

Church of the Good Shepherd, Low Hill

Monthly Calendar for October 2026



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A Call to Prayer

In recent weeks I have felt the Lord impress upon me the need for ourselves to seek the Lord more. Speaking to King Solomon in 2 Chronicles 7:14 the Lord shared with him, what was the 'church of his day' to do in times of national distress. He said:

'If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.'

We live in precarious days and I believe that there is a window of opportunity and grace that we need to grasp. Greater transformation required in ourselves, our churches and community are just not going to happen without prayer. As the Revival journalist George Otis Junior says, we need some 'heavy lifting equipment'.

Of course, there are always potholes in any call to prayer that we would be wise to discern.

Such as: Will this just make us busier, but with no accompanying release of life and power?

Is it something that we feel we ought or have to do or is this of the Lord?

Is this an excuse to sit on our hands and not get out there into the harvest field?

Bushbury Parish has been blessed in the last two years. Is this the best we can hope for or is it a preamble to an outpouring of His Spirit amongst us bringing rescue and change beyond our imagination or ability?

Why not ponder whether the Lord might be calling you to attend one of the prayer meetings that we already have? 9.30am and 9am on Thursdays at St James' and St Mary's respectively.

A Parish prayer meeting 6 - 7pm on Wednesday 21st October at The Good Shepherd.

AND...How about considering whether on some occasions you can attend the weekly Parish/Area prayer meeting on Saturday mornings at 8am called 'Waking The Dawn'! It takes place at The Good Shepherd.

Sunday 4th October: 11am Holy Communion and Harvest

Reading 1: Galatians 6: 9 & -14 (Emma)

Reading 2: **Luke 13: 6-9 (Karen)**

Theme: Harvest and Giving.

Preacher Lyn Hyde

Sunday 18th October: Holy Communion

Reading 1: 2 Timothy 4: 5-17 (Nneka)

Reading 2: **Luke 10: 1-9 (Adrian)**

Theme: Learning to fight in the battle.

Preacher Lyn Hyde

Sunday 11th October: 11am Service of the Word

Reading 1: Philippians 4: 1-9 (Iheanyi)

Reading 2: Matthew 22: 1-14 (Adrian)

Theme: The Wedding Banquet invite.

Preacher Rev Vincent

Sunday 25th October: 11am Service of the Word

Reading 1: Matthew 22: 34-46 (Jada)

Reading 2: **1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8**

(Jacqueline)

Theme: Sharing the gospel and our lives as well.

Preacher Rev Ian

Notice Board for October

(Things that happen regularly in church unless otherwise stated).

If you want further information, get in touch via the Parish Office or contact details below.

♥ **Ladies Breakfast held on the first Saturday of the month at 10am. Free event – donations welcome to cover cost of continental breakfast.**

♥ **Over 50s**, an easy-going friendship and support group, held on alternate Mondays at 2pm. Dates in October are 12th and 26th.

♥ **Toastie Pat's Coffee Morning**; Drop in any Friday morning 10 – 12 for a cuppa, a natter and maybe something toasted. Donations welcomed.

♥ **Good Shepherd Life Group**; Every Wednesday at 6.30pm. A welcoming space for prayer, fellowship and studying the bible (currently Revelation)

♥ **Bushbury Youth Group** for 11 – 14-year-olds meets weekly on a Friday during term time, 7.15pm in the Parish Hall apart from the last Friday of the month which is at St James Church, Fordhouses.

♥ **Waking the Dawn** is every Saturday, 8am – 9am. All are welcome at this powerhouse of prayer and worship.

♥ **Monthly clean-up on the last Saturday of the month from 10.30am. A plea for all hands-on deck – or at least more hands-on deck! There are so many jobs that need taller, fitter, stronger, bendier, younger people.**

Other news

Tuesday September 29th 'Cherishing the Balance'

Bev Dyer (Reader, Good Shepherd) is setting up a new, online small group facilitated by Whole Life Discipleship Officer Helen Emery. It aims to provide a space for people of faith who are newly diagnosed, living with advanced / life-limiting illness or receiving palliative care. It will be a safe and supportive space for honest conversation, prayer, reflection, encouragement and companionship for anyone linked to a Church in our Diocese. It begins on Tuesday 29th September. If you would like to be involved please email Helen Emery helen.emery@lichfield.anglican.org

Sunday October 4th 6-8pm Deanery Prayer, Worship and Food at St Stephen's Church.

Saturday October 17th Men's Breakfast, 10am in the Parish Hall. Please leave a message with the parish office (01902 782226) for catering purposes.

Saturday October 17th Lichfield Cultural Festival 11am-4pm at Holy Trinity Church, Heath Town. A free event celebrating the rich tapestry of cultures within our diocese with inspiring speakers, music, dance. Art, food and fellowship. Reserve a free ticket via <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/diocese-of-lichfield-cultural-festival-tickets-2000006769085>

Wednesday October 21st Parish Prayer 6-7pm at Good Shepherd.

Thursday October 22nd Diocesan Prayer meeting 10.30-11am on Zoom

Advance Notices

Ladies Breakfast 10am Saturday 7th November, at The Good Shepherd.

Operation Christmas Child

Are you in a position to help a child in need? Would you like to be part of the story that shares the love of Jesus with them? If so, would you consider filling a shoebox with toys, treats, stationery and hygiene items. Chose the gender of the child you would like to gift your box to and their age range (either 2-4 years, 5-9 years or 10-14 years). Don't forget to include a letter from you to them inside your box to make it extra special and personal and a £5 donation to help cover the shipping costs.

National collection week is 9th-16th November.

Should you need an empty shoebox to either wrap yourself or would like a pre-wrapped one they are available from St James Church. Or, you may consider donating a shoebox online at <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/shoebox-online>

Finally, once your box is dropped off or your donation made, please remember to pray for the recipient so that your box is gifted to the right child. You may consider watching this video which supports this year's campaign

<https://youtu.be/KOKtonyYIFs>

Here are our contact details: **Parish Office:** 01902 782226

We can also be found on: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com> (enter The Good Shepherd, Low Hill).

<https://bushburyteamministry.co.uk/church-of-the-good-shepherd>

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