

Weekly benefice diary 5th October 2025

Date	Church	Time	Service/event
Sun 5th	St A's	8am	Early Eucharist
	St Barts	8am	Early Eucharist
	St Mary	10am	Parish Eucharist
	St A's	10.30am	Family Eucharist
	St Bart's	11am	Morning worship
Mon 6th	St A's	12.30pm	Baptisms
	St A's	10.30am	Warm Welcome
	St A's	10.30am	Stitch with Crissy
	St A's	11am	Balance Class
	St A's	2pm	RIP Jabez Higgs
	St A's	6pm	Centre Stage
	St Mary	7.30pm	Choir rehearsal
	St A's	10.30am	Open Door
	St A's	11am	Interment of ashes
Tue 7th	St A's	1pm	Book Club
	St A's	5pm	Standing Cmttee
	St A's	7.30pm	HeartSpace
	St A's	9.45am	Little Fishes
	St A's	10-2pm	Counselling Vestry
Wed 8th	St A's	10.30am	Warm Welcome
	St Mary	2.15pm	S'haes School
	St A's	7pm	AA Meeting
	Vicarage	8pm	Contemplative Pr
	St A's	9am	School Harvest
Thur 9th	St A's	10.15am	Eucharist
	St A's	10.30am	Warm Welcome
	St A's	2pm	School Harvest
	St A's	6pm	Breath of Life
	St A's	7.30pm	Bell ringing
Fri 10th	St Mary	9am	Playgroup
	St A's	10.30am	Warm welcome
	St A's	noon	What's for lunch
	St Mary	2pm	Harvest Fair
	St Mary	3.15pm	Community Cafe
Sat 11th	St A's	6.30pm	Choir practice
	St A's	9.30am	Eucharist
	St A's	10.30am	Lead Academy
Sun 12th	St A's	8am	Early Eucharist
	St A's	9am	Breakfast
	St Mary	10am	Parish Eucharist
	St A's	10.30am	Breakfast Church
	St Bart's	11am	Parish Eucharist
	St Mary	12.30pm	Baptism

Bereavement Café at the Trinity Centre 10.30am – noon on 6th Nov & 4th Dec. Come and join us for coffee, offering support and understanding.

Baby loss awareness week - come and join us for a cup of coffee, cake and a conversation filled with warmth and understanding on Thurs 9th Oct 10.30am – noon and 6pm – 7pm at the Trinity Centre.



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Food Bank Harvest

Reaching out together to share God's amazing faith, hope and love!

St Andrew's Young Church - Sundays 10.30am Come and enjoy stories, crafts & games.

St Andrew's hymns: 534, 73, Come to the banquet, 548, 180

Prayers for healing and wholeness: Diana Watson, Harvey Allen, Paul Joseland, Diana Barnes, Jim Young, Marjorie Rudolph, Tara Davies, Doreen Griffiths, Doris Gadd, Paul Grinnell, John Deane, Rob Purser, Mike Shinn, Kate Hume, John Thorneycroft, Margaret Lewis, Lisa-Jane Rawling, Derek Davies, Wendy Weaver, Terry Connell, Margaret Higgs, Barry Norwood, Neil Robinson, Nicky Eames, Linda Carlsberg, Frances Norwood, Pam Plant.

Recently departed: Jabez Higgs. Stephen Martin.

First Years Mind: Robert Greive.

We pray for those being baptised today: Nancy Bradburn and Freddie Carvey.

Weekly birthdays: Alison Leath, Eileen Crowther and Sally Wilkins.

Notices

Harvest Festival today, do please bring offerings for the Food Bank to help those who are in need at this time.

Ian's skydiving Charity fundraiser for Hope House Children's Hospice and St Andrew's. The final date for sponsors is Sunday 5th October and Ian will be in Church this Sunday.

Slow stitch class with Crissy, in St Andrew's on Monday 6th October 10.30a. – noon. Join us for a mindful, therapeutic hobby using oddments of fabric, lace and thread – just go with the flow, simple stitching.

Lead Academy Day - On Saturday 11th October in church 10.30am-4pm with a bring and share lunch. Open to everyone, with training, discussion and planning to help us to continue to grow and develop as a church.

Celebrating Shifnal service Sunday 19th October at 5pm in St Andrew's – do come and join our service celebrating our community, with local awards and all that makes Shifnal a great place to live.

Ride and Stride for Churches 2025 - We would like to thank everyone who sponsored us **£440.00** was raised for the above charity, split 50/50 between St Andrews and the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust. We visited 9 churches and cycled 30 miles around Shifnal, Tong and the six parishes. David & Pauline.

The Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading

Isaiah 61 1-4

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the LORD said: The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm

Psalm 146. 1-10

1 Alleluia! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia!

10 Your Lord will reign for ever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Gospel reading

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 25 31-40**

Glory to you O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:

by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**