

Weekly benefice diary 2nd August 2026

Big House Holiday Club is in church from 20/7 - 21/8.

Date	Church	Time	Service/event
Sun 2nd	St A's	8am	Early Eucharist
	St Marys	10am	Lammas service
	St A's	10.30am	Family Eucharist
	St Bart's	11am	Morning worship
	St Bart's	noon	Ashes internment
	St A's	12.30pm	Baptisms
	St A's		Millenium Garden
Mon 3rd	St A's	9am	Church counters
	St A's	11am	Balance Class
	St Marys	7.30pm	Community Choir
	St Bart's	7pm	PCC Meeting
Tue 4th	St A's	10.30am	Open Door
	Trinity	1pm	Book Club
	St Bart's	7.30pm	Festival planning meeting
Wed 5th	Trinity	10.30am	Warm Welcome
	Trinity	10am	Counselling
	St A's	12.30pm	Chair Yoga
	St A's	7.30pm	AA Meeting
	St A's	8-10pm	Counselling Vestry
Thur 6th	St A's	10am	Eucharist
	St A's	11am	Balance Class
	St A's	12.30pm	Ashes interment
	St A's	6pm	Breath of life
	Trinity	7pm	Joint PCC Meeting
	St A's	7.30pm	Bell Ringing
Fri 7th	St A's	1pm	RIP Helen Flaherty
	St A's	6.30pm	Choir Practice
Sat 8th	St A's	9.30am	Eucharist
Sun 9th	St A's	8am	Early Eucharist
	St Marys	10am	Family Eucharist
	St A's	10.30am	Family Eucharist
	St Bart's	11am	Parish Eucharist
	Petals	6pm	Petals and Pimms

Tong Classic Car Festival – On Saturday 5th September 11am – 5pm. Over 70 classic cars, refreshments, stalls, tombola and lots more. Do save the date!

Tong Festival Planning Meeting on Tuesday 4th August 7.30 pm in Church. Please come along and help plan the event. If anyone has ideas on Stalls/ games/attractions, then please let Mick P or Max know. Also put aside items for the Tombola (alcohol usually popular!) and the "Collectable stall".

Petals and Pimms- Exclusive evening in the Shropshire Petal Fields fundraising for St Mary's. Sunday 9th Aug. 6pm. Tickets £25 from Catherine.

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Trinity 9

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



St Andrew's Young Church - leaders are taking a break for August. Activity sheets available in the Brooke room.

St Andrew's hymns: 516, 118, When memory fades, 73, Tell me the old story

St Mary's hymns:

St Bart's hymns: 689, 221, 205, 67, 252

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, Margaret Higgs, Barry Norwood, Neil Robinson, Nicky Eames, Frances Norwood, Doug Hughes, Ann Garbett, Gordon Tonkinson, Charles Dakin, Tony Bothwell, Chris Taylor.

Recently departed: Sara Taylor, Helen Flaherty, Dorothy Callister.

First Years Mind: David Thomas.

We pray for Amber and Romas Giles being baptised in St Andrew's today.

Birthdays: Kathy James, Shirley Woolf.

Notices

We are now in a time of Vacancy in St Andrew's. If you have an issue that you would have spoken to Rev Chris about, these are the people to speak with: Jean Odum (Churchwarden) Janet Lander (Senior Steward) Catherine Rogers (Outreach Enabler) Phil Freeth (Treasurer)

The Big House Holiday Club is in St Andrew's weekdays until Friday 21st August 7.30am - 5.30pm. We pray for Kelly and her team running the holiday Club. For any weekly groups using the Brooke Room, please access and exit through the Brooke Room/churchyard door, during the holiday club times, thank you.

Everyday Welcome will be closed at St Andrew's from w/c 20th July whilst Big House Holiday club is running. Everyday Welcome will be open at the Trinity Centre each Wednesday 10:30am - 1:30pm from July 22nd to August 26th with lunch served at 12 Noon.

Open Door will continue to meet on Tuesdays in St Andrew's.

Joint PCC meeting on Thursday 6th August at 7pm with Bishop Sarah at the Trinity Centre. Please make this meeting a priority.

The Collect

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

First reading Isaiah 55.1–5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.
The LORD says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalms Psalm 145.8–9, 15–22

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

**9 The Lord is loving to everyone
and his compassion is over all his works.**

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall;
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

**16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.**

17 You open wide your hand
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

**18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and loving in all his works.**

19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him,
to all who call upon him faithfully.

**20 He fulfils the desire of those who fear him,
he hears their cry and helps them.**

21 The Lord preserves all those who love him,
but he destroys all the wicked.

**22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the
Lord;
let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and
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

Matthew 14.13–21

Glory to you O Lord

When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God:

in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.