

Information & updates from the Vicar Mid-November 2025

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Dear Everyone,

Please find below some information about upcoming events, as well as some updates following the November PCC meeting:

Some Upcoming Events-late 2025

(please see the September news sheet for full details)

Sunday 16th November

At both the 9.15am and 11am service today, the main theme is Jesus' healing ministry, and after the sermon we will offer healing prayer (along with anointing with oil, Mark chapter 6 verses 12-13; James chapter 5 verses 14) for all who would wish to receive. Please pray for these services.

Saturday 22nd November

PCC away day at the Moravian Lecture Hall 10am to 4pm.

Mayor's Charity Concert in All Saints' Ockbrook at 7.30pm (please see attached poster for more details, or the church website)

Sunday 30th November

Prayer meeting from 4pm to 5pm in All Saints'. Come along as we pray for the UK, some of the current global issues and our own church family needs, especially for Nat's replacement and our Calm & Bright Christmas 2025 Christmas activities and events.

Wednesday 3rd December

Joyce Bishop's funeral will be at St Stephen's at 11.15am followed by a Committal in Trent Valley crematorium at 12.30am. All are welcome to attend both services.

Information following the November PCC meeting.

Children's and Youth Ministry Leader

The PCC unanimously approved the financing of a replacement for Nat. Once the documents are completed (job description, contract & the advertisement) the position will be advertised (including via our church website).

It was agreed to offer flexibility over hours I. E. **full time** (37.5 hrs. p/w for one role - children's & youth) 52 weeks p/a or 41 weeks p/a (school term-time only), or **part-time** (19 hrs. p/w for either the *children's* role or the *youth* role) pro-rata 52 weeks p/a or 41 weeks p/a (school term-time only). Please pray for this process and that we might find the right person/people.

Church Administrator

The PCC also agreed to finance a p/t administrator to help support myself and our churches, remunerated on an hourly basis, up to 8 hrs. a week, remunerated at the current living wage. The role will include the following (and please let me know if you are interested):

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Letters/emails/Photocopying/printing/Inside 72/Posters for the churches and parish noticeboards (consulting with the church wardens and parish clerk)/News sheets/News sheets distribution + amending & keeping the distribution list up to date/Tri-annual service rotas (create rotas, input data, liaise with the vicar, distribution and keeping the distribution list up to date)/Church family email contact list-to be regularly updated/Church family hard-copy address list to be kept up to date and printed + distributed/Access to and triaging enquiries that come in via the church website/printing service orders + song sheets for special services, including silver services, evensong, carols by candlelight, Taizé, reflective services, remembrance and hope/AGM: reports (collating and distribution)+ the Electoral Role/Social media: responsibility for the church's Facebook (Meta) account etc.

Some Upcoming Events-early 2026

Sunday 11th January

At the 9.15am and 11am service we will have opportunity to renew our baptism vows as we focus on Jesus' baptism. These services will be advertised in our Christmas events.

Saturday 17th January

At 4pm an opportunity to participate in a Q&A event with myself, on questions of life, faith, death etc. This will be in All Saints' and again will be advertised in our Christmas events.

The Alpha Course

This will commence in late January 2026 and end late March. All the details will be available with the December news sheet and via the church website. This will also be advertised in our Christmas events.

Conclusion

Please pray for, **1.** Eric Thomas and his family, following the recent death of his beloved Jean (once I have details of Jean's funeral service, I will communicate those), **2.** Geoff Peel and his family, following the recent death of his beloved mum and **3.** Kate, Andrew & George following George's recent operation; George's breathing is hugely improved and although there's still a long way not go before he's home, they are experiencing positive steps forward.

Thank you for all you contribute to the ongoing life of our church family and our ministry and mission in our community. Please pray for God's protection and blessing upon us all, and for His Kingdom to come and His will to be done among us - throughout our community, locality and nation - just as it is in heaven.

With love in Christ and ongoing prayer, *Tim*.