

## PRAYER TRIPLETS

*“We aim to sharpen each other ‘as iron sharpens iron’ and we care for each other holding each other in prayer”*

Do pick up a leaflet in the foyer giving more information about why we are being encouraged to form these small groups and get on board. There is a real buzz and enthusiasm going around for this approach to prioritising prayer - do join in. Do speak to anyone in the Leadership Team to help you to form a group or connect you with others.



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# WINTER - SPRING @ ST PHIL'S 2022



## ST PHILIP'S CHURCH

Wolverhampton

# A WORD FROM THE VICAR

A new year provides new opportunities to move forward together in mission with Jesus to the needy world around us; 'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...and surely I am with you always.' Matt 28:19-20. We go together following Jesus in His way, to His glory. Hence we are considering two themes as we begin this year and up until Easter.

1. How we can remain united despite differences; learning to 'disagree well' where necessary. We are exploring these themes in the 'Pastoral Principles' series of sermons and in Life Groups, up until Ash Wednesday.

2. Walking through Lent with Luke; following the lectionary readings considering some key moments of Jesus life as told by Luke, to encourage us in our discipleship.

There will also be a separate parish wide, 'Living in Love and Faith' course considering issues around human sexuality during Lent. Look out for details if you would like to join this. Blessings Peter.

## PRAYING IN NEW...

*Being intentional about connecting with God: ...This aim means that we are devoted to scripture and rooted in prayer.*

We are currently being relentless in prayer and giving thanks now for the way God will answer our prayers for ...

1. New musicians and singers for our Music Ministry Team to resource this area of our church life.
2. Two wardens. For quite a few years now we have functioned with one rather than two named wardens and so we are asking that God would equip us with two who will begin to serve from our AGM in May.
3. An expanded Alpha Team. Alpha is considering how it will look going forwards from now following very successful on line courses. Pray that God will expand the Alpha team - maybe you would like to be part of the Alpha Team in some way.

### 1 John 5:14

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.



## ST PHILIP'S VISION

**As St Philip's family we are called to;**  
Connect with Jesus,  
Connect with each other, and  
Connect with our community.  
**So that God's kingdom grows.**

### FULLER STATEMENT OF VISION:

*Connecting with God, Father Son and Holy Spirit. — As revealed in the Bible*

Being intentional about connecting with **God: Revealed to us in Jesus. We do this** as individuals and as a family. We acknowledge that our connection with God can only happen because of His **grace**. This aim means that we are devoted to **scripture** and rooted in **prayer**. We connect with God through **worship** and we listen attentively to Him, through His Word and by His Spirit. We welcome **Holy Spirit** to **ignite** us with **passion** and move amongst us and want to be filled with His **fruit** and operate in His **gifts**. We have a **relationship** with **Jesus** and are committed to obediently following Him in lifelong **discipleship**.

*Connecting with each other*

We are **family** and with that comes joys and sorrows. We stand alongside one another and build each other up. We choose to have intentional relationships with each other, through our small groups and ministries. We aim to sharpen each other 'as iron sharpens iron' and we care for each other holding each other in **prayer**.

*Connecting with our community.*

We **love** our community, **serve** our community and **go into** our community. We **reach** our community with the Good News and introduce them to Jesus. We create a family to which our community can **belong**. We bring **Hope** into our community.

# WINTER/SPRING SERMONS PASTORAL PRINCIPLES.

The quality of our relationships is diminished by six pervading evils. How are these at work in your own church community and how might your church address them? ...

acknowledge

**PREJUDICE**

speak into

**SILENCE**

address

**IGNORANCE**

cast out

**FEAR**

admit

**HYPOCRISY**

pay attention to

**POWER**

**January 16<sup>th</sup>** – Address **Ignorance** & pay attention to **Power**  
**Philippians 2 vs. 1-11**

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Admit **Hypocrisy**  
**Matthew 7 vs. 1-5 & 23 vs. 23-26**

**January 30<sup>th</sup>** – Speak into **Silence**  
**Luke 8 vs. 43-48**

**February 6<sup>th</sup>** – Acknowledge **Prejudice**  
**John 4 vs. 5-30**

**February 13<sup>th</sup>** – Cast out **Fear**  
**John 7 v. 53 – John 8 v. 11**

# LENT WITH LUKE



**March 6<sup>th</sup>** – Jesus tested in the wilderness  
**Luke 4 vs. 1-13**

**March 13<sup>th</sup>** – Jesus' sorrow for Jerusalem  
**Luke 13 vs. 31-35**

**March 20<sup>th</sup>** – Repent or Perish  
**Luke 13 vs. 1-9**

**March 27<sup>th</sup>** – Jesus the Messiah  
**Luke 2 vs. 25-35**

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Judas agrees to betray Jesus & Last Supper Preparation  
**Luke 22 vs. 1-13**

**April 10<sup>th</sup>** – Jesus comes to Jerusalem as King  
**Luke 19 vs. 28-40**

## Lent & Easter Dates for your Diary

**Ash Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 7.30pm**  
**Holy Communion with Ashing**  
**@St Joe's**

**Maundy Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April Time TBC**  
**Passover Meal**  
**@ St Joe's**

**Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April**  
**10.30am Egg Hunt**  
**12pm & 3pm – Half an Hour at the Cross**

**Easter Day 17<sup>th</sup> April**  
**5.45am (TBC) Sunrise Communion**  
**@ St Aidan's**  
**9am & 10.30am**  
**Holy Communion**  
**6.30pm – Easter Praise @ St Phil's**

# WEEKLY @ ST PHIL'S...

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Sunday	
9am	More traditional service with organ hymn books & service cards 2nd & 4th Sunday Holy Communion
10.30am	Contemporary worship. Music group. JAM & PATH take place during the service 1st Sunday Holy Communion
6.30pm Monthly (3rd Sunday venue alternates around the parish)	MORE Worship, Word, Ministry
6.30-8pm	ROOTED – in the Youth Lounge. Games & the chance to grow deeper in your relationship with God.

Monday	
7pm	Half an Hour of Prayer

Wednesday	
11am	OASIS - A reflective 30 minutes with Jesus midweek
6-7pm	Messy Club – fun, games, craft and Jesus. For all the family.

If you can't join us in person, you can find our 9am service and Tuesday & Thursday 9.15am prayers live streamed on our [Facebook page](#). The sermon from our 10.30am service can be found within 36 hours on our [YouTube Channel](#).

During the week Life Groups meet on a variety of days and times – speak to Viv Skidmore/Janine Wright, who would be glad to link you up with a group to suit your needs and diary.



# COMING THIS SPRING...

**Connect with Jesus,  
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## The Life Exhibition



### 7th-11th February

We are most fortunate to be able to welcome back this amazing exhibition to St Phil's. Do get involved by volunteering if you are able and if not pray for the 600 or so 9-11 year olds and their teachers who will come through the doors and hear the truth about Jesus presented in a digital, interactive way. Do you have a friend with loads of questions about the Jesus you follow? Listen out for how you can bring them along in the evening to experience the exhibition for themselves.

## Connect (Our new ALL AGE)



**@ Connect. 13th March – 10am for breakfast.** A service, for people of all ages and experiences to come to offer God their praise and worship and a time when the whole family of God can learn and be inspired from each other and grow together An informal opportunity to engage with our Lent teaching series from Luke. If you missed the first one, do come along and see what it's all about.

## Living in Love & Faith Lent Course



**A weekly evening option during Lent -** Issues of gender and sexuality are intrinsic to people's experience: their sense of identity, their lives and the loving relationships that shape and sustain them. **Living in Love and Faith** sets out to inspire people to think more deeply both about what it means to be human, and to live in love and faith with one another. It tackles the tough questions and the divisions among Christians about what it means to be holy in a society in which understandings and practices of gender, sexuality and marriage continue to change.