

14th September, 10:30a.m.

Pet Blessing St Edburgha, Yardley



All are welcome

Bring your pet, or a photo of your pet, for a blessing and a prayer as we give thanks for all God's creatures and the pets that bring us such joy.

Welcome

Today we give thanks for and give blessing to our beloved pets, those wonderful members of the family that give unconditional love and never judge. So to all you animals here today, please try and keep your owners well behaved and where needed keep them on their leads.

Please do feel free to move around if your pet needs space and please don't worry if they make noise.

May God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who is wonderful in all his works, be with you all.

And also with you

Hymn - 253

1. For the Beauty of the Earth
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.

**Refrain: *Lord of all to thee we raise
this, our sacrifice of praise.***

2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,

Refrain:

3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
Pleasures pure and undefiled.

Refrain:

4 For each perfect gift if thine,
to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven

Refrain:

5. For thy church which evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,

Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love.

**Refrain: *Lord of all to thee we raise
this, our sacrifice of praise.***

God called us in the beginning to be stewards of His creation, caring for and nurturing the world He made. As we come to ask for God's blessing on our pets we first ask for forgiveness for the times we have not made the best use of His blessings and gifts.

When we have forgotten you
Lord Have Mercy
Lord Have Mercy

When we take for granted the gifts you give
Christ have mercy
Christ Have Mercy

When our love is selfish
Lord Have Mercy
Lord Have Mercy

O God, you have made us and all living things to form your family on earth. You are even more wonderful than what you have made. We thank you for giving us these pets who bring us joy. As you take care of us, we also ask that we might take care of those who trust us to look after them. By doing this, we share in your own love for all creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

A Service of the blessing of pets is a wonderful opportunity to thank God for the gift of animals, and for us to ask God's blessing on all that he has made. A blessing involves praise of God; the wish that spiritual good fortune will go with what is blessed and dedicates someone or something for a sacred purpose. A blessing also reminds us that all good gifts are gifts from God.

Creator God
We Come together to thank you
For the beauty of creation.
God created us and placed us on the earth

To be stewards of all living things,
Therefore let us proclaim the glory of our Creator

All: O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands

Prayer

God of a thousand years
The music of your creatures
Resounds throughout creation
And in heaven a symphony is made.

All: O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands

The Collect

O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself
to the childlike and lowly of heart:

grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis,
we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness
and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading Job 12:7-10

Psalms 104.26-36,37b

- 26 O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 27 **There is the sea, spread far and wide,
and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.**
- 28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan
which you have made to play in the deep.
- 29 **All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.**
- 30 When you give it them, they gather it;
you open your hand and they are filled with good.

- 31 **When you hide your face they are troubled;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return again to the dust.**
- 32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.
- 33 **May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works;**
- 34 He looks on the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 35 **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will make music to my God while I have my being.**
- 36 So shall my song please him
while I rejoice in the Lord.
- 37 **Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Alleluia.**

Hymn 519

1. Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon Lord
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*O, Master grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

2. Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

*O, Master grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

3. Make me a channel of your peace:
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all men that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Reading Matthew 6.25-30

Talk

Prayers of Intercession

THE PRAYERS

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts for the beauty of the earth and the wonder of His creation, in earth and sky and sea;

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women;

We thank you, Lord.

For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;

We thank you, Lord.

For the trust you have shown in giving into our care these, our pets;

We thank you, Lord.

For the work of Guide dogs for the Blind and all organisations which protect animals

We thank you Lord

That each pet here may be treasured with care;

We pray to you, Lord.

That we may love and honour all your works, O God;

We pray to you, Lord.

That we may continue to grow in thankfulness

To the honour and glory of your name. Amen

The Lord's Prayer:

All

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins**

as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Animal Blessing: (bring your pets forward if you would like to)

May God Almighty
Father Son and Holy Spirit
Bless these our beloved pets and all animals
Protect them from cruelty
And grant them
A share in the redemption
Of the World
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymn 250

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice;
O praise him...

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light,
O praise him...

Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show;
O praise him...

And all ye that are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care;
O praise him...

And thou, most kind and gentle death,
Waiting to hush our latest breath,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou leadest home the child of God
And Christ our Lord the way has trod:
O praise him...

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in One;
O praise him...

Blessing:

May the peace of God which passes all understanding keep our hearts
and minds compassionate to all around us, especially our beloved pets,
those who are with us and those we have lost. Bless all other animals.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be
among us and our animals and remain with us always.

Blessing and Dismissal

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and
minds in the knowledge and the love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord.: And the blessing of God Almighty- the Father, the Son and the
Holy Spirit, be with you and all those whom you love, this day and
forever. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love all creatures and to serve the lord and the planet – **Amen**

For Your Prayers

Phil Bowden – Vicar of St Mary, Acocks Green

Jackie, Christine, Liz, Andrew, Glenys, Bill and Jo

Monthly Charity

Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation

Supporting our Community



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

Children and Families Work:

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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 Sylvia Roberts (adults) 07771 655 789

Summer Opening

As is tradition St Edburgha's will be open on the second and fourth Sunday afternoons from 2:00pm-4:30pm. Drop in for a visit! Tea and refreshments will be available to purchase. History tours are available on request by ringing Enid on 0121 291 0401.

Electronic Order of

Service:



Fundraising Events

20th & 21st September

Heritage weekend

18th October

Table -top Sale -

Phone Pauline on 0121 783 7965

29th November

Christmas Quiz

For information, please visit our website: www.stedburghasyardley.com

Special Services:-



Harvest Festival Gifts

Our Harvest Festival Service will be held on **Sunday 28th September** at **10:30 a.m.**

Our Harvest Gifts this year will be divided between two projects supporting homeless people (Yardley House + SIFA Fireside) We would therefore be grateful for any of the following:-

- Baked Beans
- Pot noodles/pasta pots
- Tinned fish
- Biscuits
- Chocolate/Cereal & Cereal bars
- Long-life milk
- Coffee
- Fruit squash/soft drinks
- Sugar
- Tinned tomatoes/Vegetables



**Were you married in
St Edburgha's Church?**

Would you like to reaffirm the vows you took on your wedding day?
Come along and join us as we celebrate together with a communal
wedding blessing on Saturday, **27th September 2:00pm.**

RSVP with the Parish Office:

stedburghaoffice@btconnect.com



JOIN US FOR

**Messy
Church**

Join us on the third Saturday of every month at
10:30am until 12:30pm.

20th September

18th October

22nd November

The Trust School, Church Rd, Yardley, Birmingham
B33 8PD

Saturday 20th September

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)