

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025**

*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity*



DIOCESE OF  
LICHFIELD



**Come follow Christ** in the footsteps of St Chad



**"We believe in inclusive church – a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate."**

## **Services Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

### **Holy Trinity Oakengates**

10.00am Baptism & Holy Communion\*

### **St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy**

No service\*\*

### **St Georges Telford**

9.30am Holy Communion

### **Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood**

11.00am Holy Communion

### **St Matthew's Donnington Wood**

11.00am Morning Worship

### **St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge**

4.00pm Holy Communion

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*Please note the time change for service on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at Holy Trinity Oakengates 10am*

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## **Collect - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

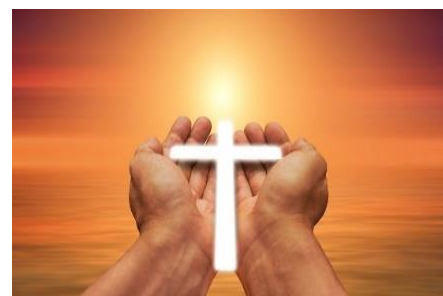
## **Readings**

Psalm 107.1-9, 43

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Hosea 11.1-11

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Colossians 3.1-11

Gospel Luke 12.13-21



## **Services Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August**

### **Holy Trinity Oakengates**

9.30am Holy Communion

### **St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy**

No service\*\*

### **St Georges Telford**

9.30am Songs of Praise

### **Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood**

8.00am Holy Communion\*

11.00am Family Praise

### **St Matthew's Donnington Wood**

11.00am Holy Communion

### **St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge**

11.00am Morning Worship

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*Please note there will be an 8.00am Service at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August which will be led by Revd Lynne Morris*

## **Services Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

### **Holy Trinity Oakengates**

9.30am Morning Worship

### **St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy**

No service \*\*

### **St Georges Telford**

9.30am Holy Communion

### **Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood**

11.00am Holy Communion

### **St Matthew's Donnington Wood**

11.00am Morning Worship

### **St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge**

11.00am Holy Communion

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## **Services Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August**

### **Holy Trinity Oakengates**

9.30am Holy Communion

### **St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy**

No service\*\*

### **St Georges Telford**

9.30am Morning Worship

### **Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood**

11.00am Morning Worship

### **St Matthew's Donnington Wood**

11.00am Holy Communion

### **St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge**

11.00am Morning Worship  
(Outdoors if weather is fine)

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## **Services Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August**

### **10.30am Benefice Service at Holy Trinity Oakengates – “Goodbye to Rev Lynne”**

Thank You Service with Holy Communion followed by coffee & cake

### **Holy Trinity Oakengates**

10.30am Holy Communion

### **St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy**

No service\*\*

### **St Georges Telford**

No service

### **Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood**

No service

### **St Matthew's Donnington Wood**

No service

### **St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge**

No service

**\*\*Please note there are NO Services at Holy Trinity Academy for St Peters congregation during August due to the School being closed for the holidays.**

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## **Daily Readings**

		Morning	Evening
Monday	04/08	2 Corinthians 11.1-15	Luke 22.24-30
Tuesday	05/08	2 Corinthians 11.16-end	Luke 22.31-38
Wednesday	06/08	1 John 3.1-3	2 Corinthians 3
Transfiguration of Our Lord			
Thursday	07/08	2 Corinthians 13	Luke 22.47-62
Friday	08/08	James 1.1-11	Luke 22.63-end
Saturday	09/08	James 1.12-end	Luke 23.1-12



<b>Sunday Readings</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<i>Trinity 8</i> Isaiah 1.1, 10-20	Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16	Luke 12.32-40
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<i>Trinity 9</i> Isaiah 5.1-7	Hebrews 11.29—12.2	Luke 12.49-56
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<i>Trinity 10</i> Jeremiah 1.4-10	Hebrews 12.18-29	Luke 13.10-17
<b>31<sup>st</sup> Aug</b>	<i>Trinity 11</i> Jeremiah 2.4-13	Hebrews 13.1-8, 15, 16	Luke 14.1, 7-14

### EMAIL NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive this newsletter via email regularly please contact [newsletter@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk) requesting you would like to receive it weekly, or can be found on our Website at [WWW.Easttelfordbenefice.co.uk](http://WWW.Easttelfordbenefice.co.uk)

### Regular Dates for Diaries (For participation or prayer)

- Mon 8.00pm Compline via Zoom
- Tue 9.00-10.00am Prayer Group at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood  
7.00pm Whist at Holy Trinity Oakengates (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month)
- Wed 8.45-10.30am Tea & Toast (Place of Welcome) at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood  
9.00-11.00am Food Bank & Clothes Bank at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood  
9.15am Morning Prayer at Wombridge Church (Suspended during August)  
10.30am Midweek Service at St Matthew's Donnington Wood  
11.30am Bible Chat session at St Matthew's Donnington Wood  
11.00am Midweek Service at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood  
12.00-2.00pm Place of Welcome at Holy Trinity Oakengates  
1.00-3.00pm Pray Bake Read at Lantern Academy Ketley Bank (Only during School Term)  
7.00-8.00pm Prayer Group meeting at St Georges (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month)
- Thu 10.00-12.00pm Tea & Talk Bereavement group (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday) at HTWW (Not in August)  
1.00-3.00pm Place of Welcome at Priorslee Scout HQ
- Fri 12.30-2.00pm First Friday Free Lunch at Wombridge Parish Centre (1<sup>st</sup> Friday)  
8.00pm Compline via Zoom
- Sat 4.00-5.30pm Messy Church at HT Wrockwardine Wood (No Messy in August)  
11.00-1.00pm Welcome Saturday at St Matthews Donnington Wood (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month)

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### Additional Dates for Diaries

- Mon 04/08
- Tue 05/08 12.00pm Wombridge Trip to Oakgate Tea Room, Gardens & Nursery  
7.00pm Whist at Holy Trinity Church Oakengates
- Wed 06/08
- Thu 07/08
- Fri 08/08
- Sat 09/08

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## Those in need of our prayers

Please pray for the families of Pamela Stacey, Rowland Waddington, and all who are grieving the loss of loved ones at this time.

Merciful God, be close to all who mourn.  
May they know the hope of your promises  
and the comfort of your love,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

In our prayers we remember the Church, its members and our community. We pray for those who are unwell, either at home or in hospital and those who are adjusting to changes in their lives. We also remember those who can no longer join us physically in our church buildings for worship or fellowship.



- We offer prayers for people of countries affected by conflict, persecution and natural disaster.
- Children's clubs across Telford
- Safety for those who travel for work or holiday at this busy time
- Those suffering in the extremes of the weather across this country and the world.
- All those who find themselves living on the streets
- Those living with dementia
- God's Peace to bring healing where it is needed
- Peace in our lives, our country and our world
- Pastoral care within the Benefice
- Our Church PCC's as they plan for the future
- Eco Church and environmental issues
- All who find the need for Foodbanks

## Those whose years mind we keep

### Priorslee

- 03/08 Violet Rowley, Michelle Lloyd, Edna Pritchard, Bertie Oliver, Loraine Sproson, Hilda Biddulph, William Williams
- 10/08 Irene Fieldhouse, Lily Palin, Gladys Dodd, Percival Davies, Clifford Pascall, Annie Hampton, Emily Jones
- 17/08 Richard Morgan, Winifred Leyland-Jones, Walter Cadman
- 24/08 Brian Ainsworth, Gladys Taylor, Albert Eagleton, Andrew McGillivray, George Moscrop
- 31/08 Gillian Hodson, Lorna Chetwood, Vincent Holmes, Charles Luter, Leslie Phillips

### Oakengates

- 03/08 William Pearce, David Poole, Elizabeth Wilkes, Douglas Hills, Margaret Ingham, Cedric Ingham, Eric Davies, Stephen Jones, Angeline Calsey, Elsie Rowley, Mary Hoof, Peter Elendon, Selby and Olive Cope, Georgina Billington, Albert Taylor, Frederick Harper, Hayley Evans, Francis McKay
- 10/08 Violet Allen, Edward Harvey, Barrie Southall, Kenneth Nelson, Frances Pagett, Charles Philips, Gladys Jaundrell, Eric Lonnon, Doreen Evendon, Joan Miller, Robin Dixon, Keith Lawton, Sid Talbot
- 17/08 Colin Tonks, Walter Mullinder, David Ghost, Dorothy Lowe, James Thompson, Alan Millward, John Mountney, Peter Jeffries, Martina Luscott, Ethel Roberts
- 24/08 Marion Cadwallader, Derrick Thompson, Henry Wassall, Herbert Mellor, Grace Tonks, Margaret Riley, Annie Mansell, Lucy Barrow, Eileen Harris
- 31/08 Roy Lea, Gwen Phillips, Sydney Massey, Mabel Spencer, Sue Bailey, Alec Leech, Bert Rhodes

## Wrockwardine Wood

- 03/08 Arnold Dawson, Pauline Johns (Tay), William Bourne, Anne Heenan, Joan Roden, Peter Downes  
10/08 Beryl Mansell, Gary (Garf) Coles, Stuart Russell, Arthur Pitchford, Marjorie Harding, Gertrude (Betty) Hodson  
Lynda Hancox, Gerald (Tom) Brown, Geoffrey Mann  
17/08 Kenneth Steadman, David Pagett, Malcolm Lee, Maureen Weston, Ada Ruscoe, Mona Buckley, Robert (Rob) Stones, Benjamin Mansell, Albert (Tommy) Atkins, Derek Odell, Ethel Luter  
24/08 Gordon Beardsmore, Barbara Worrall, Michael Griffiths, Dorothy Martin, Albert Steventon, Geoffrey Edwards, Douglas Boothman  
31/08 John James, Rodwell Woodward, Howard (H) Hope, Enid Steventon, Paul Evans, Rose Price, Maud Beard

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### CHANGES DURING AUGUST

- The Wednesday morning prayer meeting at Wombridge Church is suspended for the summer holidays and will re-commence on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.
- The Wednesday Prayer Group which normally meets at St Georges Church on 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in the month is cancelled in August and will meet again 24<sup>th</sup> September.
- The Tea & Talk Bereavement Group will not be meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in August but will resume on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am, Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood.
- There is no Messy Church in August due to school holidays. It will resume on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

### Goodbye to Rev Lynne!

It was recently announced to the East Telford Benefice that Rev Lynne and her husband Geoff will be leaving the Benefice and moving to Shrewsbury.

There will be a service of Holy Communion at Wombridge Church on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 11.00am and this will be the last service which Rev Lynne will officiate at in the Benefice, and then on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August everyone is invited to attend the Benefice service at Holy Trinity Oakengates at 10.30am for a service of Holy Communion where we will have the opportunity to say "thank you" to Rev Lynne for all she has given to the Benefice and for the many years of ministry to the local area.

We give our thanks to Lynne and pray for her and Geoff as they embark on their next chapter.

## **WEBSITE UPDATE**

The East Telford Benefice website has recently been experiencing problems and it hasn't been possible to update the information or publish the weekly newsletter link.

Most of the issues have now been ironed out and the website should now see updates over the coming weeks. Each of our churches do use [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) where you can access individual church information.

## **BAPTISMS WEDDINGS & FUNERALS IN CHURCH**

We are always excited to be able to celebrate Baptisms, welcome you for your Wedding or help you through a difficult time arranging a Funeral within our Churches. Funerals are welcomed in Church or at the Graveside and Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood are able to livestream funerals. Please telephone Kerry, Benefice Administrator to discuss arrangements.

### **Trip to Oakgate Tearoom Gardens and Nursery**

**TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST 2025**

We are planning an outing to Oakgate Tearoom, Gardens and Nursery to have lunch together and a look around the nursery and gardens.

Everyone is welcome; there is a list at the back of Wombridge Church for anyone who would like to come; lifts will be available.

Contact Chris on 07930245773

### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September**



**Free Community  
Lunch**



**On the first Friday  
of each month**



**12.30pm to 2.00pm**



**Wombridge Parish Centre**

**Thanks to sponsorship by the co-op**

**All welcome to join us for a light lunch,  
dessert and hot drink – followed by a  
short game – pop in or stay for as long  
as you wish - everyone welcome ☺**

### **ST GEORGE'S PRAYER GROUP**

\*Please note NO meeting in August

The Prayer Group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month between 7pm & 8pm at St George's Church.



The next meeting is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September and is open for all to attend. During the time together there may be a brief discussion about issues of the day and/or individual concerns and then there is a time of prayer. Sometimes a bible passage is read and following a brief discussion may be used as a focus for additional prayers.

### **Autumn Breakfast Bazaar**

Wombridge Parish Centre

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September

8.30-11.00am

More details to follow....

### **Compline via Zoom**

As a Benefice we are grateful to Nigel who hosts Compline via Zoom at 8pm on Monday and Friday evenings.

For more information please contact Nigel at

[Nigelcollins8561@gmail.com](mailto:Nigelcollins8561@gmail.com)

**ST GEORGE'S  
PARISH CHURCH**

  
**Songs of  
Praise**  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>  
August**   
**at 9.30am**

*Come and sing your  
favourite hymns*  
**Everyone welcome**

**Wombridge Parish  
Centre Spring/Summer  
Clean**

*Saturday 16th August 10am*

The Parish Centre was built in 1993, in the Name of Jesus, and hosts Church gatherings, community groups, work meetings and also provides a valuable source of income for the Church.

Along with regular cleaning, it is good to have periodic spring cleans so that the Parish Centre remains in a good condition for all those who use it.

So, on Saturday 16th August at 10am, we are going to have a Spring Clean of the Parish Centre and it would be great if you were able to come along and help out for half an hour or more.

Thank you. Wombridge PCC

**ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH  
DONNINGTON WOOD  
WELCOME SATURDAY  
AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup> 2025**

*Would you like to  
help make your  
Parish Churchyard  
look even more loved  
and cared for?*

*Can you spare a  
couple of hours on  
Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> July  
and Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup>  
August?*

*If so grab your  
gardening tools and  
wellies, and join our  
working party of  
friendly volunteers  
between 11.00 a.m.  
& 1.00 p.m.*

**FREE CRAFT  
ACTIVITIES FOR  
CHILDREN &  
ADULTS**

**COMPLIMENTARY  
TEA, COFFEE,  
TOAST & BISCUITS  
FOR ALL VISITORS**

**TABLETOP SALE  
RAFFLE IN AID OF  
CHURCH FUNDS**

**Pop in for a cup of  
tea, our welcome is  
warm, and our  
friendship is free!**

**Sat Nav ref TF2 7HP**

**Harvest Cream Tea's**

St Georges Parish Church  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September  
2.00-4.00pm  
in Church

**Battle of Britain  
Commemoration Service**

St Georges Parish Church  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September  
6.00pm

**ECUMENICAL SERVICE  
AUGUST**

Please note there will not be an Ecumenical Service in August due to holidays.

The next Ecumenical Service will be  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 7.00pm.  
at St Matthew's Donnington Wood.

**TOMBOLA STALLS**

Each of the churches in the Benefice are always in need of small quality items suitable for use on Tombola Stalls. If you can offer items for these stalls then please pass them to churchwardens who will forward them to the events coordinators for each of the churches. *Thank You.*





**Join us in 2025 - 13 September**

Some of our Benefice Churches are taking part in this  
Charity Event including Holy Trinity Oakengates



St Matthew's Church will be taking part in the Shropshire Historic Churches' Annual Ride & Stride event on

**Saturday, 13th September 2025**

Church will be open between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. to welcome cyclists and walkers from other participating churches, as well as holding our own sponsored ride using a static exercise bike in the churchyard.

If you would like to support St Matthew's by taking part in this fund-raising event (proceeds raised by us are shared equally between SHCT and St Matthew's), please pick up a sponsor form from Church.

Please support where possible.

For more information:

<https://www.shropshirehct.org.uk/OtherActivities/RideStride.aspx>

## **SAFEGUARDING**

For all the churches in our benefice, the safeguarding, safety and security of each person is of the upmost importance. We have across all our churches committed to safeguarding and have adopted the national and diocesan safeguarding policies.

Please do not hesitate to contact one of the coordinators if you have any questions and concerns and understand that everyone has a role to play to ensure we achieve our aim of being a benefice who cares and protects all who visit.

## **PLACES of WELCOME at HTO, HTWW & St PETERS**



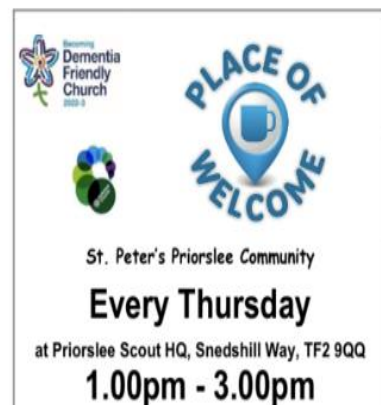
This outreach is something which has helped bring our community together and we are always pleased when new people attend. The format is simple – a short service, a shared lunch (soup and roll or sandwiches), chat/board games/puzzles/craft etc.

Please do let your friends and neighbours know about these Places of Welcome especially those who live alone or those who are looking for a place to meet new people. You will find a warm welcome at each of these Places of Welcome. We look forward to meeting you!

Please note St Peters meets at: Priorslee Scout HQ, Snedshill Way, TF2 9QQ



**Wednesday**  
**12 - 2 pm**



If you need support and advice, Alzheimer's Society is here for you. You can call the support line on 0333 150 3456 and find lots more advice and support here: <https://www.alzheimers.org.uk>

As part of the action plan for our Benefice Churches for Dementia Friendly Church it has been suggested we publish monthly in our newsletters information which offers help in what 'not' to say to someone living with Dementia. We will be using information from the Alzheimers association website.

## Things to avoid saying to somebody with dementia

### 1. Don't try to jog the person's memory: 'Remember when...?'

While it can be tempting to try and jog the memory of somebody living with dementia, this kind of question may highlight the fact that the person has memory problems. It can also sometimes feel like the person is being tested.

This can be a frustrating or painful experience, and there's also no evidence that prompting the person in this way will help them to recall or hold on to memories. It can be pleasant and comforting to talk about the past, however, it's usually more helpful to lead the conversation and allow the person to join in.

### Try this instead:

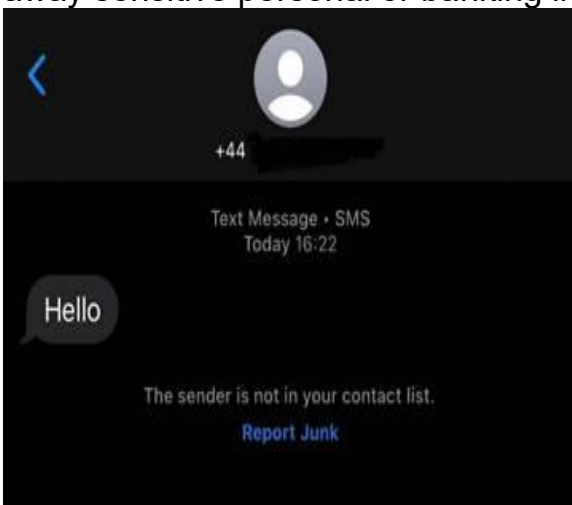
Instead of posing a question, try leading with '**I remember when...**'. That way, the person can search their memory calmly without feeling embarrassed, then join in if they like.



## It started with Hello.....

People are used to receiving messages from unknown numbers, but this "Hello" could be the start of a scam.

Any response, from "?????" "Wrong number" or another simple "hello" verifies to the scammer that your phone number is active. From here the scam could go on to impersonate Police or the Bank, inform you owe a parking fine, be the start of a romance fraud, to name just a few of the many, many other ways of manipulating you into giving away sensitive personal or banking information.



And as a bonus if you do reply, expect more text messages from random numbers in the future. So what should you do?

- Do not reply.
- Do not click on any links.
- Forward the message to 7726 along with the number the text came from.
- Delete and block the number.
- If you have given any personal information report the incident to Action Fraud via their website or by calling 0300 123 2040 and if you have given any financial information inform your bank immediately.

Please share this information with friends and family.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM OFFERS – MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

### SCHOOL UNIFORM SALES 2025

MONEYSAVINGCENTRAL.CO.UK/SCHOOL-UNIFORM-SALE-DATES

<b>SAINSBURYS</b> <b>20% off</b> Predicted to start on Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	<b>ASDA</b> <b>20% off</b> Confirmed to start on Monday 23 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	<b>M&amp;S</b> <b>20% off</b> Predicted to start on Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2025
<b>ALDI</b> <b>£5 Uniform Bundle</b> Confirmed to start on Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	<b>TESCO</b> <b>25% off</b> Predicted to start on Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	

MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

The Places of Welcome Facilitator for Staffordshire, Stoke-On-Trent & northern Shropshire has asked us to make this information known to help save families some money.

## From the Deanery & Diocese

Telford Deanery : Shaping for Mission



FOLLOWING JESUS : LOVING TELFORD : RENEWING CHURCH : GROWING YOUNGER

## Bishop Sarah's sabbatical

### Refreshment:

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I am writing to let you know Bishop Michael has very kindly and generously offered me the opportunity of a sabbatical, and I have gratefully accepted.

As we are reminded, by words in the Vocation and Training section of our own diocesan website: the basic notion of 'sabbatical' leave is Biblically based, the cessation of work principal in Genesis 2: 3 being a positive gift of rest:

'God blessed the day and made it holy'.

In Leviticus 25 we read of 'sabbath years' and the idea that the ground should be left to rest so that it can replenish itself.

During such a time there is a place for extended rest and a change of rhythm, spiritual refreshment and renewal and I will be taking this opportunity from October 1st - January 12th, 2026.

I am so grateful to those who are making this possible and particularly to Bishop Michael, Archdeacon Nick and my Executive Assistant, Carole. During my sabbatical, Bishop Michael will provide cover for episcopal ministry which would usually be provided by me as Bishop of Shrewsbury and people are invited to contact Bishop Michael's office directly during this time.

Whilst on sabbatical I will not have access to my emails and it would be helpful if you could direct emails to an appropriate recipient accordingly. If you are looking to arrange confirmations or other services and meetings for January 2026 onwards then please do be in touch with Carole: [admin.shrewsbury@lichfield.anglican.org](mailto:admin.shrewsbury@lichfield.anglican.org)

I would be pleased if you could share the above information with colleagues, including parish officers.

Assuring you of my prayers and with my profound thanks for your companionship in the gospel,

+Sarah

<https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/news/bishop-sarah-sabbatical.php>

## Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 276

We pray for the implementation of our diocesan strategy 'Seeking the Kingdom', within the context of the varied roles and ministries across the Diocese. As 'People of Hope,' we remember those impacted by natural disasters; those in Ukraine suffering grievously and we pray for the people & leaders of Russia; and for a lasting peace for the people of Palestine, Iran, Israel and the wider Middle East.

discipleship  
vocation  
evangelism

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August:

We start a series of prayers for Wem and Whitchurch Deanery and especially pray for their parishes in vacancy, and ask that God will be leading the right candidates towards Shropshire. We lift before you those places, of the PEW parishes of Prees, Edstaston, and Whixall; and also for those of Moreton Corbet, Shawbury, and Stanton upon Hine Heath. Lord, we pray for these churches as they look forward to the future walking alongside you.

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup>: *(Jean-Baptiste Vianney, Curé d'Ars, Spiritual Guide, 1859)*

We pray for Fresh Expressions and pioneering across Wem and Whitchurch, including Bubble Church, Brick Church, for Worship@3, and family services. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on all those initiatives trying to bring your good news through creative and different means, that more may come to know you.

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>: *(Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642)*

On St Oswald's day, we pray for the two churches in the diocese dedicated to him, both in Shropshire, one in central Oswestry, and one in Hinstock between Market Drayton and Newport. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on both of these churches and the communities they serve.

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>: *(The Transfiguration of Our Lord)*

*A Collect from Common Worship:*

Father in heaven,  
whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured  
before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain,  
and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem:  
give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross  
that in the world to come we may see him as he is;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>: *(John Mason Neale, Priest, Hymn Writer, 1866)*

We pray again for Wem and Whitchurch Deanery, and for Growing Faith and faith sharing across schools, homes and churches. We specifically lift before you all the church primary schools in the deanery, and for ever-stronger links with their local churches and communities; in Clive, Hadnall, Lower Heath, Myddle, Newtown, Prees, Shawbury, Tilstock, Wem, Whixall, and both the Infant and Junior Schools in Whitchurch.

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup>: *(Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221)*

Lord, we pray for missional relationships across denominations across Wem and Whitchurch Deanery and beyond, and for rest and reflection as we advance through the summer season. May we all find the refreshment we need so that any challenges in the autumn may become opportunities.

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>: *(Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921)*

*The Mother's Union Prayer;*

Loving Lord,

We thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life.

Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

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