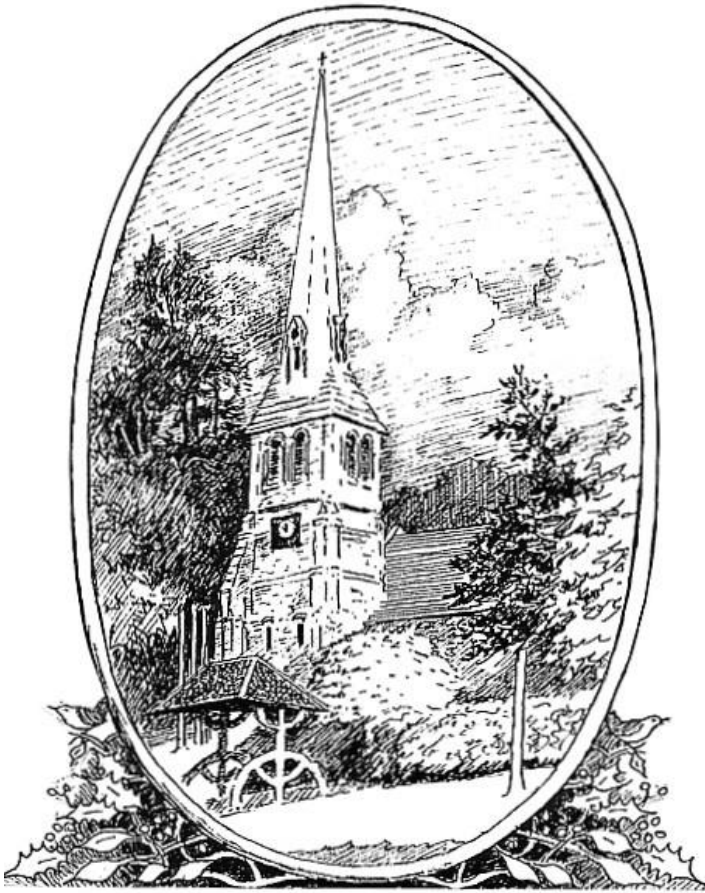




*St Michael & All Angels,
Chetwynd*

Parish Newsletter
August 2026

Chetwynd Church Services:

2 nd August	9.00am	Holy Communion <i>Epistle: Isaiah, Chapter 55, Verses 1 – 5</i> <i>Gospel: Matthew, Chapter 14, verses 13-21</i>
9 th August	9.00am	Holy Communion <i>Epistle: Genesis, Chapter 37, verses 1-4 & 12-28</i> <i>Gospel: Matthew, Chapter 14, verses 22 - 33</i>
16 th August	11.00am	Morning Prayer <i>Epistle: Isaiah, Chapter 56:1, verses 6 - 8</i> <i>Gospel: Matthew, Chapter 15, verses 10 - 28</i>
23 rd August	9.00am	Holy Communion <i>Epistle: Romans, Chapter 12 verses 1 - 8</i> <i>Gospel: Matthew, Chapter 16, verses 13 - 20</i>

Everyone is welcome to stay after this service for refreshments!

30 th August	9.00am	Holy Communion <i>Epistle: Romans, Chapter 12 verses 9 - end</i> <i>Gospel: Matthew, Chapter 16, verses 21 - end</i>
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Flower Rota

August	Gail Stallwood
September	Jane Watson-Jones

Coffee Rota

23 rd August	Meg Jones
27 th September	Jenny Pritchard

Storm Damage Repairs

The masonry repairs have now been completed but the scaffolding has been left up for the time being, awaiting a piece of replacement guttering which is being manufactured. It is anticipated that this will be sorted in early September.

Church Clock

Many will have noticed that, after a period of very accurate timekeeping, the clock has now come to a complete standstill. For the horologists amongst us, the anchor escapement is not engaging correctly under the escape wheel. With the maintenance contract we have with Cumbrian Clock Company, we have recently asked them to attend so hopefully it will be sorted soon.

Diary Dates

Saturday 12th September **Shropshire Historic Churches Trust 'Ride and Stride'**

12TH SEPT 2026

RIDE + STRIDE
for Churches

SHROPSHIRE CHURCHES OPEN DAY

Join us to keep our churches in good repair and help provide modern facilities.

Anyone can join in - collect sponsors, then plan your own route - walk, bike, or car - visit some churches - enjoy the day.

Half your sponsorship goes to your own church and half to Shropshire Historic Churches Trust, which gives grants for repairs and improvements (in Shropshire Telford and a few parishes over the border).

In **2025** we raised **£44,817**. Thank you. Let's make **2026** another bumper year!

St Andrews, Shifnal

join us

Shropshire Historic Churches Trust

If you are interested in 'riding' or 'striding' (or any other mode of transport!) or if you can help by welcoming visitors to the church on the day, please do let Sue or Robert know.

We do get half of the funds raised given back to our church and we did, of course, receive a substantial contribution from the trust to our heating fund. It is certainly a worthy cause for fundraising efforts, as well as an opportunity to celebrate the beauty and heritage of so many churches across the county.

Thursday 6th August **The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Saturday 19th September **Church cleaning** 9am onwards

Sunday 27th September **Bishop Michael's last public ministry in Lichfield Cathedral**

Sunday 4th October **Harvest Festival 9am**
(Church decorating Saturday 3rd October, 9am onwards.)

Sunday 8th November **Remembrance Service** 9am

Monday 9th November **PCC Meeting** 7pm

Sunday 20th December **Carols and Christingle Service** 11am



Prayer for August

*Gracious God,
As August ripens around us, we give thanks for the fullness of your creation,
For fields heavy with promise, for gardens bright with colour,
And for long summer days that slow our steps and lift our spirits.*

Bless this church of St Michael & All Angels and all who find peace within its quiet strength.

In this season of gathering and growth, teach us to recognise your presence in the ordinary moments, in shared meals, in neighbourly kindness, and in the stillness that restores our weary hearts.

We hold before you our farmers and rural communities, especially after the recent spell of intense heat.

Strengthen those who work long hours in challenging conditions, those caring for livestock and land under pressure, and those whose livelihoods feel fragile in the face of unpredictable weather.

Grant resilience where there is strain, wisdom in decision-making, and a deep sense of your companionship in every field and farmyard.

Be close to all who carry burdens unseen.

Give rest to the tired, healing to the hurting, and hope to all who seek your guiding light.

As summer begins to turn, root us more deeply in Christ, that our lives may bear the fruits of compassion, patience, and joy.

Strengthen us to serve generously, to listen with grace and to walk faithfully in the way of your kingdom.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Banns of Marriage

In the next 2 weeks, we will continue to hear the reading of the Banns of Marriage between **Alexandra Johnson** and **Jamie Prew**, both of Chetwynd Parish. They are due to be married on 26th September at St. Andrew's Church, Weston Park. We pray for them as they make their final preparations for their wedding.

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 : Promoting A Safer Church

When someone shares a concern, it is important they are listened to and taken seriously. You are not expected to investigate. Keeping people safe and ensuring concerns are recorded and referred appropriately is all of our responsibility.

			
Recognise	Respond	Record	Refer
Be alert to signs or disclosures of abuse.	Listen carefully and take what is being said seriously.	Make a written record of what has been shared.	Share the concern with the Safeguarding Officer and relevant authorities.

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Please click the link below for further details, including our parish safeguarding information and updated policy for 2026 – 2027:

[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: 21 July News and Information](#)

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