

Church of the Good Shepherd, Low Hill

Monthly Calendar for May 2026



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THE GOOD SHEPHERD

As we say goodbye to Rev Taiwo we are very grateful for his ministry amongst us and his wonderful example of love and a deep prayerful life, that always seemed to push obstacles aside with a smile and often a phrase such as, 'we give thanks'! We remember too that Taiwo, like all clergy and lay leaders, is and was to us, an 'under shepherd' to the Good Shepherd, who is of course Jesus. So let us pray for Taiwo, Christianah and family as they settle into their new home in Wednesbury. Praying that Taiwo would know the Lord's strength, wisdom and vision for this new challenge and most especially that the people of Wednesbury would be touched by St Bartholomew's and St Luke's ministries and so come to know the Good Shepherd who 'charms our fears' and 'bids our sorrows cease'.

Let us pray for ourselves, in Bushbury, in St James', The Good Shepherd and St Mary's, that the 'under shepherds', lay and clergy alike, would know the Lord's comfort, direction and wisdom. Above all, though, let us all be like those sheep in John Chapter 10, who 'follow him (their shepherd and Shepherd), because they know his (His) voice.' (V4). Let us recognise that the Shepherd's voice is sometimes heard through our leaders and fellow sheep and to ignore their voice may mean we are ignoring His gentle and often persistent instruction to us.

Diary Dates For May

In church unless stated otherwise

Friday 1st May

10am Toastie Pat's Coffee Morning. All are welcome to drop in for a drink, something toasted and a friendly chat.

Saturday 2nd May

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

Sunday 3rd May: 11am Holy Communion

Reading 1: Acts 7: 55 - 60

Reading 2: 1 Peter 2: 2 - 10

Wednesday 6th May

6.30pm Life Group and fellowship **in church** – note change of venue.

Thursday 7th May Church used for local elections

10.30 - 11am Deanery Zoom Prayer meeting. You can see the full programme, and the zoom details of where to join at [Diocesan Day of Prayer - Diocese of Lichfield](#).

Friday 8th May

10am Toastie Pat's Coffee Morning. All are welcome to drop in for a drink, something toasted and a friendly chat.

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

Saturday 9th May

8:00 – 9:00am Waking the Dawn prayer

Curate's House Garden Work Party at 131 Taunton Avenue, Fordhouses, next to St James Church, 2-4pm. Help to get the garden and the outside of the house ready for when our curate, Joanne, and her husband, Lee, join us.

Sunday 10th May: 11am Service of the Word

Reading 1: Acts 17: 22-31

Reading 2: 1 Peter 3: 13 – 22

Monday 11th May

2pm Over 50s Friendship group with a variety of activities.

Wednesday 13th May

6.30pm Life Group and fellowship **in church**

Thursday 14th May 6.30 – 7.30pm

Ascension Service at St James' Church.

Friday 15th May

10am Toastie Pat's Coffee Morning. All are welcome to drop in for a drink, something toasted and a friendly chat.

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

Saturday 16th May

8:00 – 9:00am Waking the Dawn prayer

10 - 11.30am Men's Breakfast; Joseph is still alive.... Just.

Curate's House Garden Work Party at 131 Taunton Avenue, Fordhouses, next to St James Church, 2-4pm. Help to get the garden and the outside of the house ready for when our curate, Joanne, and her husband, Lee, join us (more details to follow in June)

Sunday 17th May: Holy Communion

Reading 1: Acts 1: 6 - 14

Reading 2: 1 Peter 4: 12-14 & 5: 6-11

Sunday School for young people, upstairs.

Wednesday 20th May

6.30pm Life Group and fellowship **in church**

Thursday 21st May

7 – 8pm City-Wide Prayer

Potter's House Church. Clarence St WV1 4JL

Friday 22nd May

10am Toastie Pat's coffee morning. Drop in for a cuppa, something toasted and a natter.

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

Saturday 23rd May

8:00 – 9:00am Waking the Dawn prayer

Sunday 24th May: 11am Service of the Word

Reading 1: John 7: 37 - 39

Reading 2: Acts 2: 1 - 21

Monday 25th May

2pm Over 50s Friendship Group with a variety of activities

Wednesday 27th May

6.30pm Life Group and fellowship **in church.**

Friday 29th May

10am Toastie Pat's Coffee Morning

Saturday 30th May

8:00 – 9:00am Waking the Dawn prayer

Monthly clean-up from 10am – inside and outside if the weather is good.

Sunday 31st May 11am

KOINONIA Café – Service of the Word, but not as you know it! All are welcome to come and see what happens.

Reading 1: 2 Corinthians 13; 11 – 14

Reading 2: Matthew 28; 16 - 20

Special Notice

10th May Revival Prayer 3.30 - 6pm Sunday St John's Shenstone. WS14 0JB.

This is a Diocesan prayer meeting for the episcopal area and will be a wonderful opportunity to seek the Lord's favour that the Holy Spirit would work more powerfully in our day. If a few from each church could travel to Shenstone that would be great. It takes approx. 35 mins by car.