

*St Michael & All Angels,  
Chetwynd*

Parish Newsletter  
October 2025

## **Chetwynd Church Services:**

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| 5 <sup>th</sup> October  | 9.00am  | <b>Harvest Festival</b><br><i>Psalm 65, verses 9 - 13</i><br><i>Gospel: Matthew, Chapter 13, verses 24 – 30 &amp; 36-43</i>   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> October | 9.00am  | <b>Holy Communion</b><br><i>Epistle: Jeremiah, Chapter 29, verses 1 &amp; 4-7</i><br><i>Gospel: Luke, Chapter 17, verses 11 - 19</i>  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> October | 11.00am | <b>Morning Prayer</b><br><i>Epistle: Jeremiah, Chapter 31, verses 27– 34</i><br><i>Gospel: Luke, Chapter 18, verses 1 - 8</i>   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> October | 9.00am  | <b>Holy Communion</b><br><i>Epistle: Joel, Chapter 2, verses 23-32</i><br><i>Gospel: Luke, Chapter 18, verses 9 - 14</i><br><i>Everyone is welcome to stay after the service to enjoy refreshments!</i> |

## **Flower Rota**

October                                      Pauline Bailey

## **Refreshments Rota**

October 28th                                Pauline and Judy

## **Bell Ringing at Chetwynd**

It has been a joy to hear the bells of Chetwynd ringing regularly throughout the past few weeks.

See the links to recordings on our website and Facebook page:

[Church Bells Audio and Video Files - St. Michael & All Angels, Chetwynd - A Church Near You](#)

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On **Saturday 4th October at 15:45**, do listen out for the *Bewildered Ringers Association* who will be visiting us from Herefordshire.

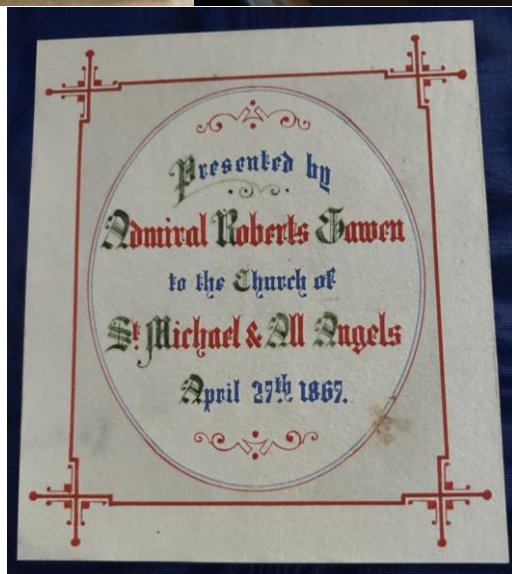
## 'Ride and Stride' – Shropshire Historic Churches Trust

Whilst awaiting for all sponsorship monies to be collected, we are currently in the region of **at least £300** following Robert and Jenny's 'ride' around the six parishes of Beckbury, Badger, Kemberton, Ryton, Stockton, Sutton Maddock and then, of course, our very own St Michael and All Angels!

With intermittent showers and sunshine, it was a lovely opportunity to visit so many beautiful churches which are so close by. It was also good to see that we had more visitors than usual visiting us at Chetwynd on the day.

Sincere thanks to all who have supported with generous donations so far.

## Admiral's Book Returns to Chetwynd!



A friend of Sue's who has links with the Burton Borough family recently discovered and returned this altar book to its home here at Chetwynd. The inscription inside shows that it was donated and presented by **Admiral Roberts Gawen**, to whom the stained-glass window in the south chancel is dedicated, in the year of the church's consecration in 1867.

Whilst the cover is understandably looking a little weathered, the pages on the inside are in almost pristine condition. Archdeacon Nick Watson kindly blessed the book during his visit on 14<sup>th</sup> September and used it during the service.

What a treasure to have back in our church, now sitting at the base of the window next to the memorial plaque.

Many of us have commented on how our dear Andy would have been so thrilled with this news and would have become engrossed in the historical details. We were always in such awe of his knowledge and passion for all things linked to our church's history and, in particular, our stained- glass windows.

It was with such joy, therefore, that whilst attempting to do justice to this and to give some detail and context alongside the photographs, I came across the article below. It was written by Andy himself in 2017 and is published on the website of the National Portrait Gallery:

### **Andy Parkes**

*27 January 2017, 19:29*

There is a stained glass window in our Church (St Michael & All Angels, Chetwynd, Shropshire) that is dedicated to Admiral Roberts Gawen. It was commissioned by his daughter Elizabeth Charlotte Burton Borough, as a memorial to her father: the window illustrates the presentation of our Lord at the temple.

In correspondence sent on 02/03/1876, to the window maker (John Hardman & Co of Birmingham) Elizabeth requested that the 'head, beard and features' of Simeon, should be the likeness of her late father: to achieve this she sent a photograph.

The Hardmans artist (George Bernard Maycock) clearly used the Silvy portrait - as the face in our window bears a remarkable similarity to the photo.



## [Stained Glass Windows - St. Michael & All Angels, Chetwynd - A Church Near You](#)

### **Emergency Church Roof Repairs**

We have recently had to commission some emergency repairs to the church roof. The cost is in the region of £1500. Any additional donations towards this cost will be very much appreciated.

## **Worship at Cottage Christian Care Home**

Please see below a message from Jenny Townley on behalf of Churches Together in Newport:

*I am pleased to announce that the Cottage Care Nursing Home have agreed for churches together doing monthly services.*

*Lesley B. W and I are coordinating these services. We plan to do them on the first Sunday of each month at 3 pm. The first one will be on the 7th December and will obviously have a Christmas theme.*

*Please would you let Lesley or me know if you are available to be involved in these monthly services. They usually only last half an hour. If you can sing, lead a service or just be there to chat to the residents, that would be great. You do not need to be wonderful at singing; enthusiasm counts for a lot.*

*Lesley and I would like to plan for the year ahead, so that we can be organised. You do not have to commit to every service, but if you can that would be great.*

*God bless, Jenny Townley*

### **Dates for your diary:**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October:** Harvest Festival, 9am

*(All help is gratefully received for cleaning and decorating the church for Harvest on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October** from **9am onwards**. Please contact Sue for more details.)*

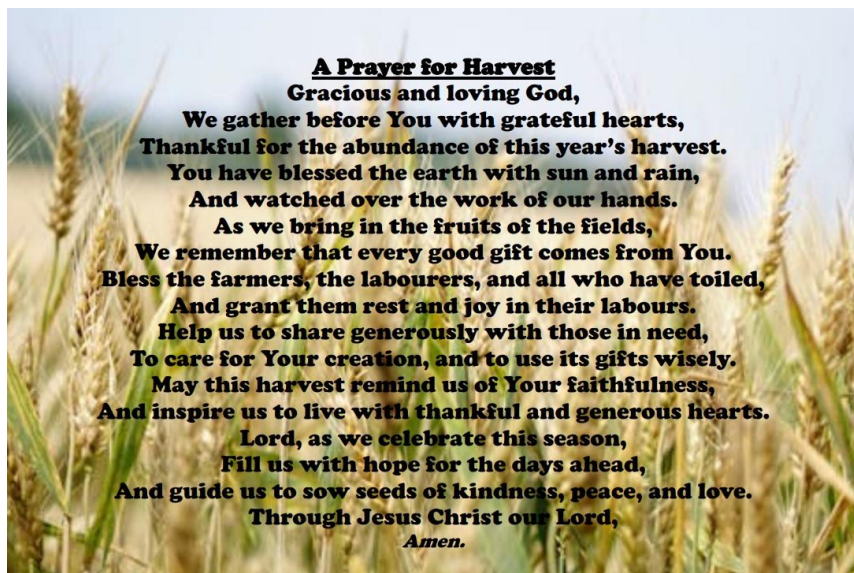
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November:** Harvest Lunch

Meg and Bill Jones kindly extend an invitation to all for a Harvest Lunch at their home on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 1pm. Please do liaise with Meg if you are able to attend. Any donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully received!

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November:** Remembrance Service, 9am

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Haberdashers' Castle House School Christmas Service, 10am

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December:** Christingle and Carol Service, 11am



**A Prayer for Harvest**

**Gracious and loving God,**

**We gather before You with grateful hearts,  
Thankful for the abundance of this year's harvest.  
You have blessed the earth with sun and rain,  
And watched over the work of our hands.**

**As we bring in the fruits of the fields,  
We remember that every good gift comes from You.  
Bless the farmers, the labourers, and all who have toiled,  
And grant them rest and joy in their labours.  
Help us to share generously with those in need,  
To care for Your creation, and to use its gifts wisely.  
May this harvest remind us of Your faithfulness,  
And inspire us to live with thankful and generous hearts.**

**Lord, as we celebrate this season,  
Fill us with hope for the days ahead,  
And guide us to sow seeds of kindness, peace, and love.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

***Amen.***

**Prayer for October:**

*Heavenly Father, as the leaves turn and the seasons shift, we lift up our local and national leaders to You this October. We pray for all those in positions of authority —regardless of party or persuasion — that they would seek wisdom, truth, and justice above personal or political gain.*

*Grant them discernment in their decisions, courage in the face of adversity, and compassion for the people they serve. May humility guide their hearts, and may Your peace reign in their councils and conversations.*

*Lord, help us as citizens to engage respectfully, pray faithfully, and seek unity where division tries to take root. Remind us that all authority is under Your sovereign hand, and that we are called to pray for our leaders with grace and hope.*

*Bless our nation, our communities, and all who serve within them. In Jesus' name we pray,  
Amen.*

[Worship and Prayer - St. Michael & All Angels, Chetwynd - A Church Near You](#)

### **Safeguarding**

Please click the link below for our parish safeguarding information, including our updated policy for 2025 – 2026:

[Safeguarding - St. Michael & All Angels, Chetwynd - A Church Near You](#)

### **Lichfield Diocese News**

Please click the link below for the latest bulletin with news and information from around the Diocese:

[Lichfield Diocese: news and information](#)

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