church (KPC)

Jackie B, Peter S, Christine, Liz,
Andrew, Glenys, Bill and Jo

Please contact the parish office if you would like to include someone on the prayer list

Monthly Charity

COMBAT STRESS

We provide clinical treatment and support for veterans from the British Armed Forces, focusing on those with complex mental health issues resulting from their experiences during military service.

When some military personnel leave service, their experiences can’t easily be left behind. Without treatment, psychological trauma can eventually tear lives apart.

We believe military trauma shouldn’t destroy the lives of veterans and their families. For over a century, we’ve helped former servicemen and women with mental health problems such as

post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety and depression. Combat Stress is the UK's leading veterans' mental health charity, the work we do is life-changing and often life-saving. No one else does what we do. We provide the only intensive mental health treatment service to UK veterans. Our services are provided across the UK, in-person and online. At a time that can be isolating and daunting, we're here to help.

Here to help 24/7

FREE HELPLINE: [0800 138 1619](tel:08001381619)

TEXT: [07537 173 683](tel:07537173683)

EMAIL: helpline@combatstress.org.uk

Supporting our Community



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:

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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

Fundraising Events

29th November

Christmas Quiz

In Church Halls @ 7:30 p.m.

Teams of up to 6 - £8.00 per person

Refreshments included, **bring your own drink.**

For more information, please visit our website www.stedburghasyardley.com or phone Enid on 0121 291 0401 for more information and booking.

17th December

Christmas Wreath/table/door decoration making 2 sessions

Starting 17:30 & 20:00 – Cost £23.00 which includes everything needed to make wreaths.

Refreshments are also included in the cost. All you need to bring are sharp scissors or secateurs.

Booking is essential on:-
0121-291-0401

Other Notices

6th & 7th December

Christmas Tree Festival

By candle-light

Saturday 6th 13:00 – 18:30

Sunday 7th 12:30 – 16:30

Free Entry – Refreshments available

Electronic Order of Service:





Christmas Table Sale

Are you looking for ideas for Christmas presents??

Have a look at our St. Edburgha goods:-

Jams, Chutneys and hand-made Christmas Cards, on the table at the front of the North aisle.



Saturday 22nd November, 2025

10: 30 am–12:30 pm

Come and join us for the beginning of our adventure in Messy Church. Aimed at families with 0–11-year-olds.

We'll create together, play together and eat together. Each session will be themed, and we'll have a short story from the Bible. **(Registration forms at the back of the Church)**

Stechford & Yardley Churches

Together



Joint Service for Advent

Monday 1st December at 7.00 pm

Digbeth-in-the-Field URC, Moat Lane, B26 1TW



Carol Singing at Heartlands Hospital

Wednesday 10th December at 11.00 am. Meet at the bottom of the escalator in the main entrance. Contact Sylvia for further details.

Tel:-07771 655789



New toys, books and puzzles needed for children aged 0 - 15. Please leave these unwrapped (so that the present can be matched to the child). For ideas of suitable gifts please see the poster at the back of church or make an online financial donation:

<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/toylink25>

Special Services

Sunday 23rd November

Compline Service 6:30 p.m.

Sunday 30th November

Taizé Service 6:30 p.m.

Hymns for today: 2, 159, 444, 609