

# The Christian Community Stourbridge

## Diary for September 2014 – March 2015

- Sunday, 7th September 10.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
11.00 am Meeting with the children who come  
to the Service for the first time  
11.20 am The Service for Children
- Thursday, 11th September 10.30 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
Rev. Monika Knight in Manchester 12th – 13th September
- Sunday, 14th September 9.15 am The Service for Children  
10.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
11.30 am **Victor Frankl and the Meaning of Life**  
Talk by Rev. Monika Knight
- Tuesday, 16th September 7.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man
- Thursday, 18th September 10.30 am The Act of Consecration of Man
- Saturday, 20th September 4.00pm **Griefwalker**  
Film with Conversation afterwards
- Sunday, 21st September 9.15 am The Service for Children  
10.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
11.30 am **Open Members' Meeting**
- Tuesday, 23rd September No Service
- Thursday, 25th September 10.30 am The Act of Consecration of Man
- Saturday, 27th September 10.30 am – 4.00 pm **Bread to share**  
Bread making together with Transition  
Town Stourbridge and Bread2share

Sunday, 28th September 9.15 am The Service for Children  
10.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
11.30 am **Bread to share**  
Ubuntu Handmade Bread  
"I believe I am what I am because of  
who we all are."  
Talk by Albert Smith

## Michaelmas

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Monday, 29th September 10.30 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
Tuesday, 30th September 7.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
Thursday, 2nd October 10.30 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
Saturday, 4th October 9.30 am – 12.00 pm Autumnal Work Morning in  
Garden and House  
5.00 pm Reading for the Dead  
We will talk about 'How to Embrace  
Dying'  
With Cathie Green  
Sunday, 5th October 10.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
11.15 am The Service for Children  
Followed by a Michaelmas Festival,  
details to be announced  
3.00 pm Concert  
Rev. Monika Knight away from Monday, 6th – Friday, 10th October at  
British Synod in Forest Row  
Tuesday, 7th October No Service  
Thursday, 9th October No Service  
Saturday, 11th October 10.00 am – 1.00 pm Yard Sale  
Sunday, 12th October 9.15 am The Service for Children  
10.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
11.30 am **Opening Exhibition with Talk  
by Greg Tricker**

Tuesday, 14th October 7.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man

Thursday, 16th October 10.30 am The Act of Consecration of Man

Friday, 17th – Sunday, 19th October Annual Community Meeting in Edinburgh

Rev. Monika Knight away in Edinburgh Friday, 17th - Monday, 20th October

Sunday, 19th October 10.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
No Service for Children

Tuesday, 21st October No Service

Thursday, 23rd October 10.30 am The Act of Consecration of Man

Sunday, 26th October No Service for Children  
10.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
11.30 am Servers' Meeting  
4.00 pm Gospel Study

Tuesday, 28th October 7.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man

Thursday, 30th October 10.30 am The Act of Consecration of Man

Saturday, 1st November 5.00 pm Reading for the Dead

Sunday, 2nd November 10.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
11.15 am The Service for Children

Rev. Monika Knight away from Monday, 3rd – Wednesday, 5th November

Tuesday, 4th November No Service

Thursday, 6th November 10.30 am The Act of Consecration of Man

Rev. Monika Knight in Manchester on Saturday, 8th November

Sunday, 9th November 10.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
11.15 am The Service for Children  
4.30 pm **St. Martin's Lantern Walk**

Tuesday, 11th November No Service

Thursday, 13th November 10.30 am The Act of Consecration of Man

**Forgiveness Conference Friday, 14th – Sunday, 16th November**

Details to be announced

Sunday, 16th November 9.15 am The Service for Children  
10.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
11.30 am **Forgiveness**

Rev. Monika Knight away from Monday, 17th – 23rd November

Tuesday, 18th November No Service

Thursday, 20th November 10.30 am The Act of Consecration of Man

Sunday, 23rd November 10.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
11.15 am The Service for Children

Tuesday, 25th November 7.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man

Thursday, 27th November 10.30 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
Afterwards getting church ready for Advent

Saturday, 29th November 9.30 am – 12.00 pm Autumnal Work Morning  
in Garden and House

## Advent

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Sunday, 30th November 8.50 am Advent Story  
Bring something from the mineral kingdom  
9.15 am The Service for Children  
10.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
11.15 am **Baptism**  
Roseanne Elizabeth Kerry Patrick  
4.00 pm **Advent Garden**  
All Welcome

Tuesday, 2nd December 7.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man

Thursday, 4th December 10.30 am The Act of Consecration of Man

Saturday, 6th December 5.00 pm Reading for the Dead

Sunday, 7th December 8.50 am Advent Story  
Bring something from the plant kingdom  
9.15 am The Service for Children  
10.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
3 pm Concert

Tuesday, 9th December 7.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man

Thursday, 11th December 10.30 am The Act of Consecration of Man

Sunday, 14th December 8.50 am Advent Story  
 Bring something from the animal kingdom  
 9.15 am The Service for Children  
 10.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
 11.30 am **God and Man – a story of Becoming**  
 With contemplation of the Advent Prayers

Tuesday, 16th December 7.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man

Thursday, 18th December 10.30 am The Act of Consecration of Man

Sunday, 21st December 8.50 am Advent Story  
 9.15 am The Service for Children  
 10.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man

Tuesday, 23rd December No Service

Wednesday, 24th December 4.00pm **Shepherd's Pageant**  
 Followed by a Community Supper

## Christmas

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Thursday, 25th December Midnight The Act of Consecration of Man  
 8.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
 9.15 am The Christmas Service for Children  
 10.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man

Friday, 26th December 10.30 am The Act of Consecration of Man

**Christmas Course from Saturday, 27th – Monday, 29th December**  
**The Sacrament for the Individual – The Sacramental Consultation**

Saturday, 27th December 10.30 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
 11.30 am **What is it and why is it important?**

Sunday, 28th December 10.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
 11.30 am **Who needs it and when?**  
 No Service for Children

Monday, 29th December 10.30 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
 11.30 am **How does it relate to other sacraments?**

Tuesday, 30th December 10.30 am The Act of Consecration of Man

Wednesday, 31st December 10.30 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
8.00 pm **Evening Service with Sermon  
for New Year's Eve**

## **2015**

Thursday, 1st January 10.30 am The Act of Consecration of Man

Friday, 2nd January 10.30 am The Act of Consecration of Man

Saturday, 3rd January 10.30 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
5.00 pm Reading for the Dead

Sunday, 4th January 10.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
11.15 am The Service for Children  
11.45 am **A Year and a Day**  
Five sculpted forms, with readings from the  
14th century text, evoke the elemental story  
of Sir Gawain and the Green Knight.  
Presented by Jo Naden and Brenda Ratcliffe

Monday, 5th January 10.30 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
Afterwards getting church ready for Epiphany

## **Epiphany**

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Tuesday, 6th January 10.30 am The Act of Consecration of Man

Thursday, 8th January No Service

Sunday, 11th January 10.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
11.15 am The Service for Children  
11.30 am **Epiphany Festival for all**  
Details to be announced

Rev. Monika Knight is away from Monday, 12th – Saturday, 17th January

Tuesday, 13th January No Service

Thursday, 15th January 10.30 am The Act of Consecration of Man

Sunday, 18th January 9.15 am The Service for Children  
10.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man  
4.00 pm Gospel Study

Tuesday, 20th January 7.00 am The Act of Consecration of Man

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| Thursday, 22nd January  | 10.30 am | The Act of Consecration of Man  |
| Sunday, 25th January    | 9.15 am  | The Service for Children  |
|                         | 10.00 am | The Act of Consecration of Man  |
|                         | 11.30 am | <b>Open Members' Meeting</b>  |
| Tuesday, 27th January   | 7.00 am  | The Act of Consecration of Man  |
| Thursday, 29th January  | 10.30 am | The Act of Consecration of Man  |
| Sunday, 1st February    | 10.00 am | The Act of Consecration of Man  |
|                         | 11.15 am | The Service for Children  |
|                         | 11.45 am | <b>Thinking with the Heart</b><br>With Contemplation of the<br>Epiphany Prayers |
|                         | 4.00 pm  | Gospel Study  |
| Tuesday, 3rd February   | 7.00 am  | The Act of Consecration of Man  |
| Thursday, 5th February  | 10.30 am | The Act of Consecration of Man  |
| Saturday, 7th February  | 5.00 am  | Reading for the Dead  |
| Sunday, 8th February    | 9.15 am  | The Service for Children  |
|                         | 10.00 am | The Act of Consecration of Man  |
|                         | 11.30 am | Servers' Meeting  |
| Tuesday, 10th February  | 7.00 am  | The Act of Consecration of Man  |
| Thursday, 12th February | 10.30 am | The Act of Consecration of Man  |
| Sunday, 15th February   |          | No Service for Children   |
|                         | 10.00 am | The Act of Consecration of Man  |
|                         | 4.00 pm  | Gospel Study  |
| Tuesday, 17th February  | 7.00 am  | The Act of Consecration of Man  |
| Thursday, 19th February | 10.30 am | The Act of Consecration of Man  |
| Sunday, 22nd February   |          | No Service for Children   |
|                         | 10.00 am | The Act of Consecration of Man  |
| Tuesday, 24th February  | 7.00 am  | The Act of Consecration of Man  |
| Thursday, 26th February | 10.30 am | The Act of Consecration of Man  |
| Sunday, 1st March       | 9.15 am  | The Service for Children  |
|                         | 10.00 am | The Act of Consecration of Man  |
|                         | 11.30 am | <b>Open Members' Meeting</b>  |

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|                     | 4.00 pm  | Gospel Study                   |
| Tuesday, 3rd March  | 7.00 am  | The Act of Consecration of Man |
| Thursday, 5th March | 10.30 am | The Act of Consecration of Man |
| Saturday, 7th March | 5.00 am  | Reading for the Dead           |

## Passiontide

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| Sunday, 8th March | 9.15 am  | The Service for Children       |
|                   | 10.00 am | The Act of Consecration of Man |

## Gospel Readings

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| Sunday, 7th September  | ..... | Luke 10:1-20    |
| Sunday, 14th September | ..... | Luke 17:5-24    |
| Sunday, 21st September | ..... | Matthew 6:19-34 |
| Sunday, 28th September | ..... | Luke 7:11-17    |

### Michaelmas

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|------------------------|-------|---------------------|
| Monday, 29th September | ..... | Matthew 22:1-14     |
| Sunday, 5th October    | ..... | Matthew 22:1-14     |
| Sunday, 12th October   | ..... | Matthew 5:1-16      |
| Sunday, 19th October   | ..... | Revelation 1:10-20  |
| Sunday, 26th October   | ..... | Romans 4:13-25      |
| Sunday, 2nd November   | ..... | Revelation 3:7-13   |
| Sunday, 9th November   | ..... | Revelation 4:1-11   |
| Sunday, 16th November  | ..... | Revelation 7:9-17   |
| Sunday, 23rd November  | ..... | Revelation 14:13-20 |

### Advent

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| Sunday, 30th November | ..... | Luke 21:25-36 |
| Sunday, 7th December  | ..... | Luke 21:25-36 |
| Sunday, 14th December | ..... | Luke 21:25-36 |
| Sunday, 21st December | ..... | Luke 21:25-36 |



## **Christmas**

Thursday, 25th December

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| Midnight | ..... | Matthew 1:1-25 |
| Dawn     | ..... | Luke 2:1-20    |
| Morning  | ..... | John 21:15-25  |

## **Epiphany**

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| Tuesday, 6th January  | ..... | Matthew 2:1-12  |
| Sunday, 11th January  | ..... | Luke 2:41-52    |
| Sunday, 18th January  | ..... | John 2:1-11     |
| Sunday, 25th January  | ..... | Matthew 8:5-13  |
| Sunday, 1st February  | ..... | John 5:1-18     |
| Sunday, 8th February  | ..... | Luke 8:4-18     |
| Sunday, 15th February | ..... | Luke 18:18-34   |
| Sunday, 22nd February | ..... | Matthew 4:1-11  |
| Sunday, 1st March     | ..... | Matthew 17:1-13 |

## **Passiontide**

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| Sunday, 8th March | ..... | Luke 11:14-36 |
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# Exhibitions in our Community Room

## **September**

Dianna Edwards

## **October, 12th – November, 19th**

Greg Tricker, Stroud

## **November, 27th – January**

Jo Naden

*Forgiveness means giving up all hope for a better past.*

*I am going through something very difficult in my life right now. It's as though I'm walking a mountain's ridge; to one side lies the barren valley of anger, and to the other runs the river of forgiveness and inspiration.*

*(Both quotes from the website [www.theforgivenessproject.com](http://www.theforgivenessproject.com))*

Dear members and friends of The Christian Community in Stourbridge, 100 years after the beginning of the First World War armed conflicts in many parts of the world cut countless people's lives short or make them a misery. Victims of Crime everywhere struggle to come to terms with what happened to them, trying to overcome their trauma and live a healthy life again. And each and every one of us knows how difficult it can be to forgive even our nearest and dearest for pain they have caused us, often unawares; and how hard it is to forgive ourselves as well, for all our shortcomings and intentional or unintentional hurting of others. Tolstoi said that 'Whoever really knows God will not find it necessary to forgive his brother, he will only have to forgive himself for not having forgiven earlier.' Jesus taught us to pray in the Lord's Prayer that we may be forgiven as we forgive. In the act of forgiveness we 'become collaborators with God in his inmost and most exalted activity' (Friedrich Rittelmeyer). Making the step from the Old Testament attitude 'an eye for an eye', which will eventually leave the whole world blind, to the New Testament emphasis on forgiving one another is crucial for the survival of humanity. We will have a conference on the theme in November, 14th – 16th, with participation of members of The Forgiveness Project. Details will be announced later.

As some of you have noticed, our new, inherited chalice is not ideal. Therefore I have asked for a new one from a fund in Germany, which has been collecting old gold and silver for many years for that purpose. We will be given a purpose made chalice as a gift. In order for the fund to continue its generous and helpful work and for other congregations in need to benefit as well in the future, **we need to support the fund with donations of gold and good silver**. Please look through your wardrobes, drawers and other places and let me know if you find there any

gold or silver, from jewellery, broken or not, to teeth, which you would like to donate. I look forward to hearing from you!

In the programme you will find two Autumnal work mornings, a Saturday in October and one in November. Please join us for a while if you can for light garden work, sweeping and cleaning.

At the last weekend in September we will host a bread making workshop with Bread2share and the Transition town group. On Sunday, 28th September Albert Smith from the micro bakery Ubuntu in Birmingham will give us a talk. Albert says on his website:

'Ubuntu Handmade Bread is a community bread baking service which seeks to change communities reliance on shop bought bread and to teach people to bake their own bread, which is often healthier and cheaper to make.

Ubuntu is an African philosophy that supports the changes that are necessary to create a future that is economically and environmentally sustainable, therefore;

"I believe I am what I am because of who we all are."

(From a translation offered by Liberian peace activist Leymah Gbowee).

My long term aim is to help some members in the community break the isolation that exists in our communities and help people with mental health problems.'

Our Yard Sale in Spring raised a lot of money for our congregation again and as we still have a lot of donated goods we will have another one on Saturday, 11th September from 10am – 1pm. Come to have a look and enjoy homemade cakes.

In the Holy Nights Brenda Ratcliffe and Jo Naden will present to us "A Year and a Day". This wonderful story spans a year from Christmastide to Christmastide. Jo Naden has created hand-held medallions which evoke the elemental story of Sir Gawain and the Green Knight. Brenda Ratcliffe will read passages from the poem.

With best wishes for the coming months,

*Monika*

Monika Knight

# Regular Events

**Gospel Study:** some Sundays at 4 pm (dates on programme)

**Religion lessons:** please ask the priest

**Sacramental Consultation:** please contact the priest

## **Priest of the Community**

Rev. Monika Knight

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## **Congregational Council**

Annette Gordon

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Kevin Street

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Monika Knight

## **Finance Group**

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