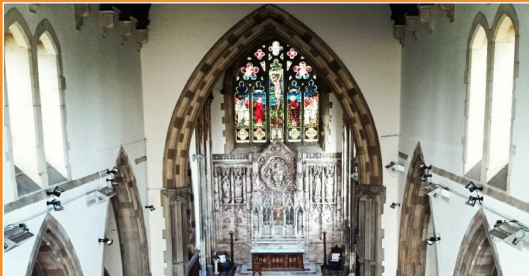


## Sunday 16 October St Mary, Acocks Green



Fr Andrew Bullock writes:

*The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Acocks Green, today marks 150 years since its consecration with a special morning service led by Bishop Anne, and followed by a lunch. With the four months preceding containing a Festival with Deanery Confirmation Service involving five churches, a musical event, garden party and patronal, all recognising 150 years, this service concludes our celebrations.*

*Please pray for all at St Mary's as, grateful for the past, we move forward into the future; seeking with God's help to lead our church into growth.*

### MON 17 Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c.107

Please pray for people finding out about voluntary workplace chaplaincy today from existing chaplains in Birmingham City Centre. Pray that those leading the training can help volunteers to see that chaplaincy is a mission of showing people how God is fully alive in the working world.

### TUE 18 Luke the Evangelist

As St Basils' Board continues to meet for a two-day review of their work, please pray for the young people that St Basils is housing throughout our region and all the management and support staff. Please pray especially for vulnerable young people with complex needs.

### WED 19

#### Henry Martyn, Translator of the Scriptures, Missionary in India and Persia, 1812

Each Wednesday, BBC Radio 3 broadcasts Choral Evensong live and repeats it on Sunday afternoon. Today will be the turn of Birmingham Cathedral. Please pray for all working in religious broadcasting and for all church musicians.

### THU 20

Bishop David is attending a meeting of the Banking Standards Board today. We pray for this body as it provides challenge, support and scrutiny for firms committed to rebuilding the banking sector's reputation, together with impartial and objective assessments of the industry's progress. We pray for all who work in the financial sector.

### FRI 21

Our ten Mission Apprentices are on retreat today. Pray for a day of refreshment as they take time out from their parishes to pray, study and reflect together. Pray that they would each feel affirmed in their role and sense God speaking to them about the future direction of their mission and ministry.

### SAT 22

At St Peter, Maney, thanks are given to God for progress made on their Transforming Church target of shrinking their carbon footprint. As they aim to become an Eco Church, we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us all to be better stewards of God's earth, and encourage others in our communities.

## Anglican Communion

**Sunday 16 October:** The Church of Ceylon (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury); Colombo - (Ceylon) The Rt Revd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabay; Kurunagala - (Ceylon) Vacant

**Monday 17 October:** Ihiala - (Niger, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Ralph Okafor; Ijebu - (Lagos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Ezekiel Awosoga

**Tuesday 18 October:** Ijebu - North - (Lagos, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Solomon Kuponu

**Wednesday 19 October:** Ijesa North East - (Ibadan, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Joseph Olusola

**Thursday 20 October:** Ijesha North - (Ibadan, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Isaac Oluyamo

**Friday 21 October:** Ijumu - (Lokoja, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Ezekiel Ikupolati

**Saturday 22 October:** Ikara - (Kaduna, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Yusuf Janfalan