

## April 2026

### Vicar's Voice

The beginning of April coincides with the Feast of the Resurrection - Easter. It is a season of celebration and hope, a time that speaks of renewal and invites a renewed sense of optimism.

Yet Easter does not offer an escape from the realities of our world. The challenges we face - conflict, division, and the constant stream of troubling news - remain very real. Instead, Easter gently challenges us to approach these worries differently. In a turbulent and uncertain time, its message can feel both fragile and quietly defiant: hope is still alive.



The Easter story itself does not begin with joy, but with grief, confusion, and fear. It meets us in those moments when life feels uncertain or even broken beyond repair. And yet, it is precisely there that something new begins. The message of the resurrection is not that evil simply disappears, but that it does not have the final word.

In today's world, hope can sometimes seem naive or out of place. Cynicism and weariness are often easier responses. But Easter invites us into a different way of seeing - a resilient hope grounded in the belief that renewal and healing are still possible.

This hope is often found in quiet, ordinary ways: in small acts of kindness, in choosing compassion over indifference, in the patient work of rebuilding what has been damaged. It reminds

us that light does not need to be overwhelming to be powerful; even the smallest flicker can push back darkness.

Easter also calls us to live out that hope. It is not only something we receive, but something we embody - becoming agents of renewal within our communities, however small our contribution may seem.

As we reflect this Easter, the question for each of us is not simply whether the world feels hopeful, but whether we are willing to carry hope into it.

**David**



# Prayer Saturdays

None this month due to the first Saturday falling on Easter Weekend.

## Service and Coffee Morning on Wednesday mornings

Just to remind you that the mid week service in St Andrew's Church is at 10.30 am every Wednesday and this will be followed by coffee morning from about 11.20 am til 1.00 pm.

There is a funeral in Church on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April so the coffee morning will finish at 12.30pm

## Church Work Party - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00am.

In March we were a very select few, but never the less we did manage to get the following jobs done.

- Cutting back some of the ivy growing over the boundary wall
- Further checks and enhancements to the emergency lighting system.
- Tidying the backstage area
- Looking at stored documentation in light of GDPR and sorting out which needed shredding
- Last but not least a welcome brew and time of fellowship.

## St Andrew's Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Will take place in church on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April after the 10.00 am Service at about 11.30 am.**

Please prayerfully consider if you could fulfil any of the roles which contribute to the running and life of St Andrew's Church. For further information please ask the Wardens or PCC members. Also a reminder that the electoral roll will close 2 weeks before the APCM and only people on the roll can vote at the meeting. All the nominations forms and electoral roll forms are now at the back of church for completion.

## 'Til the whole world knows

### Philippa Hanna tour

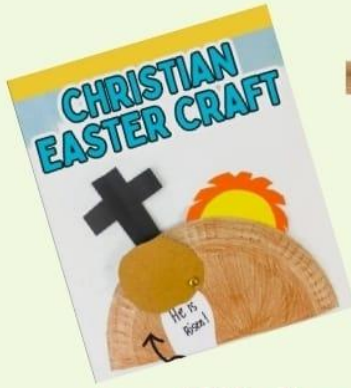


**Comes to St Andrew's Church**

**On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026 @ 7.00 pm**

**See poster for more details**

**Tickets available on Eventbrite. Cost £7.50**



Afternoon of Fun and  
FREE Packed Kids  
Lunches at  
Carmel Church Hadfield

**Wednesday 1st April 2026**

**Wednesday 8th April 2026**

**12pm- 2pm**



Derby Cathedral

The Bishop of Derby, together with  
The Dean of Derby invite you to;

*Festival Evensong for the  
Third Sunday of Easter*

with thanksgiving for the ministry of  
Malcolm, Bishop of Repton

**Derby Cathedral | Sunday 19 April | 17:15**

Follow St Andrew's Church on AChurchNearYou website where you can find all the latest information about services and events. Our entry is administered by Judith Shaw please contact her if you would like to advertise an event. If you have anything you would like to be included in the next Newsletter (subject to editorial review) then contact the Wardens - Ann and Sue. The wardens telephone if you need to contact us – 07598164646.

# Diary of Services in Church in February 2026

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Sue Leighton
	11.20 am	Coffee Morning	Ann Lucas
	1.30 pm	Funeral of Jack Bean	Rev David Ridley

<b>Maundy Thursday</b>			
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00 pm	Agape Meal and Communion	Rev David Ridley

<b>Good Friday</b>			
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 am	Journey to the Cross	Rev David Ridley

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<b>Easter Sunday</b>			
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Early morning at the cross	Rev David Ridley
	10.00 am	Easter Communion	Rev David Ridley

Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Sue Leighton
	11.20 am	Coffee Morning	Sue Leighton

Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	1.00 pm	Hadfield Churches together Meeting in Preparation for the Philippa Hanna Concert	
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<b>Easter 2</b>			
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Morning Prayer	Vince Ryder

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 pm	Funeral in Church	Rev David Ridley
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Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	Sue Leighton
	11.20 am	Coffee Morning	Ann Lucas

Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Church Working Party	Ann Lucas
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<b>Easter 3</b>			
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Rev David Ridley
	11.30 am (Approx)	inc baptism of Tommy Wilkinson APCM	Chaired by Rev David Ridley

Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Rev David Ridley
	11.20 am	Coffee Morning	Ann Lucas

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<b>Easter 4</b>			
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Morning Prayer	John Roberts
	7.00 pm	Philippa Hannah Concert in St Andrew's Church Hosted by Hadfield Churches together	

Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Morning Prayer	Sue Leighton
	11.20 am	Coffee Morning	Ann Lucas

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