

Social and Fundraising Events

Social...

The Discovers Group...

...for the over 55's. The group goes on trips out on the third Thursday of the month. The cost varies depending on the location, but it is kept to a minimum. For more information, speak to Christine Tanner.

Fundraising...



April (TBC) Shop2drop



May 4th Karaoke



June 8th Tea Dance



July 6th Summer Fair



Sept 7th LypSynch



Nov 30th Christmas Fair

Smethwick Old Church

What's On 2019



Open Church

On Tuesdays from
2pm - 4pm
Old Church is open.

Feel free to come in for prayer or a chat and a drink. All are welcome!



Day Trip to Bath

On July 13th there will be a coach trip to the historic town of Bath, which has much to offer. Amongst other things you can choose to visit the Abbey, the Roman Baths and the Georgian architecture, take a river or walking tour of the town, visit the Bath Brewery or enjoy the shops. The cost and specific details will be available near the time.



Walk & Talk ..

An opportunity to take a gentle guided walk with others on a Sunday afternoon.

The walks will take place on:

May 19th, July 14th & September 15th



One World Cafe

The **One World Cafe** events are an opportunity to meet together to enjoy food and one another's company.

This year events will take place during:

Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade Brunch March 10th

Harvest

Harvest supper September 21st

One World Week

One World lunch on 27th October



Prayer

Parish Prayers - On the last Thursday of each month is the chance to meet together in Church for a time of informal prayer for our parish, ministry and mission from 2.30 - 3.15pm. If you wish to pray out loud, in silence, or give amen to prayers offered, you are welcome. Further information from Rosemary Guest.



A Singing Workshop

will be led by Claire Hollocks on Saturday February 2nd from 10am - 12.30pm at Old Church. You don't need to be a skilled singer to take part...
...all are welcome!

Courses

Pilgrim Course: The Bible

This 6 session course will be led by Paul Martin. It explores issues of faith and how our faith impacts on our every day lives. This year it will focus on the Bible and will take place weekly 7pm - 9pm at Old Church beginning on April 30th.

Weekly Bible Studies

This is an ongoing course which takes place on Wednesday evenings at 7pm and will be led by Br John Hennings and Rev'd Michael Goss. It takes place at the Franciscan friary, 113 Gillott Road, B16 OET. The course is for those who are Farsi speaking and there will be an interpreter present. The course is for our Iranian friends. For more information, speak to Br John or Rev'd Michael.

Pastoral Visiting Skills

This 6 session course will be led by Rev'd Deb Buckley. It is designed for people who would like to visit those who are unwell, whether at home or in hospital, on behalf of the church. It will take place at the vicarage on Monday evenings from 7pm-9pm, beginning on July 1st.

Lent



Lent soup lunches

These will take place in Old Church after a 12 noon Communion Service on the Tuesdays throughout Lent. The money raised from donations will be given to Christian Aid.

Lent Course:

Journeying through Lent with Luke

Led by Ann Conway-Jones

This course will be based on five 'classic' passages from Luke: the Magnificat; Jesus at the synagogue in Nazareth; the Beatitudes; the parable of the Good Samaritan; and Mary and Martha. Ann will give some input based on recent scholarship and, following this, there will be time for discussion. The course will be at 10.30am on Tuesdays throughout Lent, beginning on March 12th.



Being an Inclusive Church

In 2018 Old Church became a registered Inclusive Church. As a consequence we are introducing a range of events exploring issues of inclusion. This year we are offering the following talks:

Being a Dementia Friendly Church led by Rose Ackroyd (Bishop's advisor on dementia).

Life in Iran and the experience of Iranian Christians.

The dates and times of these events will be advertised when they are due to take place.

Old Church Festival Events

Lunchtime recitals - June 5th, 6th & 7th

Diversity Open-mic night - June 5th

Festival Service - June 9th

The Church will be open daily 11am - 4pm from June 5th - 10th.

