

Weekly benefice diary 2nd February 2025

Date	Church	Time	Service/event
Sun 2 nd	St A's	8am	Early Eucharist
	St Marys	10am	Candlemas
	St A's	10.30am	Family Eucharist
	St Bart's	11am	Morning Worship and baptism
	St A's	12.30pm	Baptisms
	St A's	4.30pm	Ablaze
	St A's	6pm	Taize Service
Mon 3 rd	St A's	9am	Church Counters
	St A's	10.30am	Warm Welcome
	St A's	11am	Balance Class
	St A's	2pm	RIP Andy Parkes
	St A's	3.30pm	Funeral reception
	St A's	6pm	CentreStage
	Tue 4 th	St A's	10.30am
St A's		1-3pm	Book Club
Zoom		5pm	Standing Cm'tee
St A's		7.30pm	HeartSpace
Wed 5 th	St A's	9.45am	Little Fishes
	St A's	10.30am	Warm Welcome
	St A's	12.30pm	Chair Yoga
	St A's	7pm	AA Meeting
Thur 6 th	St A's	10am	Eucharist
	St A's	10.30am	Warm Welcome
	Telf Crem	12.30pm	RIP Ena Plant
	St A's	3.30pm	Messy Church
	St A's	7.30pm	Bell Ringers
Fri 7 th	St Marys	9am	Playgroup
	St A's	10.30am	Warm Welcome
	St A's	noon	What's for lunch
	S'hales	3.15pm	Community Cafe
	St A's	6.30pm	Choir Practice
Sat 8 th	St A's	9.30am	Eucharist
	St A's	10.30am	Cloverley review
Sun 9 th	St A's	8am	Early Eucharist
	St A's	9am	Breakfast
	St A's	10.30am	Breakfast Church
	St Bart's	11am	Parish Eucharist

Winter Running at Sherifhales - During January and February we will be opening for Festivals, but not on other weeks. We look forward to welcoming you to church on these dates.

February 2nd Candlemas Service (St Mary's)

February 23rd Plough Sunday (St Mary's)

HeartSpace - Tuesday 4th February 7pm come for a cuppa, worship from 7.30pm all welcome.

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Candlemas

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:

St Mary's hymns:

St Bart's hymns: 450; 54; 413; 631

Prayers for healing and wholeness: Mary Pearson, Diana Watson, Harvey Allen, John Anslow, Beryl Hawkins, Alec and Ann Garbett, Gordon Tonkinson, Paul Joseland, Diana Barnes, Barbara Street, Jim Young, Rose Green, Frank Davis, Eileen Shervey, Kathleen Moore, Marjorie Rudolph, Mary Hutchinson, Tara Davies, Doreen Price, Zuzia Stepien-Fletcher, June Angell, Jenny Blakstad, Nicky Emes, Doreen Griffiths, Doris Gadd.

Recently departed: Lilian Guy, Charlotte James, Andy Parkes, Marion Walker, Ena Plant, Jennifer Worthington, Diane Whittingham, Phylis James.

Weekly birthdays: Brenda Barber, Charlotte Timmins, Joan Bland, Paul Causer, Suzanne Gwilliam.

Notices

Everyday Warm Welcome - Open at 10.30am each day to 2pm. Come and enjoy some good company, delicious soup and a warm welcome! And

What's for Lunch! - each Friday at noon.

Taizé service this evening at 6pm in St Andrew's Church. Come and enjoy this candlelight service.

The funeral of the late Andy Parkes will be in St Andrew's on Monday 3rd February at 2pm. The service will include a full requiem mass with incense.

Breakfast Church on Sunday 9th March

Music Quiz for St Andrew's - Fri 28th Feb at the War Memorial Club, tickets available £10 each, teams of four. A great night out and all for a good cause.

Concert of Music and Singing - Telford Community Ensemble - Sun 23rd Feb at 3pm in St Andrew's. Tickets £5 at the door, refreshments available.

St Andrew's new flower rota (up to the 30th March) is on the notice board in the South Aisle. It will be much appreciated if people who arrange flowers and /or help could add their name to the list. Thank you
Head to Heart - half hour film of Sarah Thorpe's family experience of living through her dad's dementia, on Sunday 9 March at 12 noon-1pm in the Lady Chapel. Everyone welcome!

St Andrew's Annual report - would group leaders please prepare a short report for the APCM and forward it to [Wendy Aykroyd](#) by 23rd Feb please.

The Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

Amen

First reading

Malachi 3.1–5

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.
Thus says the LORD God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm

Psalm 24.7–10

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

8 'Who is this King of glory?' 'The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.'

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

10 'Who is he, this King of glory?' 'The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.'

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 **Luke 2.22–40**

Glory to you O Lord

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what

is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**