

## MAIN SUNDAY SERVICES

### Sunday 5th April - Easter Day

9.15am St John's Holy Communion + Baptisms  
9.45am Holy Trinity Holy Communion  
11.00am St Mary's Holy Communion  
11.15am St Leonard's Holy Communion

### Sunday 12th April

9.15am St John's Holy Communion  
9.45am Holy Trinity Holy Communion  
11.00am St Mary's Holy Communion  
11.15am St Leonard's Holy Communion

### Sunday 19th April

9.15am St John's Holy Communion  
9.45am Holy Trinity Holy Communion  
11.00am St Mary's Holy Communion  
11.15am St Leonard's Holy Communion  
5.00pm Holy Trinity Compline

### Sunday 26th April

9.15am St John's Holy Communion  
9.45am Holy Trinity Holy Communion  
11.00am St Mary's Holy Communion  
11.15am St Leonard's Holy Communion

Revd Sue  
writes...



The warm weather over the past couple of weeks have opened the leaves on the hedges and the flowers, at the edges of the roads and in our gardens, I have enjoyed watching each new development.

Spring doesn't occur instantly, even with the increase in temperature that happened recently, it is a little bit at a time, not all at one go. Growing greener each day. And each year it is something to marvel at, with the snowdrops opening early on, then crocuses, daffodils, sometimes forming carpets of flowers. I wouldn't want them all to come out at once. I couldn't savour each bit, if that happened. But with our eyes open to the nature around us, we can see the gradual change from winter. Seasons help us mark out the gradual changes

In a short time, we will celebrate Easter Sunday. We can think that Easter is then done, and that the resurrection narrative we hear on Easter Day is the complete 'Easter', but in the churches calendar, Easter is a season. As we read the gospel narratives, we hear on Easter Day about

that first morning when the women went to the tomb, and we mark it as the day of resurrection, but the Easter stories continue; The journey to Emmaus. Jesus standing in the room of disciples, are on that first day. Then later stories such as Jesus meeting the fisherman on the seashore, helped the disciples to grow and develop. The shock of the resurrection could not be absorbed in one day. It could not erase all the doubts in the disciples and in further outlying rings of believers.

It is only by Pentecost that the outworking of Easter can really be seen. The disciples who were hiding in fear in an upper room, by Pentecost, are confident proclaimers of the gospel, and what it means to them. We all need to continue to grow as Easter People, strengthened in faith.

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## Holy Week and Easter 2026

### Sunday 29th March – Palm Sunday

5.00pm Stations of the Cross at St Mary, Ketley

### Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st March

8.00pm Compline (Night Prayer) on Zoom

### Wednesday 1st April

7.00pm Taizé service at Holy Trinity, Dawley

### Thursday 2nd April – Maundy Thursday

7.00pm Maundy Thursday Service at St Leonard's,

### Friday 3rd April – Good Friday

10.00am Messy Good Friday Service at Holy Trinity, Dawley

2.00pm Hour at the Cross at St John's, Lawley

### Saturday 4th April

2.30 – 4.00pm Easter Activities & service at St James,

Stirchley

7.00pm The Easter Liturgy at St Mary, Ketley

### Sunday 5th April – Easter Day

Services take place at each church at their usual times

*For more information, and for the Zoom link for Compline services, visit our website at [www.telfordchurch.co.uk](http://www.telfordchurch.co.uk)*

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## Annual Church Meetings

Our churches will hold their Annual Meeting after their services on the following dates:

Sunday 12th April : Holy Trinity and St Leonard's

Sunday 19th April: St John's and St Mary's

At these meetings, the district churchwardens and district church council (DCC) members will be elected. Two people from each church will also be nominated to serve on the church council for the whole Parish (PCC), and one person will be elected to serve on Deanery Synod. If you would be interested in any of these roles, please do speak to Revd Jo or the churchwardens at your church. Nomination forms will be available in each church.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Thursday 30th April at 7.00pm at St Mary's Church in Ketley. There will be a Holy Communion service to start, followed by our meeting. This is an opportunity to celebrate and reflect on all that has happened in our parish in 2025, as well as a time when we elect two parish churchwardens and 3 Deanery Synod reps.

#### **Pride in Place project - South Telfrod.**

Revd Jo has been appointed as the independent chair for the landmark Pride in Place project supported by Telford & Wrekin Council and Shaun Davies MP. This is a ten-year, £30 million transformation programme set to bring major investment into Woodside, Brookside and Sutton Hill. Community involvement sits at the heart of the project and this will be a wonderful opportunity for residents to shape the future of their communities. Revd Jo sees this sitting well as part of her Team Rector role, saying 'I'm excited to take on this new role as part of my ministry here in Telford. It's an excellent opportunity to work with local residents in part of Central Telford Parish and neighbouring parishes to transform lives and increase hope and joy.'

#### **Good Friday Appeal from Bishop Sarah**

"As we approach Holy Week, I invite parishes to support this year's **Good Friday Offering for the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East**, which in 2026 is dedicated to the work of **Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza**. For well over a century, Anglican congregations have marked Good Friday by offering practical support to the Province of Jerusalem & the Middle East, a sign of our fellowship in Christ and our commitment to stand alongside the Christian communities of the Holy Land. In these present days, when the suffering of the region weighs so heavily on the hearts of many, this shared act of prayer and generosity carries particular significance. At a time when the Christian presence in the Holy Land faces profound challenge, our prayer and our generosity are signs that the Body of Christ remains one." There will be an opportunity to donate at our Good Friday services

**Fish & Chip Supper with Prize Bingo** at St Mary's Ketley, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April – eyes down 7.00pm. Cost = £10 (Bingo games extra + raffle) Includes tea/coffee or bring your own drinks. Please book food with Mary by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April (alternatives to fish can be ordered) 07952 613653

**Fundraiser for St Mary's** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 11.00 – 3.00pm. Judy Lamb is hosting an Open House at 12 Trenleigh Gardens, Trench, TF2 6RN

**All Friends Together:** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00pm at Holy Trinity Church. Guest Speaker is Dr Patricia de Haan on 'Early Maps of Shropshire'.

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**St Leonard's Afternoon Tea:** 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 at 2.00pm. £5 for adults; £2.50 for children. Please contact Lorraine Granger to book by 29<sup>th</sup> April (07805 841824)

#### **Bereavement Café**

This is a free, warm and welcoming space for anyone who is grieving or living with loss. Grief can feel incredibly lonely, but here you'll find understanding, kindness and time, with no pressure to talk and no expectations. Meeting on the Second Monday of every month, our next event is on 13<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am – 12.30pm Dawley Baptist Church, Park Road, Dawley Bank, TF4 2BE

**Baptisms in March: "May they shine as a light in the world to the glory of God"** Emery Telfer

**Funerals/burial of ashes in March: "May they rest in peace and rise in glory"** Funerals: Sylvia Fletcher, Jean Candlin, Alice Oliver Burial of Ashes: Mario Noto

#### **April 2026**

Mon 13th 11.00am Bereavement Café at Dawley Baptist Church  
Sat 18th 10.00am Messy Church  
Thu 16th 7.00pm Joint PCC/DCC meeting  
Fri 17th 7.00pm Fish & Chip Supper + Bingo at St Mary's (see above for details)  
Thu 23rd 7.00pm PCC meeting - Zoom  
Sat 25th 11.00am - 3.00pm Open House at Judy Lamb's  
Tue 28th 7.00pm Deanery Synod  
Wed 29th: 2.00pm All Friends Together, Holy Trinity  
Thu 30th 7.00pm Annual Parish meeting St Mary's  
Saturday 2nd May Afternoon Tea at St Leonard's



#### **Weekly Activities in the Parish**

##### **Holy Trinity**

*Wednesdays:* Trinity Tots 9.30 - 11.00 doors open at 9.00am (term times only) *Thursdays:* Trinity Tots 9.30 - 11.00 (term times only)

For more information please contact Glenis [07513 202282](tel:07513202282)

##### **St Leonard's**

*Mondays:* 11.00 - 12.00 Drop in food bank - available for people struggling financially or for anyone who wants to help reduce food waste. Tea and coffee served  
*Last Tuesday of the month (Usually)* 9.30 - 11.30am Chatty Club 1.30 - 2.30pm Baby Babble.

*Wednesdays:* 10.00 - 10.45am Malinslee Movers Exercise Class £3 10.45 - 11.45 Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies Coffee Morning/Drop in.

For more information, contact Jo 01952 416370

#### **A Safe Church**

The parish of Central Telford is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults. We follow the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer and Safeguarding Links for each church. More information about safeguarding can be found at [www.lichfield.anglican.org/safeguarding](http://www.lichfield.anglican.org/safeguarding)

If you have any concerns in the parish, please contact Revd Jo (07562 739683) or our Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator Hannah Yapp (07752 192175)