

*St Michael & All Angels,  
Chetwynd*

Parish Newsletter  
May 2026

## Chetwynd Church Services:

3 <sup>rd</sup> May	9.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Epistle: Acts, Chapter 7, Verses 55 – end</i> <i>Gospel: John, Chapter 14, verses 1-14</i>
10 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Epistle: Acts, Chapter 17, verses 22 -31</i> <i>Gospel: John, Chapter 14, verses 15 - 21</i>
17 <sup>th</sup> May	11.00am	<b>Morning Prayer</b> <i>Epistle: Acts, Chapter 1, verses 6 - 14</i> <i>Gospel: John, Chapter 17, verses 1 - 11</i>
24 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Epistle: Acts 2, verses 1 - 21</i> <i>Gospel: John, Chapter 20, verses 19 – 23</i> <i>Everyone is welcome to stay after this service for refreshments!</i>
31 <sup>st</sup> May	9.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Epistle: 2 Corinthians, Chapter 13, verses 11 - end</i> <i>Gospel: Matthew, Chapter 28, verses 16 – end</i>

## Flower Rota

May Ruth Furniss

June Julie Rich

## Coffee Rota

24<sup>th</sup> May Gail Stallwood

28<sup>th</sup> June Sue Askin

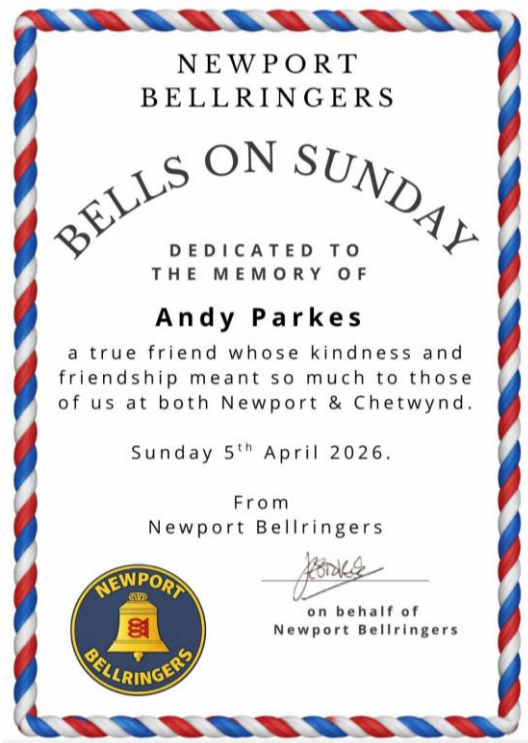
## Easter Celebrations

As always, Eastertide was a most joyous time for all at Chetwynd. Thanks to all who cleaned and decorated the church so beautifully.





It was also a joy to hear the bells being rung on Easter Day by the team of **Newport Bellringers** who, as part of their fundraising efforts, dedicated their ringing to our dear Andy Parkes on this special day.



## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**

Thanks to all who attended our recent APCM. **Robert Watson-Jones** and **Sue Askin** were re-elected as Churchwardens for the year ahead and we thank them for their incredible dedication and work on behalf of everyone at Chetwynd.

PCC officers presented a summary of the work of the past year and, as always, how the team work so diligently to keep all aspects of church life running so smoothly.

A delightful 'bring and share' lunch was such a lovely opportunity to celebrate the wonderful work and fellowship enjoyed by us all.

## **Legacy from Derek Hughes**



We have been both overwhelmed and thrilled to recently learn that our very dear Derek Hughes has left a legacy of **£42,859** to our church.

Although one who was always determined to stay out of the limelight, Derek was a faithful and much-loved member of our Chetwynd family and local community. This is such a poignant gesture and so typical of his quiet yet generous nature.

The PCC is currently reflecting on plans for the legacy and is considering the possibility of it being used to kick-start the combined repair and reordering plans.

We pray with thanks in loving memory of Derek and his wonderful gift to us all.

## **Diary Dates**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May      **Diocesan Day of Prayer (*see details below*)**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May      **Ascension Day**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May      **Pentecost**

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May      **Trinity Sunday**

July (*Date TBC*)                      **PCC Meeting**    7pm

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November    **PCC Meeting**    7pm

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September **Shropshire Historic Churches Trust 'Ride and Stride'**

**Diocesan Day of Prayer : Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Bishop Sarah will be at St Georges Church, Shrewsbury to lead the session online and in person. Prayers dedicated to our **Edmond and Shifnal** deanery will be at **9am** on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May**. For more details, including the link for how to join the online session, please see below:

[Diocesan Day of Prayer - Diocese of Lichfield](#)



**Prayer for May**

*Gracious and loving God,  
we thank you for the month of May,  
for the lengthening days and the greening of the earth,  
for blossom on the trees and new life in field and garden,  
which speak to us of hope and resurrection.*

*In this Easter season, renew our faith in the risen Christ.  
Where we are weary, give us rest;  
where we are uncertain, give us trust;  
where we are afraid, fill us with your peace.*

*We pray for our church of St Michael and All Angels,  
for all who worship here and all who live in this community.  
Guide us to be faithful in prayer, generous in love,  
and joyful in our service to others.*

*Help us to notice where you are already at work among us  
and give us courage to follow where you lead.*

*We remember before you those who are ill, anxious, or lonely,  
those carrying heavy burdens, and those who grieve.  
May they know your comforting presence  
and the support of loving hearts around them.*

*As we look ahead to the coming of Pentecost,  
prepare us to receive again the gift of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may be renewed in faith,  
strengthened for witness,  
and emboldened to live as Christ's people in the world.*

*We offer all our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.***

We remember Pat Parsons in our prayers as she recovers in hospital from a fall at home.

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.

### **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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[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:

[News - Diocese of Lichfield](#)

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