Church of the Good Shepherd, Low Hill
Monthly Calendar for November 2026

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Where is your Treasure?!

It is very sobering to remind ourselves that many Christians around the world today have very little earthly treasure and worse, they don't even know whether they can hold on to their own lives or the lives of their loved ones. This is often not due to their lack of hard work or natural gifting, but rather because they are persecuted by those around them and the society in which they live. In this they have a strong identity with the early Christians. For example in the beautiful and wealthy city of Smyrna, the Christians of 2000 years ago are described by Jesus as living in ***'poverty'*** (Revelation 2: 9). They weren't just getting by, because, this word poverty in the original means they were fighting to survive. Even worse than that: was, if they refused to burn incense in honour of the Emperor Domitian; if they refused to call him Lord, then they would either be imprisoned or executed. And yet Jesus declares to them ***'yet you are rich!'*** In the words of Paul to Timothy, they had found a way to invest in the bank of heaven, laying up for themselves ***'treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age.'*** And they achieved this by valuing their obedience and love for Jesus above everything else. Jesus said ***'where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'*** So where is your treasure? If you had to flee your home or this life suddenly what one thing would you want to take with you? The answer my friend is blowin' in the wind and it must be; your relationship with Jesus!

Sunday 1st November: 11am Holy Communion
Reading 1: Matthew 5: 1-12 (Emma)
Reading 2: 1 John 3: 1 - 3 (Chris)
Theme: What does our future look like?
Preacher: Rev Joanne Redding

Sunday 8th November: 11am Service of the Word
Reading 1: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13 -18 (Jada)
Reading 2: Matthew 25: 1 - 13 (Janelle)
Theme: Remembrance Sunday with Memorial
Preacher: Rev Vincent

Sunday 15th November: Holy Communion
Reading 1: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1 - 11 (Nneka)
Reading 2: Matthew 25: 14 - 30 ( )
Theme: Stewardship of life
Preacher: Rev Richard Merrick
Sunday School for young people, upstairs.

Sunday 22nd November: 11am Service of the Word
Reading 1: Ephesians 1: 15 - 23 (Iheanyi)
Reading 2: Matthew 25: 31 - 46 (Karen)
Theme: Christ the King
Preacher: Rev Joanne Redding

Sunday 29th November: 11am Koinonia Café Worship
Reading 1: Isaiah 64:1 - 9 (Karen)
Reading 2: Mark 13: 24 - 37 (Emma)
Theme: The return of the King
Preacher: Rev Vincent

Notice Board for November



(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.

♥ **Over 50s,** an easy-going friendship and support group, held on alternate Mondays at 2pm. Date for November is only 10th - there is no meeting on 24th.

♥ **Coffee Morning with the Toastie Team**; 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**.**

♥ **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.

♥ **Ladies Breakfast held on the first Saturday of the month at 10am. Free event –** donations are welcomed to cover breakfast cost. **Next on November 7th**



♥ **Monthly clean-up. The date may change due to circumstances but the plea remains 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 – especially as this will be the opportunity to 'deck the halls – fa-la-la-la-laaa!'**

Other news

Cherishing the Balance 2 – 3pm Thursday 5th November on Zoom. Please see details on accompanying poster.

City Wide Prayer 7 - 8pm Thursday 19th November at St Mary's Church.

Men's Breakfast 10 - 11.30am The Book of Revelation! - Saturday 21st November, Parish Hall.

Praying for Gold Sunday 22nd November 3.30 - 6pm at St Peter's
Hednesford Church Hill. WS12 1BD.We will be gathering across the episcopal area to worship and pray together.

Parish Weekend Away. Please see details on poster and there will be an early sign-up list.

Advance Notices



Parish Christmas Celebration Buffet 6pm Saturday 5th December at St Mary's Church Hall. £6 adults £2 children (less than 13yrs). Sign-up sheet coming soon.

Christmas services – check out details on attached poster

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
or find us on facebook https: //www.facebook.com/CHURCH.COGS

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Cherishing The Balance

Discipleship Group
for those with a life limiting diagnosis



Thursday 5th Nov 2026
2.00pm – 3.00pm Via Zoom

After a great first meeting, we are once again offering a safe and supportive space for honest conversation, prayer, reflection, encouragement and companionship with others across the Lichfield Diocese on a similar journey.

Whether you are newly diagnosed, living with advanced illness, receiving palliative care, or simply looking for others to journey with in this season of life, you are warmly invited.

Facilitated by Bev Dyer, Reader in Bushbury
Hosted by Helen Emery, Whole Life Discipleship Officer

If just turning up online feels like a big first step, email helen.emery@lichfield.anglican.org and arrange a no pressure chat to find out more.



To be the body of Christ as a parish.

To increase our vision and unity as we worship and learn together.

Learning to "do life together".

Sharing our faith in friendship and love with those who will join us.

- Activities for all ages (children, youth & adults)
- Worship, teaching and time to reflect
- Relax and unwind

VARIABLE ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

A range of accommodation options are available to suit different needs and group sizes.

PLEASE SPEAK TO GLYNIS.A AND HARLAN.P AT ST MARY'S, JANE.G AT ST JAMES AND BEV.D AT GOOD SHEPHERD FOR MORE INFORMATION.

www.cefnlea.co.uk

Christmas Services

We warmly invite you to attend any of our services at 11am on Sundays and you are especially welcome to come to any of the Christmas services;

6th December 11am Christingle Service

20th December 4pm Christmas readings and carols (no 11am service today)

24th December 11pm Holy Communion

27th December 10.30am Joint service at St Mary's Church, Bushbury Lane.

