

Church of the Good Shepherd, Low Hill

Monthly Calendar for August 2026



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Don't Drift!

When I was young, we often visited Towyn in Wales. The sea could be unpredictable, so we were told to stay between the markers. One year my dad drifted without noticing, and the waves pushed him into the rocks. In the same way, Hebrews 2:1–4 gives a similar loving warning about drifting away. *"We must pay the most careful attention... so that we do not drift away."* Written to encourage tired Christians to keep going with God, it reminds us to remember Jesus, the cross, and the salvation He won for us. Don't drift away, stay anchored.

Drifting rarely happens suddenly. It happens quietly, when prayer softens, when Scripture reading fades, when fellowship becomes irregular, when old habits begin to feel familiar again. Summer is a beautiful gift from God, a time to rest and breathe, but it can also be a season where we drift if we don't stay attentive. Jesus never drifted. He stayed aligned with the Father, rooted in holy habits, and focused on the Kingdom. He invites us to follow Him in that same steady way, not through striving, but through daily closeness.

As summer begins, this is a good moment for a spiritual check-up. A time to simply say, "Lord, am I drifting? Show me if I am." God's ways are higher than ours; He sees what we miss. So, we ask the Holy Spirit to make us aware, sensitive, and quick to notice when our hearts begin to wander. May this summer be a season of renewal, staying between the markers and anchored in Christ *"this salvation, first announced by the Lord,"* still holding us fast.

Sunday 2nd August: 11am Holy Communion

Reading 1: Matthew 14: 13-21 (Karen)

Reading 2: Romans 9: 1-5 (Emma)

Theme: Grieving for the lost.

Preacher Lyn Hyde

Sunday 16th August: Holy Communion

Reading 1: Matthew 15: 21- 28 (Nneka)

Reading 2: Romans 11: 1-2, 29 – 32 (Adrian)

Theme: Our heart towards Israel.

Preacher Rev Ian

Sunday School for young people, upstairs.

Sunday 30th August: 11am Koinonia Café Worship

Reading 1: Matthew 16: 21-28 (Karen)

Reading 2: Romans 12: 9-21 (Wayne)

Theme: Our Behavioural Checklist

Preacher: Rev Vincent

Sunday 9th August: 11am Service of the Word

Reading 1: Matthew 14: 22-33 (George)

Reading 2: Romans 10: 5-15 (Matthew)

Theme: Simplicity of faith and priority of witness.

Preacher Lyn Hyde

Sunday 23rd August: 11am Service of the Word

Reading 1: Matthew 16: 13-20 (Inheanyi)

Reading 2: Romans 12: 1-8 (Maureen)

Theme: Our heart response to grace

Preacher: Lyn Hyde

In church unless stated otherwise

Saturday 1st August

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

Monday 3rd August

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

Wednesday 5th August

6.30pm Life Group meets in church, a welcoming space for prayer, fellowship and studying the bible.

Friday 7th August

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

Saturday 8th August

8:00 – 9:00am Waking the Dawn prayer open to any to come and pray.

Wednesday 12th August

6.30pm Life Group meets in church, a welcoming space for prayer, fellowship and studying the bible.

Friday 14th August

10am Toastie Pat's Coffee Morning.

Saturday 15th August

8:00 – 9:00am Waking the Dawn prayer

Monday 17th August

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

Wednesday 19th August

6.30pm Life Group meets in church, a welcoming space for prayer, fellowship and studying the bible.

Friday 21st August

10am Toastie Pat's Coffee Morning.

Saturday 22nd August

8:00 – 9:00am Waking the Dawn prayer

Wednesday 19th August

6.30pm Life Group meets in church, a welcoming space for prayer, fellowship and studying the bible.

Friday 21st August

10am Toastie Pat's coffee morning.

Saturday 22nd August

8:00 – 9:00am Waking the Dawn prayer

Wednesday 26th August

6.30pm Life Group meets in church, a welcoming space for prayer, fellowship and studying the bible.

Friday 28th August

10am Toastie Pat's coffee morning.

Saturday 29th August

8:00 – 9:00am Waking the Dawn prayer open to any Christians to come and pray.

Monthly clean-up from 10.30am

Praying For Gold

An afternoon of prayer for Mission and Revival in the Episcopal area of the Bishop of Wolverhampton.

3:30pm - 6:00pm

Sunday 6th Sept St Matthew's Wolverhampton 222 Willenhall Road WV1 2JQ
 Sunday 22nd Nov St Peter's Hednesford Church Hill WS12 1BD
 Sunday 7th Feb St Gabriel's Walsall Walsley Road WS5 4LZ

Join us for an afternoon of worship, prayer and silence -from across different traditions and styles- as we pray for mission and revival across the Wolverhampton area!