

## Weekly benefice diary 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

Date	Church	Time	Service/event
<b>Sun 21<sup>st</sup></b>	St A's	8am	Early Eucharist
	St Marys	10am	Parish Eucharist
	St A's	10.30am	Family Eucharist
	St Bart's	11am	Parish Eucharist
	St A's	12.30pm	Baptisms
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	St A's	9am	Church Counters
	St A's	10.30am	Warm Welcome
	St A's	10am	Autism West Mids
	St A's	11am	Balance Class
	St A's	6pm	CentreStage
<b>Tue 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	St A's	10.30am	Open Door
	Trinity	6pm	Say Yes
<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup></b>	St A's	9.45am	Little Fishes
	St A's	10.30am	Warm Welcome
	St A's	12.30pm	Chair Yoga
	Trinity	5.15pm	Youth Club
	St A's	7pm	AA Meeting
<b>Thur 25<sup>th</sup></b>	St A's	10am	Eucharist
	St A's	10.30am	Warm Welcome
	N'wood	11am	Communion
	St Barts	2pm	Tong Tour
	St A's	3.45pm	Junior Confirmation class
<b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup></b>	St A's	6pm	Alpha Course
	St A's	7.30pm	Bell ringing
	St Marys	9am	Playgroup
	St A's	10.30am	Warm Welcome
	St A's	12.30pm	What's for lunch
<b>Sat 27<sup>th</sup></b>	S'hales	3.15pm	Community Cafe
	St A's	6.30pm	Choir practice
	St A's	9.30am	Eucharist
<b>Sun 28<sup>th</sup></b>	St Marys	10am	Grass cutting
	St A's	8am	Early Eucharist
	St Marys	10am	Parish Eucharist
	St A's	10.30am	Family Eucharist
	St Bart's	11am	Parish Eucharist
	St Bart's	noon	APCM
	Trinity	4pm	Heartspace

**Sheriffhales Community Choir** warmly welcome more males to join their choir. Please contact Rachel McConnachie 07740 008900 or Kim Edge 07946 51001.

**The Ronnies Vintage Quartet** - 19th May at 3pm in St Mary's S'hales - performing songs from the forties to naughties. Tickets £10 adults, children free, refreshments from £3 - from Church or Catherine on 07846 131098.



**21<sup>st</sup> April  
2024  
Easter 4**

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:** Be the God, 270, 484, 117, 46 (omit vv 4,5)

**St Bart's hymns:** 382; 304; 205; 434; 625

**Prayers for healing and wholeness:** Mary Pearson, Paul Joseland, Diana Watson, Harvey Allen, John Anslow, Beryl Hawkins, Alec Garbett, Gordon Tonkinson, Diana Barnes, Lucy Carey, Derek Frame, Brenda Barber, Marlene Fitzhugh, Sandy Trickett, Eloise Edmondson, Ann Phillips, Jane Wolverson.

**Rest in Peace:** Beryl Drew; Jennifer Petford, David Webb, Ian Davies, Fred Mildoon.

**First Years Mind:** Iris Apter, Pauline Lamb.

**Birthdays:** Brian Waters, Chris Grain, Jim Young, Norman Angell, Robert Gray.

### **Notices**

**Do stay for coffee after church!**

**Sunday Heartspace at Trinity Centre** 28th April is at 4pm due to the Shifnal 10k run.

**St Bart's APCM** - Sun 28<sup>th</sup> April at noon.

**Outdoor Service** - 5th May at 10.30am - St Andrew's Churchyard. We welcome Revd Dr Gnanavaram from the Church of South India as our preacher.

**Book in now for the Big Camp Out 10-12 May** - At Upton Magna with our special guest Revd Fe Iddon. Come and camp for the weekend, or come just for the Saturday, either way we are in for a treat! The booking form is on the weekly email.

**Shifnal Male Voice Choir** - raising funds for St Andrew's Church on Sat 18th May at 7pm in St Andrew's. Tickets £5 pp. Can you take some tickets to sell, please support this event!

**Date for your diaries** - St Andrew's Summer Fair 1st June! Please grow plants, save up bottles and tombola prizes. We will have raffle tickets in a couple of weeks to sell!

**Confirmation** for adults the Confirmation course will be the **Alpha** Course please contact Lisa on [Alpha@shifnalbenefice.org.uk](mailto:Alpha@shifnalbenefice.org.uk)

### **The Collect**

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into  
one flock, to the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen**

### **First reading Acts 4.5–12**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.  
The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled  
in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest,  
Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were  
of the high-priestly family. When they had made  
the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired,  
'By what power or by what name did you do  
this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said  
to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we  
are questioned today because of a good deed  
done to someone who was sick and are asked  
how this man has been healed, let it be known to  
all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this  
man is standing before you in good health by the  
name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you  
crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This  
Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the  
builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is  
salvation in no one else, for there is no other  
name under heaven given among mortals by  
which we must be saved.'

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm**

### **Psalm 23**

1 The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul and guides me along right  
pathways for his name's sake.

**4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow  
of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of  
those who trouble me; you have anointed my  
head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow  
me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the  
house of the Lord for ever.**

**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 10.11–18**

**Glory to you O Lord**

Jesus said to the Pharisees:

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays  
down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is  
not the shepherd and does not own the sheep,  
sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and  
runs away – and the wolf snatches them and  
scatters them. The hired hand runs away  
because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.  
I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my  
own know me, just as the Father knows me and I  
know the Father. And I lay down my life for the  
sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to  
this fold. I must bring them also, and they will  
listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one  
shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me,  
because I lay down my life in order to take it up  
again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of  
my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I  
have power to take it up again. I have received this  
command from my Father.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you O Christ**

### **Post Communion**

Merciful Father,

you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good  
shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life  
and rise again:

keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**