



*St Michael & All Angels,  
Chetwynd*

Parish Newsletter  
March 2026

## Chetwynd Church Services:

- 1<sup>st</sup> March            9.00am    **Holy Communion**  
*Epistle: Genesis, Chapter 12, Verses 1 – 4a*  
*Gospel: Matthew Chapter 17, verses 1-9*
- 8<sup>th</sup> March            9.00am    **Holy Communion**  
*Epistle: Exodus, Chapter 17, verses 1 -7*  
*Gospel: John, Chapter 4, verses 5 - 42*
- 15<sup>th</sup> March           10.30am   **Morning Prayer**  
*Epistle: Ephesians, Chapter 5, verses 8 - 14*  
*Gospel: John, Chapter 9*
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March           9.00am    **Holy Communion**  
*Epistle: Romans, Chapter 8, verses 6 - 11*  
*Gospel: John, Chapter 11, verses 1 – 45*  
*Everyone is welcome to stay after this service for refreshments!*
- 29<sup>th</sup> March           9.00am    **Holy Communion**  
*Epistle: Philippians, Chapter 2, verses 5 - 11*  
*Gospel: Matthew, Chapter 21, verses 1 – 11*

## Flower Rota

*No flowers during Lent*

April                    Sue Askin

## Coffee Rota

22<sup>nd</sup> March            Meg Jones

## Diary Dates

25<sup>th</sup> March                    The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March        British Summertime Begins  
*Church open Saturdays and Sundays until 25<sup>th</sup> October*

- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April      **Maundy Thursday**  
 Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar\* 6pm  
 \* *See below*
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April      **Good Friday**  
 Church open for private prayer      10am – 3pm
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April      **Church cleaning & decorating**      9am onwards  
*All are welcome to join the team in church for cleaning  
 and decorating ahead of the Easter Sunday service.*
- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April      **Easter Sunday** Holy Communion 9am
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April      **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** 12 o'clock  
*All parishioners are welcome to attend.*
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July      **PCC Meeting** 7pm
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November      **PCC Meeting** 7pm
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September **'Ride and Stride'**

**\*Maundy Thursday**

On Maundy Thursday, the service at St Michael and All Angels will conclude with the ancient and solemn tradition known as **the Stripping of the Altar**. This symbolic act marks the beginning of the church's journey into Good Friday. Following the remembrance of the Last Supper, all decoration is removed from the sanctuary: the altar cloths, candles, hangings, and ornaments are taken away in silence. The bareness that remains echoes the abandonment of Jesus by his followers and the starkness of the events that unfold in the Passion. The ritual invites quiet reflection as the church is left empty and unadorned, preparing us to enter the mystery of Christ's suffering and sacrifice.

All are welcome to share in this moving and contemplative moment in the Holy Week story.



## **Shropshire Historic Churches Trust**

The '**Gardens Open**' scheme for 2026 is now underway and includes an exciting programme of beautiful Shropshire gardens to visit. The full schedule can be downloaded below, or is available in church.

[SHCT Gardens Open Leaflet 2026.pdf](#)

There is also a series of visits and tours of churches and historic buildings throughout the year.

[Shropshire Historic Churches Trust](#)

The annual '**Ride and Stride**' event takes place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Please keep this date in your diary and consider taking part or sponsoring local 'riders' and 'striders'! Chetwynd is open for the day and volunteers are also needed to welcome visitors.

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## **Prayer for Lent**

*Gracious God,*

*As we enter this holy season of Lent, draw us again into the quiet places where Your voice can be heard and Your Spirit can reshape our hearts.*

*Teach us to walk the way of the cross with honesty, humility, and hope.*

*Where our lives have become hurried, slow us with Your peace.  
Where we have grown careless or weary, renew us with Your mercy.  
Where we have forgotten the needs of others, turn us outward in compassion  
and courage.*

*As we journey towards the joy of Easter, help us to follow Jesus more closely  
in our prayers, in our choices, and in our love for neighbour and stranger  
alike.*

*Bless our church family here at Chetwynd.  
Strengthen us in fellowship, steady us in faith, and send us out as signs of  
Your light in the places you have called us to serve.*

*May this Lent be a season of returning, a season of deepening,  
a season of grace.  
And may Christ lead us, step by step, into the fullness of life he promises.*

**Amen**

### **Weekly Collect Reflections**

Reverend **James Graham** continues to provide us with a series of reflections on each weekly Collect from the Book of Common Prayer. These are sent via email along with our weekly Benefice newsletter and are also published on our website below. *(If you would like to have printed copies, please let Jenny know.)*

[Weekly Collect Reflections - News - St. Michael & All Angels, Chetwynd - A Church Near You](#)

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### **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:

[News - Diocese of Lichfield](#)

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