

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – CLAINES & ST GEORGE'S CHURCHES

Sunday 29th March 2026

*** **SPRING FORWARD** - Don't forget to set your clock forward one hour this weekend. ***

PALM SUNDAY

10.15am - Blessing of Palms & Gospel at St Stephens

Procession to St George's Church

10.30am - JOINT SERVICE at ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

For those who would prefer not to join the procession for any reason, please gather for the 10.30am start at St George's Church. The Palms will be blessed again with the Palm Gospel

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 1st - Spy Wednesday - Claines Church -

10.30am - Contemplative Stations of the Cross

April 2nd - Maundy Thursday - St George's Church -

3pm - Stations of the Cross

6pm - Hand Washing Service

Claines Church - 5pm - Stripping of the Altar

April 3rd - Good Friday - Claines Church -

2pm - Good Friday Service

April 5th - Easter Sunday -

***The Bull Meadow* -**

6.30am - Sunrise Service

***Claines Church* -**

10.30am - Easter Communion

***St George's Church* -**

10.30am - Easter Communion

Lent Course 2026

This year the Lent course will be called 'Who is the Christ?' and it explores 6 different aspects of the character of Jesus.

The last session is on:

Evening course, 7pm - 8:30pm, Tuesday 31st March - St George's Church

Daytime course, 2:30pm - 4pm, Wednesday 1st April - Claines Church

Monthly Reflection - Rev Jennie Hayward

I was born at the beginning of the second World War. I grew up in London and still have clear memories of the Blitz and the terrible devastation it caused, and being carried by my Dad to the air raid shelter in the garden. At present we are watching, a bit from the side-lines, the war in the middle East escalate dangerously. As Christians, how do we see war? Jesus knew war, Israel was conquered by Rome, and they were violent occupiers. Jesus talks about war in Matthew 26: 6-8 and what is said is very applicable to now *'Nation will go to war against nation, there will be famines and earthquakes in many places, all this is the birth pangs of a new age'*

There is acute famine in Sudan, partly caused by war, and partly by some countries, including the UK, cutting drastically back on aid. We can find references to war in the psalms - we use them rarely these days, but the wisdom some hold is as applicable to our day as it was when they were written. Ps 140 says *'Keep me safe from those who use violence, who plan to thrust me out of the way - I say to the Lord- you are my God'*

On Palm Sunday we remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem, followed by the agony of Good Friday, and the glory of Easter Sunday. If this Holy Week and Easter, Christians (wherever they are), concentrated their prayers on conflicts across our world that are escalating fast, and we, in our small corner, did the same, who knows what the power of prayer could achieve?

Prayer does change things!

A very Blessed Easter to you all.

Rev Jennie



North Worcester Group of Churches
Good Friday Walk of Witness
3rd April 2026

Join us as we journey together through the Stations of the Cross

9.20am	URC, Albany Terrace (Stations 1-2)
9.45am	St. George's Church (Stations 3-5)
10.15am	Ombersley Road Methodist Church (Stations 6-8)
10.40am	St. Stephen's Church (Stations 9-11)
11.35am	St John Baptist, Claines Church (Stations 12-14)
12.00pm	Claines Church Institute Simple Lunch

Easter Flowers for St Georges Church

If you would like to donate towards the flowers, we have in church at Easter please donate to Trish Greenwood (treasurer).

This could be your way of giving in memory of a loved one or showing how much you appreciate flowers in church.

Claines Flower Guild

If anyone would like to donate towards the cost of the Easter Lilies and flowers in memory of a loved one or have the names put into the Easter Book of Remembrance that goes on the alter over Easter, please contact Pat Harris.

Claines Electoral Roll

The Claines electoral roll has been revised and will be available for inspection during Sunday services up until 12th April 2026.

St George's APCM

Sunday April 19th - 12 noon
Followed by a Shared Lunch

Claines Church APCM

Sunday April 12th - 12 noon
After Sunday Service

We pray for those who are sick and those who care for them:

Children: Ivy-Rose

Saint George's Adults: Carolyn Corfield, Mavis Firkins, Les Gardner, Matthew Hughes, Audrey Hugill, Carol Humphries, Virginia Moran, Heather Nethercoat, Alex New, Neville Roberts, Barbara Rolison, Kelly Simpson, Pat Smallcombe, Jan Tovey, Wendy Vaughan, Elisabeth Witter, & Esther.

Claines Adults: Canon Claire, Rev Alan Brooksbank, Graham Ashcroft, Joscelyn Balchin, Tom Buck, Rose Danks, Dorothy Evans, Lou Ferris, Lorraine Humphries, Kathleen Kimberley, Angela Lanyon, Jane Elizabeth Owen, Julie Oliver, Denise McKechnie, Noel & Barbara McQuitty, Ross Murray, Alex New, Izzie Newport, Cyril Rimell, Mary Skelton, Maisie, Kerry, Mark, Pip & Benny, Debbie, Mike & Judy.

For those who have recently died, may they rest in peace & rise in glory:

Annette Babington
Sandra Bradley
Bob Rolison

Our prayers and heartfelt sympathies go out to all their loved ones.

Please save the number for the Parish Office: 07862 738196

You can call us, send a text or a Whats App

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