

Weekly benefice diary 12th April 2026

Date	Church	Time	Service/event
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 A's	6pm	Youth Service
Mon 13th	St A's	10.30am	Warm Welcome
	St A's	11am	Balance Class
	St A's	6pm	Centrestage
	St Mary	7.30pm	Community Choir
Tue 14th	St A's	10.30am	Open Door
	Trinity	6pm	Say Yes
	St A's	7pm	Alpha Course
Wed 15th	St A's	9.45am	Little Fishes
	St A's	10am	Counselling Vestry
	St A's	10am	Uniforms together
	Yew Tree	10am	Communion
	St A's	10.30am	Warm Welcome
	St A's	12.30pm	Chair Yoga
	Trinity	5.30pm	Youth Alpha
	St A's	7.30pm	AA Meeting
	St A's	8-10pm	Counselling Vestry
	St Mary	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
Thur 16th	Vicarage	8pm	Contemplative Pr
	St A's	10am	Eucharist
	St A's	10.30am	Warm Welcome
	St A's	11am	Balance Class
	St Mary	12.30pm	RIP Marjorie Rudolph
	St A's	2pm	Forget-me-not
	St A's	6pm	Breath of life
	St A's	6-8pm	Counselling Vestry
	St A's	7.30pm	Bell Ringing
	Fri 17th	St Mary	9am
St A's		10.30am	Warm Welcome
St A's		noon	What's for lunch
St A's		6.30pm	Choir Practice
St Mary		7pm	Neil Cowley Trio Gig
Sat 18th	St A's	9am	Veterans breakfast
	St A's	9.30am	Eucharist
	Trinity	9.30am	Quiet Day
	St A's	10.30am	Ashes interment
	St A's	7pm	Bell ringers meeting
Sun 19th	St A's	8am	Early Eucharist
	St Mary	10am	Parish Eucharist
	St A's	10.30am	Tradional Eucharist
	St Bart's	11am	Parish Eucharist
	St A's	12.30pm	Baptisms
	St A's	5pm	Townswomens Guild

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Easter 2

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: 15, King of Kings, 148, 69, B2

St Mary's hymns:

St Bart's hymns: 680, 367, 305, 434, 252

Prayers for healing and wholeness: Diana Watson, Harvey Allen, Paul Joseland, Diana Barnes, Jim Young, Tara Davies, Doreen Griffiths, Doris Gadd, Paul Grinnell, John & Christine Deane, Mike Shinn, Kate Hume, Margaret Lewis, Lisa-Jane Rawling, Derek Davies, Terry Connell, Margaret Higgs, Barry Norwood, Neil Robinson, Nicky Eames, Frances Norwood, Doug Hughes, Ann Garbett, Gordon Tonkinson, Kathy James, Liz Walker.

Recently departed: Wendy Weaver, Helen Clare Venables, Susan Marsden, Kenneth Greenfield, Marjorie Rudolph.

Weekly birthdays: Freya and Jeannie Battye.

Notices

Alpha Group Tuesday evenings 7pm. Great preparation for Confirmation. Please speak to Andy or Lisa or Helen
alpha@shifnalbenefice.org.uk

Young People 16-25 Youth Alpha on Wednesdays with Mark Williams at the Trinity Centre.

Children's Confirmation – year 5 onwards, meeting on Mondays from 4pm, please let Chris know if you are interested.

Confirmation 21st June – children's group and the Alpha group running from April, let Chris/Clergy know if you would like to be confirmed.

Quiet Day The Power of Prayer, on Sat 18th April 9.30am–2.30pm at the Trinity Centre. A light lunch is provided. Limited spaces. Contact Evelyn & Jess on 07865 243182 revjessharper@gmail.com

Big Camp Out at Upton Magna on 15th – 17th May. Bookings are now open, don't miss out, we welcome Mark and Amy Williams as our leaders.

Bible Study –1-2pm in St Andrew's on 21st April & 5th May. For more info Rev Jess 07865 243182 revjessharper@gmail.com

St Andrew's Summer Fair 13th June.

If you would like to help please contact Rev Chris.

The Collect

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

First reading Acts 2.14a, 22–32

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law.

But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption."

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm Psalm 16

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my Lord,
my good above all other.'

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**4 Their libations of blood I will not offer,
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

**6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night.

**8 I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

9 My heart, therefore, is glad and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

**10 For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

11 You will show me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

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 **John 20.19–31**

Glory to you O Lord

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side.

Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.