



*St Michael & All Angels,
Chetwynd*

Parish Newsletter
April 2026

Chetwynd Church Services:

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| 5 th April | 9.00am | Easter Day Holy Communion
<i>Epistle: Colossians, Chapter 3, Verses 1 – 7</i>
<i>Gospel: John, Chapter 20, verses 1-18</i> |
| 12 th April | 9.00am | Holy Communion
<i>Epistle: Acts 2:14a, verses 22 -32</i>
<i>Gospel: John, Chapter 20, verses 19 - end</i> |
| 19 th April | 11.00am | Morning Prayer
<i>Epistle: Acts 2:14a, verses 36 - 41</i>
<i>Gospel: Luke, Chapter 24, verses 13 - 35</i> |
| 26 th April | 9.00am | Holy Communion
<i>Epistle: Acts 2, verses 42 - end</i>
<i>Gospel: John, Chapter 10, verses 1 – 10</i>
<i>Everyone is welcome to stay after this service for refreshments!</i> |

Flower Rota

April Sue Askin

Coffee Rota

26th April Pauline and Judy

Appointment of Rector – Update from our Churchwardens

After what seems like a lengthy period of interregnum, we are delighted to confirm that the process of appointing our new Rector is now underway.

The Bishop of Lichfield, as Patron of the Benefice, has chosen to put forward a single candidate for consideration, rather than opening the process to wider applications at this stage.

A Section 12 meeting will take place on **13th April** at 7pm (*online*), when the Bishop of Shrewsbury will meet with and hear from the PCCs. The parish profile will be formally agreed and signed off at this stage.

The Familiarisation Day will be held on **Wednesday 29th April**.

This will provide an opportunity for PCC members to show the candidate around the benefice, share aspects of church and community life, and allow the candidate to ask questions. An itinerary is currently being prepared.

The Interview Day will take place on **Thursday 30th April** at St Nicholas Church. The day will begin with a service of Holy Communion, led by the Bishop of Shrewsbury, at which the candidate will preach. The exact time of the service will be announced in due course (although most likely to be during the morning) and all are warmly invited to attend.

Following the service, the candidate will be formally interviewed by a panel comprising the Bishop, the Archdeacon, and Parish Representatives. Jenny Pritchard and Sue Askin will represent Chetwynd, and we are grateful to them for undertaking this role on behalf of the parish. It should be noted that the appointment is not a foregone conclusion. The panel may decide not to make an appointment, and equally, the candidate may choose not to accept the role.

British Summertime Church Opening



Throughout the months of British Summertime, from March to October, our church is open from 10am – 5pm every Saturday and Sunday.

All are welcome to visit the church during this time to take in the beauty of the building and natural surroundings and for prayer and quiet reflection.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This is an open meeting for all parishioners and will be held on **Sunday 19th April** at 12 noon, immediately following the service of Morning Prayer.

At this meeting, there are elections for the roles of Churchwardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod representatives. All nominations are requested beforehand. This is also an opportunity to add names to the Electoral Roll. Everyone is welcome to attend and there will be a 'bring and share' lunch in church afterwards.

Diary Dates

Thursday 2 nd April	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar 6pm
Friday 3 rd April	Good Friday Church open for private prayer 10am – 3pm
Saturday 4 th April	Church cleaning & decorating 9am onwards <i>All are welcome to join the team in church for cleaning and decorating ahead of the Easter Sunday service.</i>
Sunday 5 th April	Easter Sunday Holy Communion 9am
Sunday 19 th April	Annual Parochial Church Meeting 12 o'clock <i>See details above</i>
Thursday 14 th May	Ascension Day
Monday 20 th July	PCC Meeting 7pm
Monday 9 th November	PCC Meeting 7pm
Saturday 12 th September	Shropshire Historic Churches Trust 'Ride and Stride'

Installation of the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury

[Watch the Installation of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally, LIVE at Canterbury Cathedral](#)

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Prayer for Eastertide

*Risen Lord Jesus,
in this bright season of Eastertide, fill our hearts with the joy of Your victory
over darkness and death. As the mornings lengthen and creation stirs with
new life, awaken in us a deeper trust in Your renewing power.*

*Bless this church of St Michael & All Angels, and all who gather, serve, and
pray within it. Strengthen our fellowship, steady our steps, and guide us in
the ways of peace. Where there is weariness, bring rest; where there is
sorrow, bring comfort; where there is doubt, bring the quiet assurance of
Your presence.*

*May Your resurrection light shine through our words and actions, that we
may carry hope into our homes, our community, and the world You love.
Teach us to recognise You in the ordinary moments of our days, just as the
disciples recognised You in the breaking of the bread.*

*Keep us faithful in prayer, generous in compassion, and courageous in
witness, until Your risen life is seen in us and through us.*

*Glory be to You, O Christ,
now and throughout all ages.*

Amen.

We continue to pray for **Bishop Iraj** and his wife Minoo, who many will remember as the retired Bishop of Iran. He has lived in Newport for many years and is now being cared for at Barclay Court, Donnington.

Following the sad news of the death of **Richard Page**, we also hold Revd Heather and all their family close in thoughts and prayers at this time. Richard's funeral will take place on **Tuesday 28th April** at **Christ Church, Wellington** at **2.15pm**.

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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With all good wishes for a happy and blessed Eastertide.