

Weekly benefice diary 24th May 2026

Date	Church	Time	Service/event
Sun 24th	St A's	8am	Early Eucharist
	St Mary	10am	Parish Eucharist
	St A's	10.30am	Family Eucharist
	St Bart's	11am	Parish Eucharist
	St A's	noon	Dementia film
	St Bart's	noon	APCM
Mon 25th	Bank	holiday	
Tue 26th	St A's	10.30am	Open Door
	St A's	11am	OD Communion
	Trinity	6pm	Say Yes
Wed 27th	St A's	10am	Counselling Vestry
	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
	Thur 28th	St A's	10am
St A's		10.30am	Warm Welcome
N'wood		11am	Communion
St A's		6pm	Breath of life
St A's		6-8pm	Counselling Vestry
St A's		7.30pm	Bell Ringing
Fri 29th	St A's	6.30pm	Choir Practice
Sat 30th	St A's	9.30am	Eucharist
	St A's	9am	Veterans Breakfast
Sun 31st	St A's	8am	Early Eucharist
	St Mary	10am	Parish Eucharist
	St A's	10.30am	Family Eucharist
	St Bart's	11am	Parish Eucharist
	St A's	12.30pm	Baptisms
	St A's	1.30pm	Baptism
	Trinity	6pm	Taizé

CentreStage - Ian Handley leads the group and hopes to welcome some extra help to lead the 3 age groups. Could this be you? If you can help, please contact Ian at mr.ianh95@hotmail.co.uk or on 07399 455080. We also need an additional trustee to assist in managing the charity. If you can help, please contact Phil Freeth at phil.freeth@hotmail.com or on 01952 463017.

Orchestra of Folk – Sheriffhales Church Friday 5th June 7pm for 7.30pm, tickets available £10 adults on the door! Hot snacks and a bar available.

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Pentecost

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: B11, She sits like a bird, Whose hand could shape, 500, 125, Best of all

St Mary's hymns:

St Bart's hymns: 104, 541, 636, 67, 695.

Prayers for healing and wholeness: Diana Watson, Harvey Allen, Paul Joseland, 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, Charles Dakin.

Recently departed: Joyce Frost, Irshad Taj, Darren Griffiths, James Jones.

Weekly birthdays: Barney Branston, Ryan Court, Jason Chapman and Helen Newman.

Notices

St Bart's APCM – today at noon, all are welcome.

Gift Aid - please do Gift Aid your donation if you can, it makes such a difference!

Please support Christian Aid during May. Donations can be by envelopes on the pews, or by the card reader at the back of church and the website.

Dementia Awareness today 12-1pm Relying on God through Dementia, a short film with time to respond and share experiences, in St Andrew's Church.

Taizé service – the monthly Taizé service is on Sunday 31st May at 6pm at the Trinity Centre. Come and share the contemplative worship.

St Andrew's Summer Fair 13th June Please grow plants, save up bottles and tombola prizes. We will have raffle tickets in a couple of weeks to sell!

Choral Evensong 14th June in St Andrew's at 6pm – everyone is most welcome.

Shifnal Pride service – join us for an inclusive LGBTQ affirming service of celebration and diversity followed by fellowship on Sunday 28th June at 6pm in St Andrew's. All are most welcome.

Chris Thorpe's Leaving Service - Will be on Sunday July 12th at 10.30am in St Andrew's. It will be followed by a picnic lunch, so do bring a picnic! There will be strawberries and cream to follow, and a bar for those who would like a drink!

The Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First reading Acts 2.1–21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'

But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm Psalm 104.25–35, 37

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works!
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

**26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great.**

27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it.

**28 All of them look to you to give them their food
in due season.**

29 You give it to them, they gather it; you open your hand and they are filled with good things.

**30 You hide your face and they are terrified;
you take away their breath and they die and return
to their dust.**

31 You send forth your Spirit and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

**32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.**

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

**34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

35 May these words of mine please him;
I will rejoice in the Lord.

37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia!

**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 20.19–23

Glory to you O Lord

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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:

open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**