

Weekly benefice diary 26th April 2026

Date	Church	Time	Service/event
Sun 26th	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 Mary	12.30pm	Baptism
	Trinity	6pm	Taize
Mon 27th	St A's	10.30am	Warm Welcome
	St A's	11am	Balance Class
	St A's	12- 2pm	Counselling Vestry
	S'wood	3pm	Communion
	St A's	6pm	Centrestage
	St Mary	7.30pm	Community Choir
Tue 28th	St A's	10.30am	Open Door
	St A's	11am	Communion
	Trinity	6pm	Say Yes
	St A's	7pm	Alpha Course
	St Bart's	7pm	Tong Tour
	Wed 29th	St A's	9.45am
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 Marys		7.30pm	APCM Meeting
St A's		8-10pm	Counselling Vestry
Thur 30th	St A's	10am	Eucharist
	St A's	10.30am	Warm Welcome
	St A's	11am	Balance Class
	St A's	noon	Higford service
	St A's	6pm	Breath of life
	St A's	6-8pm	Counselling Vestry
	St A's	7.30pm	Bell Ringing
	Fri 1st	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
Sat 2nd	St A's	9.30am	Eucharist
	St Bart's	11am	Tong Tour
Sun 3rd	St A's	8am	Early Eucharist
	St Mary	11am	Tractor Rally – Rogation service
	St A's	10.30am	Family Eucharist
	St Bart's	11am	Parish Eucharist
	St A's	12.30pm	Baptism
	St A's	6pm	Youth Praise

Open Gardens Sunday 26th April 10am-5pm. The Leasowes Garden & Arboretum, The Leasowes Farm, Cound, Shrewsbury SY5 6AF - Entry £8.

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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, 227, 484, B8, 46

St Mary's hymns:

St Bart's hymns: 413, 649, 541, 433, 716

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, Liz Walker.

Recently departed: Kenneth Greenfield, Susan Marsden.

First Years Mind: Gordon Churm.

We pray for Oliver Hill baptised in St Mary's today.

Weekly birthdays: Stuart Flemming, Angela Layton-Busch, Rita Webb, Rob Gray's 80th.

Notices

Bereavement Café on Thursday 14th May at 10.30am in the Trinity Centre. Come for a cuppa in a relaxed, friendly and safe environment to talk with others, share memories and make new friends.

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.

Would you like to join the St Andrew's Church

Electoral Roll? The online ER form link is in the weekly email. Paper copies are available at the back of church, completed copies in the envelope please.

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

Big Camp Out at Upton Magna on 15th – 17th May. Bookings are now open, link in the weekly email - don't miss out, we welcome Mark and Amy Williams as our leaders. **Last booking 8th May.**

Bible Study –1-2pm in St Andrew's on 5th May. For more info Rev Jess 07865 243182

St Andrew's Summer Fair 13th June. If you would like to help please contact Rev Chris.

St Andrew's APCM - May 19th at 7.30pm - come and celebrate the life of our church!

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

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 2.42–47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
Many were baptized and were added to the
community. They devoted themselves to the
apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the
breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came
upon everyone, because many wonders and
signs were being done by the apostles. All who
believed were together and had all things in
common; they would sell their possessions and
goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any
had need. Day by day, as they spent much time
together in the temple, they broke bread at
home and ate their food with glad and generous
hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of
all the people. And day by day the Lord added to
their number those who were being 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 10.1–10**

Glory to you O Lord

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'Very truly, I tell you,
anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by
the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief
and a bandit.

The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd
of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for
him, and the sheep hear his voice.

He calls his own sheep by name and leads them
out. When he has brought out all his own, he
goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him
because they know his voice. They will not
follow a stranger, but they will run from him
because they do not know the voice of
strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with
them, but they did not understand what he was
saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell
you, I am the gate for the sheep.

All who came before me are thieves and
bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I
am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be
saved, and will come in and go out and find
pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill
and destroy.

I came that they may have life, and have it
abundantly.'

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.