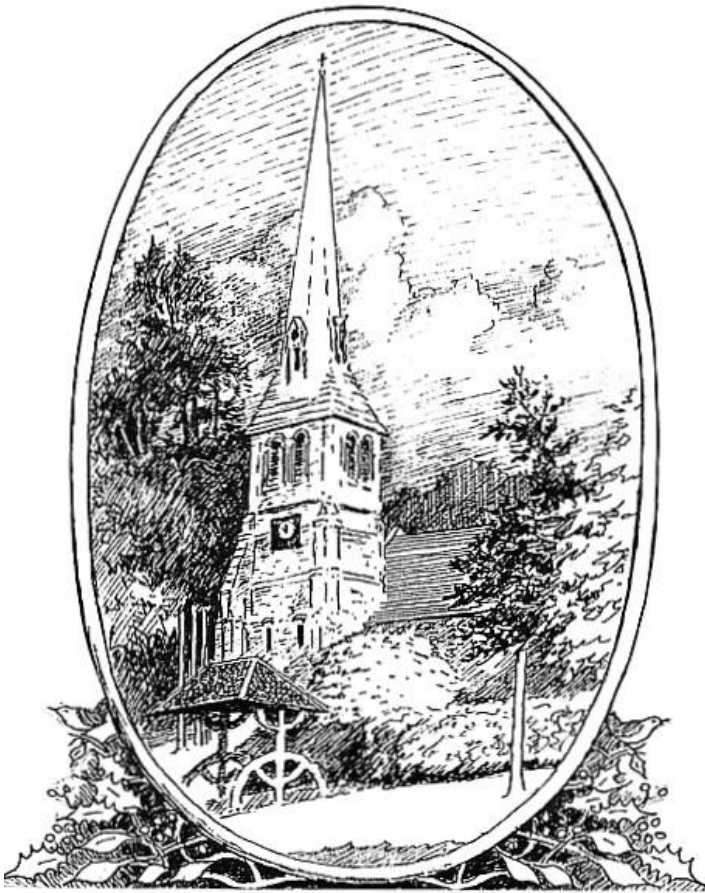




*St Michael & All Angels,
Chetwynd*

Parish Newsletter
September 2026

Chetwynd Church Services:

- 6th September 9.00am **Holy Communion**
Epistle: Romans, Chapter 13, Verses 8 – end
Gospel: Matthew, Chapter 18, verses 15-20
- 13th September 9.00am **Holy Communion**
Epistle: Romans, Chapter 14, verses 1-12
Gospel: Matthew, Chapter 18, verses 21 - 35
- 20th September 11.00am **Morning Prayer**
Epistle: Philippians, Chapter 1, verses 21 - end
Gospel: Matthew, Chapter 20, verses 1 - 16
- 27th September 9.00am **Holy Communion**
St Michael & All Angels Patronal Festival
Epistle: Revelation, Chapter 12 verses 7 - 12
Gospel: John, Chapter 1, verses 47 - end

Everyone is welcome to stay after this service for refreshments!

Flower Rota

- September Jane Watson-Jones
- October Pauline Bailey

Coffee Rota

- 27th September Jenny Pritchard
- 25th October Pauline Bailey and Judy Dix

Appointment of Revd Pippa White

We are delighted to announce that **The Revd Pippa White** has been appointed as **Rector of the Benefice of Newport with Longford, and Chetwynd**. Pippa is currently Curate of Fauls, Tilstock and Whitchurch, and brings a deep commitment to local church life, and a collaborative approach to ministry.



'I'm so excited to have become your rector! As a Norfolk girl, I'm thrilled to be able to keep living in a rural area and am looking forward to meeting you all soon and seeing what God has in store for this benefice.'

Revd Pippa White

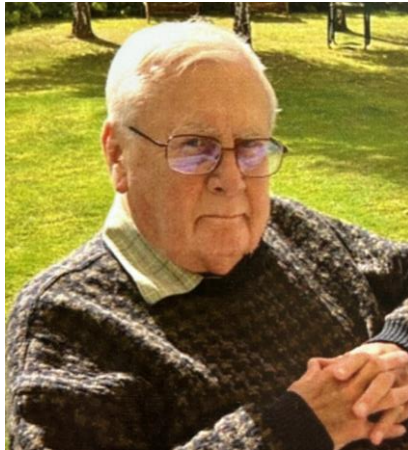
The Bishop of Shrewsbury Rt Revd Sarah Bullock writes:

'Pippa brings with her a deep love for the local church, a warm pastoral heart, and a genuine gift for building relationships and encouraging others in faith. Throughout the discernment process she demonstrated a clear sense of God's call to this ministry, together with a thoughtful and collaborative approach to leadership. I have every confidence that she will bring wisdom, compassion and hope as she begins this new chapter alongside the people of the benefice.'

Please remember in your prayers the congregations of Fauls, Tilstock and Whitchurch as they prepare to say farewell to Pippa, giving thanks for her faithful service.

The **Licensing Service** will take place on **Saturday 17th October at 2pm** at **St Michael and All Angels, Chester Road, Chetwynd**. Please make a note of this in your diary and more details will follow in due course.

Rest in Peace David Askin



On 28th August, we said our final farewell to our dear David Askin. Both during and after the service, we heard many tributes to David, which celebrated a very distinguished legal career together with his remarkable contributions to the work of Rotary, both locally and internationally. David's love of cricket was a theme running throughout the day and there were very personal and moving tributes from David and Sue's three sons and eight grandchildren.

We continue to hold Sue and all of the family close in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

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 - called 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 Andrew, Shifnal

Join Us

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.

Saturday 19th September **Church Cleaning, 9am onwards**

Sunday 27th September **St Michael & All Angels Patronal Festival**

Bishop Michael's last public ministry in Lichfield Cathedral

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

Saturday 17th October **Collation and Licensing of Revd Pippa White, 2pm**
St Michael and All Angels, Chetwynd

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

15th November **Safeguarding Sunday**
[About Safeguarding Sunday |](#)

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

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



Prayer for September

Loving God,

As summer gives way to the gentler light of September, we pause to give thanks for the rhythms of your creation, O Lord: for ripening fields, for the gathering of harvest, and for the quiet turning of the seasons that speaks of your faithfulness.

In this month of new beginnings—new school terms, renewed routines, and fresh opportunities—help us to walk with attentiveness to your presence and openness to your leading.

Gracious God, we give thanks for your guiding hand in the life of this benefice, and for the faithful service of all who have cared for your people in Newport with Longford, and Chetwynd.

We rejoice in the appointment of Revd Pippa White as Rector of our benefice, and we pray for her as she prepares to begin this new chapter of ministry among us.

Bless Pippa with wisdom, compassion, and joy in her calling. May her deep love for your church and her pastoral heart help us to grow together in faith, hope, and fellowship. Grant her strength in times of challenge, and delight in the shared life of these communities.

We thank you for the generosity and prayerful discernment of all who have served through the vacancy, for their hospitality, care, and steadfast faith. Continue to bless this benefice with unity and grace, that we may welcome Pippa warmly and walk forward together in the light of Christ's love.

As the days shorten and the season shifts, renew in us a spirit of gratitude, patience, and trust.

Teach us to recognise your blessings in the ordinary, your guidance in the quiet, and your strength in every step we take. May our homes, our parish, and our communities be places where your peace is known and your love is shared.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

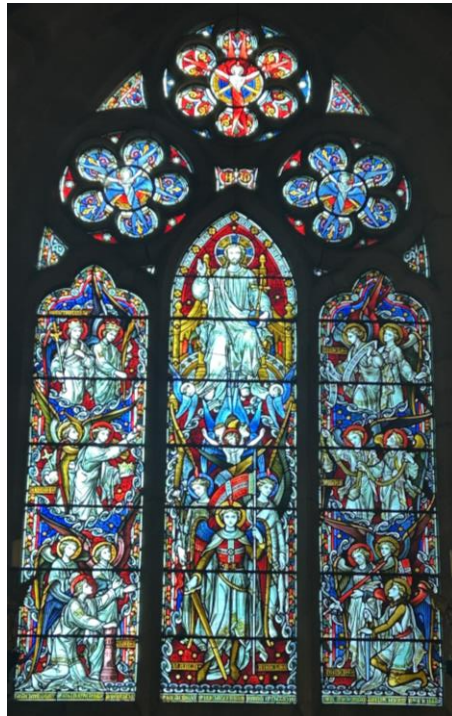
Amen.

The Feast of Michael and All Angels

We will be celebrating our patronal festival, The Feast of Michael and All Angels, on Sunday 27th September, this being the closest to the actual date of 29th September. Our East Window depicts St Michael and All Angels as follows:

‘St Michael is portrayed in armour with sword, shield and standard; representing his war against Satan (described in The Book of Revelation): either side of his feet we can read ‘Arch’ and ‘Angels’.

To his right we have St Gabriel holding a lily (a reference to the annunciation) and to his left St Raphael holding a fish (as referred to in the book of Tobit).



This window was commissioned by JC Burton Borough in 1876 and depicts St Michael & All Angels: it cost £321 15s and was transported in cases, by rail, to Chetwynd Park. The dedication along the bottom of the window reads: **‘To the honour & glory of God & the affectionate remembrance of Jane, the mother of John Charles Burton Borough of Chetwynd Park, who departed this life January 10th AD 1853.’**

Information courtesy of our dear, late Andy Parkes.

[Stained Glass Windows - St. Michael & All Angels, Chetwynd - A Church Near You](#)

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 Be alert to signs or disclosures of abuse.	 Respond Listen carefully and take what is being said seriously.	 Record Make a written record of what has been shared.	 Refer 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:

[News - Diocese of Lichfield](#)

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