

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**  
*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*



 **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.”

**Christ is risen – He is risen indeed – Alleluia!!**

**Services Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

**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**

4.00pm Holy Communion

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**Collect – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



**Sunday Readings**

Psalm

1<sup>st</sup> Reading                      Acts 7.55-end

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading                     1 Peter 2.2-10

Gospel                             John 14.1-14



**Christ is Risen – He is Risen indeed – ALLELUIA!!**

**Services Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**Holy Trinity Oakengates**

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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

3.00pm Holy Communion

*(please note change of time...)*

**St Georges Telford**

9.30am Morning Worship

**Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood**

8.00am Holy Communion BCP

11.00am Family Praise

**St Matthew's Donnington Wood**

11.00am Holy Communion

12.00pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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

11.00am Morning Worship

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## Services Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May

### **Holy Trinity Oakengates**

9.30am Morning Worship

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

11.00am Morning Worship

### **St Georges Telford**

9.30am Holy Communion

### **Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood**

11.00am Holy Communion

12.30pm Baptism

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

11.00am Morning Worship

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

11.00am Holy Communion & Baptism

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## Services Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost – Whit Sunday

### **Holy Trinity Oakengates**

9.30am Holy Communion

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

3.00pm Holy Communion

*(please note change of time...)*

### **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

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## Services Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Trinity Sunday

### **Holy Trinity Oakengates**

No Service

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

No Service

### **St Georges Telford**

6.00pm Choral Evensong *cancelled!*

### **Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood**

No Service

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

No Service

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

10.30am Benefice Service & Baptism

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## Services Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

### **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**

4.00pm Holy Communion

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## **Those in need of our prayers**

Please pray for the families of Revd Herbert Yates, William Saville, Michael Sanders 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 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.

**At this time please pray for:**

- The resurrected Christ to reign in our hearts and lives
- The unrest across the world and that peace will prevail over all
- Peace in our lives, our country and our world
- Pastoral care within the Benefice
- Our Church PCC's as they plan for the future
- Our Bishops Michael & Sarah and Archdeacon Nick



You have committed to our care those who live in this Benefice, Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to hear your voice and to follow you that we, and all your disciples, may grow in faith and love. Inspire, equip and enable us to play our part in your mission that your kingdom may come here in this Diocese.

We cannot know all the different people around us, but we ask that your Holy Spirit will guide us to those situations where we can minister something of your love and compassion. Help us to rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep, and bring practical solutions to problems we encounter, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

**Sad News**

We are saddened to hear of the passing of Revd Herbert Yates. May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. The Funeral for Revd Herbert Yates will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 12.00pm at Holy Trinity Oakengates. He will be received into the church on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm where he will then rest his last night in the church.

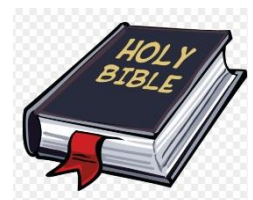
<b>Sunday Readings</b>	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Gospel
<b>10 May</b> <i>Easter 6</i>	Acts 17.22-31	1 Peter 3.13-end	John 14.15-21
<b>17 May</b> <i>Sunday after Ascension Day Easter 7</i>	Acts 1.6-14	1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11	John 17.1-11
<b>24 May</b> <i>Pentecost</i>	Acts 2.1-21 or Numbers 11.24-30	1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 or Acts 2.1-21	John 20.19-23 or John 7.37-39
<b>31 May</b> <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end	2 Corinthians 13.11-end	Matthew 28.16-end
<b>7 June</b> <i>Trinity 1</i>	Genesis 12.1-9	Romans 4.13-end	Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

**Daily Readings**

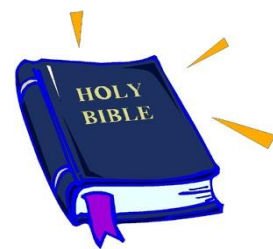
Morning

Evening

Monday	04/05	Luke 4.38-end	1 Peter 1.1-12
Tuesday	05/05	Luke 5.1-11	1 Peter 1.13-end
Wednesday	06/05	Luke 5.12-26	1 Peter 2.1-10
Thursday	07/05	Luke 5.27-end	1 Peter 2.11-end
Friday	08/05	Luke 6.1-11	1 Peter 3.1-12
Saturday	09/05	Luke 6.12-26	1 Peter 3.13-end
Monday	11/05	Luke 6.27-38	1 Peter 4.1-11
Tuesday	12/05	Luke 6.39-end	1 Peter 4.12-end
Wednesday	13/05	Luke 7.1-10	Colossians 2.20-3.4
Thursday	14/05	Hebrews 7[11-25] 26-end	Revelation 5
Friday	15/05	Acts 2.37-end	Matthew 7.15-27
Saturday	16/05	Luke 7.18-35	1 John 2.7-17
Monday	18/05	Luke 7.36-end	1 John 2.18-end
Tuesday	19/05	Luke 8.1-15	1 John 3.1-10
Wednesday	20/05	Luke 8.16-25	1 John 3.11-end
Thursday	21/05	Luke 8.26-39	1 John 4.1-6
Friday	22/05	Luke 8.40-end	1 John 4.7-end
Saturday	23/05	Luke 9.1-17	John 15.26-16.5



Monday	25/05	Luke 9.18-27	Romans 1.1-17
Tuesday	26/05	Luke 9.28-36	Romans 1.18-end
Wednesday	27/05	Luke 9.37-50	Romans 2.1-16
Thursday	28/05	Luke 9.51-end	Romans 2.17-end
Friday	29/05	Luke 10.1-16	Romans 3.1-20
Saturday	30/05	Luke 10.17-24	Mark 1.1-13



## Those whose years mind we keep

### Priorslee

- 3 May** George Nock, Michael Barnett, Janet Bent, Mary Harper, Ellen Glazzard, Gwendoline Mansell
- 10 May** Gillian Geary, Arthur Mattews, Reginald Jackman, Janet Evans, Christine Coulten, Margaret Lloyd, Vera Rhodes, Colin Cornes, Richard Hassall, Norris Simms
- 17 May** Lily Toll, Alfred Cadman, Barry Palin, William Hewson, Graham Fox, David Nicholas
- 24 May** Derrick Dean, Walter Thompson, Margaret Ecclestone, Leslie Tyler, George Beynon, David Beynon, Lucy Beynon, Elsie Bassett, Leonard Whitehead
- 31 May** Abbie Everitt, Bertie Dunston, Evelyn Jones

### Oakengates

- 3 May** Annie Downing, Bessie Robinson, Jean Pullen, Alice Bass, John Jones, George Blair, Arthur Adamson, Beryl Richards
- 10 May** Kathleen Rhodes, Jack Humpage, Helen Ingham, Darren Hunter, Jack Hicks, Lilian Bailey, Percy Felton, Cameron Brookes, Elsie Speed
- 17 May** Jean Powell, James Dixon, Michael Tonks, Debra Elcocks, Thomas Barnes, Steven Elliot, Frederick Tranter, Constance Lewis, John Twigg, Frank Davies, Edwin Poole, Hannah Jones, Samuel Jukes
- 24 May** Mandy Jones, Horace Gough, Tom Hargreaves, John Dawson, Cyril Wilkes, Thomas Hotchkiss, Callum Goring-Buckley, Frankie-Lea Goring-Buckley, Lea Shuttleworth, Kathleen Goddard, Eric Brown
- 31 May** Minnie Biddulph, Alice Pearce, Minnie Walker, Mark Lyford, Harold Stokes, Dennis Talbot, William North, Dorothy York, Barry Riley

### Wrockwardine Wood

- 3 May** Caroline Hale, Albert Thomas, Edith Lys, Samuel Caldwell, Christine O'Hanlon, William Pritchard, Trevor Clarke, Isaiah Vaughan, Reg. Luter, Francis (Frank) Marsh
- 10 May** Florence Walker, Marjorie Jones, George Beard, Kenneth Gaut, Hermione Atkinson, Sylvia Bennett, Arthur Taylor, John Travers, William Poole, Andrew Seager (Soggy), Dorothy Woodvine, Agnes (Doreen) Dibsdall, Valerie Llewellyn, Dora Johnson, Kathleen Mansell, Evelyn Gilliland, Joyce Latham, John Earl
- 17 May** Gordon Williams, Stephaine Petruszak, Gwendoline Johnson, Kimberley J McConnell, Charlie Oliver, Elizabeth Hyde, Raymond Price, Boswell Withers Johnson, Ruby Pritchard, Keith Latham, Alice Pearce, Frederick Silvester, Mark Jones, Frederick Millington, Jill Lynch, Robert Anstey, Deborah Fletcher, John Stanley, Barry Owen
- 24 May** Maud Steventon, George Hall, William (Bill) Adlington, Millicent (Marie) Pownall, Reginald Holland, David McCutcheon, Reginald Pascall, Barry Naughton, John Burt, Ronald Bennett, Stefan Petruszak
- 31 May** Elisabeth Sykes, Anthony (Tony) Maher, Charles Thorpe, John (Jack) Kingscott, Gladys Pratt, Alan Colby, Mark Beetlestone, Peter Oakley, Bryan Taylor, Ethel Lowe, Clark Biggs, Noah Latham, Barbara North, Ivy Bates, Alice Ralphs, Anthony Miller

## Donnington Wood

**3 May** Enoch Jones, Maud Pascoe, Wilfred Luter, Bernard Riedel

**10 May** Barry Walker, Harold Stephens, Stanley Thomas (Priest), William Farrar, Henry Jones, George Robertson, Maud Phillips, Gordon Ashmead, Joan Denny, Edna Downing

**17 May** William Hayward, Thomas Roberts, Allan Ellis, Joyce Wilde

**24 May** Richard Softley, Eileen Lackland, Harry Wilde, Edward Downing

**31 May** Luke Davies, Ronald Lord, Bernard Allen, Amelia Maley, Elizabeth Biddulph, Alice Stewart, Kevan Davies, Joan Shaw

## 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 in aid of Holy Trinity Oakengates (1<sup>st</sup> Tue of month) at Maddocks Club

Wed 8.45-10.30am Tea & Toast (Place of Welcome) at HT W/Wood (Term time only)

9.00-11.00am Food Bank & Clothes Bank at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood

9.15am Morning Prayer at Wombridge Church

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

12.00-2.00pm Place of Welcome at Holy Trinity Oakengates

7.00-8.00pm Prayer Group meeting at St Georges (4<sup>th</sup> Wed each month)

Thu 1.00-3.00pm Pray Bake Read at Lantern Academy Ketley Bank (Only during School Term)

1.00-3.00pm Place of Welcome at Priorslee Scout HQ

Fri 10-11.00am St Georges Church open for chat & refreshments

12.30-2.00pm First Friday Free Lunch at Wombridge Parish Centre (1<sup>st</sup> Friday)

8.00pm Compline via Zoom

Sat 11.00-1.00pm Welcome Saturday at St Matthews Donnington Wood (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month)

## Additional Dates for Diaries

Fri 08/05 12.00pm Funeral of Revd Herbert Yates at Holy Trinity Oakengates

Fri 08/05 2.00pm Burial of Ashes of Freda Nock at St Matthews Donnington Wood

Mon 11/05 10.30am Funeral of William Saville at Telford Crematorium

Mon 11/05 11.30am Funeral of Michael Sanders at Telford Crematorium

Wed 13/05 1.00pm Ecumenical Service at St Matthews Church Donnington Wood

Sat 16/05 11.00am Sausage Saturday at St Matthews Church Donnington Wood

Tue 19/05 10.30am Community Coffee Morning at Wombridge Church Parish Centre

Wed 27/05 12.30pm Burial of Ashes of Doreen Glassey at St Georges Church

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## Future dates for the Year

### Wombridge Church: 2026 Plan

Tue 19th May 10.30am - 12.00pm Community Coffee morning

Sat 11th July 2.00pm - 4.00pm The Ronnies

Sat 19th Sep 8.30am - 11.00am Autumn Breakfast Bazaar

Sat 17th Oct 6.00pm Harvest Supper & Hadley & District MVC Concert

Sat 14th Nov 6.00pm - 8.00pm Beetle and Fish 'n' chips

Sat 5th Dec 8.30am - 11.00am Christmas Breakfast Bazaar

Sat 19th Dec 4.00pm - 6.00pm Christmas party

### **St Peters Priorslee: 2026 Plan**

Sat 6th June	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Posh Puddings & Entertainment at Priorslee Scout HQ
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> June	4.00pm	Patronal Festival Service at Holy Trinity Academy
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	4.00pm	Harvest Festival Service at Holy Trinity Academy
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Harvest Supper at Priorslee Scout HQ
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Christmas Craft Fair at Priorslee Scout HQ
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.00pm - 2.00pm 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Christmas Bring & Share Lunch at Place of Welcome followed by Christmas Eve Service at Priorslee Scout HQ

### **Holy Trinity Oakengates: 2026 Plan**

Thur 25 <sup>th</sup> Jun	7.30pm	Key Change Choir Concert
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> July		Outing to Stratford
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept		Ride & Stride
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct		Harvest Supper & Quiz
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Concert by the Ronnies

### **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)

### **CHANGE OF SERVICE TIME**

After consultation with members of the congregation at St Peters it has been decided to change the service time for the afternoon services so they will start at 3pm. This will also be a benefit in the darker months of the year so that people can be home before it gets dark.

### **APCM's**

Your Annual Parochial Church Meetings are currently taking place with some already happened. These are opportunities for us to look back over the last year and look forward to the next in a prayerful and thoughtful way. Dates as follows:-

Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	<del>St Georges Church during morning service</del>
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	Holy Trinity Oakengates
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> May	12.00pm	St Matthew's Donnington Wood
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> May	1.30pm	St Peter's Priorslee at 3 Church Road TF29HF
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> May	12.30pm	Wombridge Church

Please do prioritise these meetings as they allow us to see the big picture in a way that may not be possible at other times. APCM's are also the time when we celebrate our shared ministries and commission people for the year ahead – so if you want to look at offering yourself for a new ministry, wish to extend the ministry you currently offer or want to stand down from the ministry you have been doing for a period then please do speak to the Wardens as appropriate.

### **ELECTORAL ROLL**

Now is the time for these to be renewed for the coming year. If you are on one of these Electoral Rolls already and have moved house in the last 12 months please can you update our Electoral Roll Officers with your new address. (or pass your details to the Churchwarden, *thank you.*)

Holy Trinity Oakengates – Margaret Howells

Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood – Dai Maddock

St Peters Priorslee – Chris Harris

St Mary & St Leonards Wombridge – Margaret Afford

St Georges – Alan Talbot

St Matthews Donnington Wood – Julie Gardner

## **SAFEGUARDING**

For all the churches in our benefice, the safeguarding, safety and security of each person is of the utmost 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, Churchwardens or the Benefice Admin office 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.

For more information: <https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/safeguarding/safeguarding.php>  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/national-safeguarding-standards>

To report a Benefice concern please contact [admin@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk](mailto:admin@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk) and Kerry will direct you to the relevant safeguarding officer.

## **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. Our Ministers are also available for Services at the Crematorium, contact your Funeral Directors for arrangements.

## **NEW BENEFICE ADMIN OFFICE OPENING TIMES**

There will be a change to the hours where Kerry can be contacted in the office. The new hours will be 9.00am – 2.00pm Monday and Tuesday.

Kerry can be contacted by email – [admin@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk](mailto:admin@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk) and phone – 01952 615367 She will respond to you promptly. Should you require printing or office help just give her a call or email and she will arrange to meet you at the office during these times.

## **PRAYING AT HOME**

As we get older our involvement in local church life changes, and we find we have less time for physical activity but more time for prayer! We are a community of prayer – at home and in church. As a Benefice we are grateful to Nigel who hosts Compline (Evening Prayer) via Zoom (extremely easy to join on a mobile phone with internet access) at 8pm on Monday and Friday evenings. For more information please contact Nigel at [Nigelcollins8561@gmail.com](mailto:Nigelcollins8561@gmail.com)

## **BIBLE CHAT GROUP**

The Bible Chat Group meet weekly at St Matthew's Church Donnington Wood on Wednesdays at 11.30am. The group uses the themes from the Everyday Faith App as a basis for discussion. If you would like to join these discussions please do attend as new friends are always welcome.

## **EVERYDAY FAITH APP**

Everyday Faith is a Church of England app offering daily readings, reflections, responses and prayers under various themes; with each theme looking at where and how we meet God as we go about our lives. Faith is found in our joys and cares, in our challenges and conflicts as we lean into God's presence and guidance. You can download Everyday Faith from your app store.

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## Messy church is taking a break in the East Telford Benefice



Messy church is taking a break and will return in September with a new time of 12:00 till 2pm. We are looking to build a new team of people who are happy to commit to joining Fiona and Kerry for the planning of sessions and helping one Saturday a month.

It has been difficult to maintain with such a small team, and we are hoping to be refreshed and ready to return with a new team in September. Please contact Fiona or Kerry if you are able to help.

We would also be grateful for helpers in setting up on the morning and tidying away after so if you didn't feel you wanted to help at the crafts but were happy to support with that or maybe in helping prep the lunch there is a role for you.

We know many of our churches have older people who have served for many years and are no longer up for helping out but we would be grateful if everyone could help with praying for Messy Church, the building of the new team and of course the families who come along. Kerry and Fiona are also happy to come along to your churches to talk about Messy Church and what it is and how when we are there, we can sow those first seeds in the children who join us and maybe even encourage the faith of some of the adults. If you have a service you would like us to attend just let us know.



All are welcome to come along.  
The next Service will be on  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 1.00pm  
at St Matthew's Church,  
Donnington Wood

For more information about Ecumenical events  
please contact Sue Rawlings.  
07715173634suerawlings12@gmail.com

### ST GEORGE'S PRAYER GROUP

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 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
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.

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 ☺

## Summer Trio of Teatime Treats



An Indulgence of Posh Puddings  
Delicious food and live entertainment  
Saturday 6th June • 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Scout HQ, Snedshill Way, Priorslee, TF2 9QQ  
Adults £10.00 each (Choice of 3 desserts)  
Tickets available from Fiona 07873 343008  
or message via FaceBook - St Peter's Church Priorslee  
email - stpeterspriorslee@btinternet.com

Holy Trinity Oakengates  
presents  
**Key Change Choir**  
**in Concert**  
An evening of Song

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 7-30pm

Tickets available soon



**SAUSAGE  
SATURDAY**

16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026  
11.00 A.M. – 1.00 P.M.  
ST MATTHEW'S  
CHURCH  
DONNINGTON  
WOOD  
Sat Nav Ref TF2 7HP



**christian  
aid**

**10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Do you enjoy a hotdog/sausage sandwich and a nice cup of tea or coffee?**

**Do your children enjoy crafting, origami or art, pop and biscuits?**

**If your answer is YES, then join us for breakfast and help us raise funds for the invaluable charity, Christian Aid.**

**Sausage butty & 1<sup>st</sup> cuppa for only £2.00.**

**All subsequent drinks are free!**

**Free craft resources, biscuits and refreshments**

**Raffle, Name the doll competition in aid of Church funds**

**Memory Menders share their repaired/upcycled items**

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

**Community Coffee  
Morning**

**Tue 19th May**

**10.30am to 12.00pm**

**Wombridge Parish Centre**

**£2 for a cake and  
unlimited hot drinks!**

**Bric-a-brac, cakes,  
books, raffle, tombola,  
free quiz and ... a very  
warm welcome ☺**



**New  
Beginner's  
STEP IN LINE  
dancing class**

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Wrockwardine Wood, Telford**

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07780 515350**

**Compline via Zoom**


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**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.*



**PRAY BAKE READ**

**PRAY....INTENTIONALLY FOR YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL**  
**BAKE....A CAKE FOR STAFF EVERY HALF TERM**  
**READ.... 1:1 WITH A STUDENT ONCE A WEEK**



Would you like to support children at The Lantern Academy, Ketley Bank by spending 1-2 hours a week with pupils listening to them read on a 1:1 (Thursday afternoons 1-3pm, Years 1 & 2 infants). *Why do we want to do this?*

As Christians, the Bible teaches us to love our neighbour. Our church and the many schools in our Benefice are close neighbours in our community and we want to show God's love to them by serving them in a practical way. It really is that simple.

If you are interested please speak to Julia Ayers, or contact [newsletter@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk) and your details will be passed to the organiser.



## OPEN GARDENS IN SHROPSHIRE

Do you enjoy gardens? Over the next few weeks there are some beautiful ones to visit.

**SHROPSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST**

[www.shropshirehct.org.uk/](http://www.shropshirehct.org.uk/)

### **The Citadel 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Weston-Under-Redcastle, Shrewsbury, SY4 5JY, 2pm-5pm

Paths wind through Rhododendrons, Azaleas and Camellias with lawns opening to the Shropshire plain and views to the Welsh hills. Church open: St Lukes's SY4 5UX. £6

### **(NEW) Eaton Manor 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Eaton-under-Haywood, Church Stretton, SY6 7DH 1pm-5pm

Stunning views along Wenlock Edge. Church open: St Edith's SY6 7DH £7

### **Pontesbury Garden Trail 17<sup>th</sup> May**

Range of gardens open on Pontesbury Hill & nearby. On street parking in the village.

Church open: St George's SY5 0PP £7

### **(NEW) Sheinwood Manor 17<sup>th</sup> May**

Sheinton Road, Much Wenlock TF13 6NR 2pm-5pm

Enchanted garden surrounded by woodland. Church open: St Peter & St Paul ST5 6DN £7

### **Stokesay Court 31<sup>st</sup> May**

Onibury, Craven Arms SY7 9BD, 2-5pm.

This grand Victorian mansion with 20-acre grounds landscaped by E H Milner in 1892 were the setting for the award-winning film Atonement. Gardens feature a fountain lake and grotto, fine Rhododendrons, arboretum, pools and woodland walks.

Church: St Michael and All Angels SY7 9AW £6

### **Burcot Manor 7<sup>th</sup> June**

Wrockwardine, Wellington, TF6 5DW, 2pm-5pm

The garden of herbaceous borders and shrubs wraps around the manor house with views to the Wrekin. Woodland walk and extensive walnut grove. Church open: St Peter's TF6 5DD. £7

## 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 breakfast/lunch (toast, 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

**Tea & Toast Warm space  
Food bank & Clothes bank**

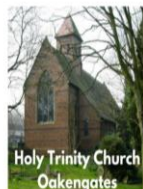
Open each Wednesday  
9.00 - 11.00

We would love to make you welcome at our Warm space Tea & Toast each Wednesday. Come in have a cuppa chat with our volunteers

get to know some new people, browse the clothing and request a food parcel just ask one of the volunteers

**Tea & Toast**

we are grateful for the support of our local parish councillors who support our warm space



**Wednesday  
12 - 2 pm**

**PLACES OF WELCOME**

St. Peter's Priorslee Community

**Every Thursday**

at Priorslee Scout HQ, Snedshill Way, TF2 9QQ

**1.00pm - 3.00pm**

# From the Deanery & Lichfield Diocese



Two faithful guides. One shared invitation to pause, reflect, and journey deeper.

Sue Rawlings & Pauline Heffernan return to Shallowford House, offering space to explore faith, life, and the ways in which we are continually being shaped.

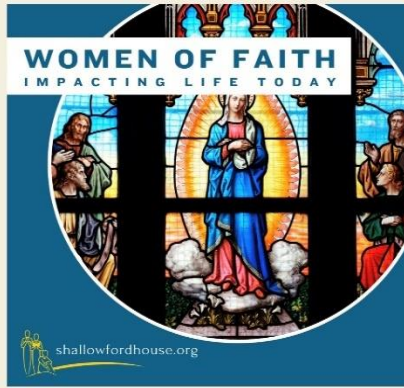
**Women of Faith – Friday 5th June**  
Exploring the courage and impact of women whose faith has shaped lives and communities. Featuring guest speaker Jan Burns MBE, founding member of The National Dignity Council.

**Evolving Gifts – Friday 4th September**  
A reflective day on how life's seasons shape, refine, and reveal the gifts within us. Featuring guest speaker Jane Newsome MBE, former prison chaplain and long-serving volunteer with Hands At Work in Africa.

Through Scripture, prayer, silence and guided reflection, these days offer a gentle invitation to take a fresh look at your own journey.

For more information:

[shallowfordhouse.org/events](http://shallowfordhouse.org/events)

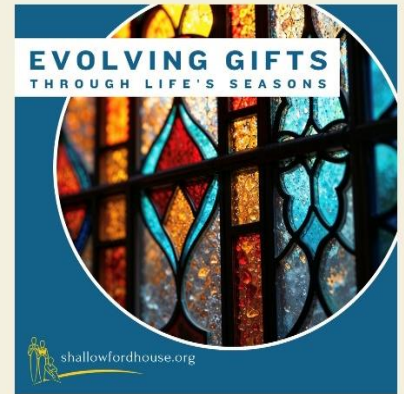


Throughout history, women of faith have shown remarkable courage – shaping communities, challenging injustice, and responding boldly to God's call. This reflective retreat day explores the stories of women whose faith inspired action and hope.

Through Scripture, prayer, silence and guided reflection, participants are invited to consider how these lives might inspire renewed purpose and faithful living today.

Suitable for those seeking inspiration from the lives of faithful women and reflecting on their own sense of calling and purpose.

- WOMEN OF FAITH
- FRIDAY 5TH JUN - 9.30AM-3.30PM
- £28 PER PERSON
- REFRESHMENTS & 2-COURSE LUNCH INCLUDED
- WITH GUEST SPEAKER, JAN BURNS MBE, FOUNDED MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL DIGNITY COUNCIL



Nature teaches us that life unfolds in seasons – times of growth, change, renewal and transformation. In much the same way, our own lives continue to shape and reshape the gifts we carry.

This reflective retreat day invites participants to explore how life's experiences can deepen, refine and reveal the gifts within us.

Suitable for those at any stage of life who wish to reflect on their journey, rediscover the gifts they carry, and explore how these might continue to grow and serve others.

- EVOLVING GIFTS
- FRIDAY 4TH SEP - 9.30AM-3.30PM
- £28 PER PERSON
- REFRESHMENTS & 2-COURSE LUNCH INCLUDED
- WITH GUEST SPEAKER, JANE NEWSOME MBE, FORMER PRISON CHAPLAIN AND LONG-TERM VOLUNTEER WITH CHARITIES SUCH AS HANDS AT WORK IN AFRICA

## YOUTH & CHILDREN'S LEADERS GATHERING

Date: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
Location: Telford Minster  
6pm – Prayer & Worship  
7pm – Dinner & Networking

Join us for an evening of celebration as we support one another and seek God together. Use the QR Code to book in



## Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 315



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, Israel, Iran and the wider Middle East.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May:** (*English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era*)

On the day we remember St James the Just, we pray for the one church in the diocese dedicated to him, in the town of Brownhills between Walsall and Lichfield. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on this church and the community it serves.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>:**

*At a time when division and dissent can be seen both internationally and nationally, and in a week when much of the country goes to the polls, the prayer of St Francis:*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>:**

Lord, we start a series of prayers for Stone Deanery by lifting before you each of its church schools. We pray for the First Schools of Barlaston, Oulton, Standon All Saints, Stone Christ Church, Stone St Michael, and Tittensor. So too we pray for Christ Church Academy in Stone. Please may your hand rest upon the staff and volunteers who work in any of these schools in whatever role; and for all the children and their families who are part of them.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>:**

Lord, we thank you for the very gift of prayer as the [Diocesan Day of Prayer](#) commences. We thank you that whenever we talk to you, you will always listen. We pray that when you may sometimes give us the answers that we need rather than the ones that we want, you may grant us understanding. But today we thank you for the chance to come together as a diocese and humbly ask that you may once again meet with us.

Today, we also pray for the Education Team's Day on '[Inclusive, Invitational and Inspiring Collective Worship](#)', and thank you for all those that work to facilitate such Worship not just in our Schools, but in our Churches too. Just as we thank you for the gift of Prayer, so too we thank you for the gift of Worship, and pray we may always want to give you some miniscule measure of the glory that you are due.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>:**

Lord, as the [Diocesan Day of Prayer](#) draws to a close, we thank you for the opportunity to meet with you again. We thank you for all those who have taken time to prepare and lead slots over the 26 hours, especially those people at such times when volunteers were harder to come by. We thank you that even when their human audience may have felt depleted, that the audience that mattered most was always fully with us.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>:** (*Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, c. 1417*)

*A Prayer of Julian of Norwich:*

In you, Father all-mighty, we have our preservation and our bliss.

In you, Christ, we have our restoring and our saving. You are our mother, brother, and Saviour.

In you, our Lord the Holy Spirit, is marvelous and plenteous grace. You are our clothing; for love you wrap us and embrace us. You are our maker, our lover, our keeper.

Teach us to believe that by your grace all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well. **Amen**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>:**

Lord, we lift before you today's seminar on '[Thinking Biblically Together about Trauma](#)' in West Bromwich. We pray for the ministry of Friends of West Midlands Biblical Counselling UK who are running the day, and Steve Midgeley, who will be the Speaker. We especially pray for all those dealing with trauma in whatever form, and that they will find the appropriate support that they need.

**To get these prayer points delivered to your mobile automatically via the free PrayerMate app on iOS & Android [click here](#)  
For prayer resources for the worldwide church see the Anglican cycle of prayer: [anglicancommunion.org/resources/prayer.aspx](http://anglicancommunion.org/resources/prayer.aspx)**