

Church of the Good Shepherd, Low Hill

Monthly Calendar for March 2026



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ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END

Though we like to keep it quiet, the truth is that in this life, 'all good things must come to an end', whether it be a much longed-for holiday on the one hand or a long-lived life on the other. Both of these remind us that in life there is always a full stop, and if there is no hope of something better than we are, as Paul put it, 'of all people most to be pitied'. It is then with some irony that the season of Lent is when many Christians reduce their sense of hope by becoming less reliant on what we might term our 'little hopes'! Those things that we look forward to on a daily or regular basis. Why? To make life more difficult?! To earn favour with our Maker?!

Favour may come, yes, by volunteering to abstain from some of our little hopes, but this is not in a transactional or slot-machine way. And what might be our little hopes? Most commonly, these have included fasting in some form. I know it is a little twee that folk say they are going to give up chocolate for Lent, but that is part of my plans for this Lent, but don't tell anyone. For me, this is quite a big deal as I love a cup of tea and some choc.... Will I get withdrawal symptoms?

So we might say in the very season of spring, we are choosing to go back into winter! And the main reason? Surely it is this: that we don't want to rely on or be distracted by those little hopes, or perhaps quite big ones, but we want to wait and be ready to celebrate a Very Big HOPE... as we celebrate Jesus rising from the dead! 'And hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.' (Romans 5:5).



For this month....



Activities in church unless stated otherwise

Sunday 1st March: 11am Holy Communion

Reading 1: Genesis 12: 1 - 4

Reading 2: John 3: 1 – 17

12.15pm Good Shepherd AGM following the service.

Monday 2nd March: 2pm Over 50s

Friendship group with a variety of activities.

Friday 6th March:

10am Toastie Pat's Coffee Morning. All are welcome to drop in for a drink or light refreshments and a natter

7:15pm Parish Youth Group (11–14-year-olds) in the Parish Hall, Bushbury

Saturday 7th March:

8am Waking the Dawn prayer – open to anyone to come and pray.

10:00am Ladies' Breakfast at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Free of charge, although donations welcome.

For details or to book a place please leave your name with the parish office 01902 782226

Sunday 8th March: 11am Service of the Word

Reading 1: John 4: 5 - 25

Reading 2: Romans 5: 1 – 11

2pm: Invitation to join RCCG congregation as they celebrate their 1st Anniversary at Low Hill Community Centre, Kempthorne Ave.

Wednesday 11th March: 6.30pm Life Group

Bible study and fellowship at the vicarage.

Friday 13th March:

10am Toastie Pat's Coffee Morning

7:15pm Parish Youth Group (11–14-year-olds) in the Parish Hall, Bushbury

Saturday 14th March:

8:00 – 9:00am Waking the Dawn prayer

Sunday 15th March: Mothering Sunday

11am Holy Communion

Reading 1: John 19: 25 – 27

Reading 2: 1 Samuel 1: 20 – 28

Sunday School for young people (upstairs).

Monday 16th March: 2pm Over 50s

Friendship group with a variety of activities.

Wednesday 18th March: 6.30pm Life Group

Bible Study and fellowship at the vicarage.

Thursday 19th March:

7:00pm City Wide Prayer at St Mary's Church, Bushbury Lane

Friday 20th March:

10am Toastie Pat's Coffee Morning

7:15pm Parish Youth Group (11–14-year-olds) in the Parish Hall, Bushbury

Saturday 21st March:

8:00 – 9:00am Waking the Dawn prayer

6:30pm Yester – Year – Yesterday.

Social Evening at the Good Shepherd. Bring your own food plus a bag of banter and good humour!

Sunday 22nd March: 10.30am JOINT SERVICE AT ST MARY'S

Bishop Tim is visiting the parish and celebrating Holy Communion with us. There will be food afterwards.

6:00pm Deanery Service, Worship, Prayer and Food At Furzebank Worship Centre, Stroud Ave, WV12 4EG

Wednesday 25th March: 6.30pm Life Group

Bible study and fellowship at the vicarage.

Thursday 26th March:

7:30pm Parish AGM at the Parish Hall, Bushbury

Friday 27th March:

10am Toastie Pat's Coffee Morning

7:15pm Parish Youth Group (11–14-year-olds)

Games Night at St James Church, Fordhouses

Saturday 28th March:

10:00am Men's Breakfast at the Parish Hall, Bushbury Lane.

Sunday 29th March: Palm Sunday

11am Koinonia Café Worship

Reading 1: Isaiah 50: 4 - 9

Reading 2: Matthew 21: 1 – 11

Rev Taiwo's LEAVING SERVICE: 5pm JOINT SERVICE AT ST MARY'S

A time to celebrate with and pray for Rev Taiwo Olumuyiwa as he prepares to leave the parish.

EASTER PLANS – as Easter is during the first weekend of April, here's a heads-up of opportunities to gather during this holy season.

.Maundy Thursday Service Thursday 2nd April at 7 pm St Mary's.

Good Friday Easter Walk 2.30 - 4 pm Good Shepherd to St Mary's for reflections. Then walk to St James' for refreshments.

Easter Saturday Worship and Testimony 1.30 - 3 pm at Queen's Square.

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