

Weekly benefice diary 29th March 2026

The Big House Holiday Club is in St Andrew's from 30th March – 10th April, 8am – 5pm.

Date	Church	Time	Service/event
Sun 29th	St A's	8am	Early Eucharist
	St Mary	10am	Parish Eucharist
	St A's	10.30am	Family Eucharist
	St Bart's	11am	Parish Eucharist
Mon 30th	St A's	6pm	Stations of the Cross
	St A's	11am	Balance Class
	St Barts	7pm	PCC Meeting
	St A's	7.30pm	Holy Week Service
Tue 31st	St Mary	7.30pm	Community Choir
	St A's	10.30am	Open Door
	St Barts	2pm	Ashes interment
	Trinity	6pm	Say Yes
Wed 1st	St A's	7.30pm	Holy Week Service
	St A's	10am-2pm	Counselling-Vestry
	Trinity	10.30am	Warm Welcome
	St A's	12.30pm	Chair Yoga
Thur 2nd	Trinity	5.30pm	Youth Alpha
	St A's	7.30pm	AA Meeting
	St A's	7.30pm	Holy Week Service
	St A's	8-10pm	Counselling-Vestry
Fri 3rd	St A's	10am	Eucharist
	Trinity	10.30am	Bereavement Café
	St A's	11am	Balance Class
	St A's	6pm	Breath of life
Sat 4th	St A's	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday
	St A's	10.30am	Messy Church
	St A's	2pm	Service of the Last Hour on the Cross
	St Barts	2pm	Service of the Last H on the Cross
Sun 5th	St A's	9.30am	Eucharist
	St Barts	11am	Tong Tour
	St A's	7.30pm	Easter Mysteries
Easter Day	St A's	8am	Early Eucharist
	St Mary	10am	Parish Eucharist
	St A's	10.30am	Family Eucharist
	St Bart's	11am	Parish Eucharist

Big Camp Out at Upton Magna on 15th – 17th May.

Bookings are now open, don't miss out, we welcome Mark and Amy Williams as our leaders.

St Andrew's Summer Fair 13th June.

If you would like to help please contact Rev Chris

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Palm Sunday

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: 11,435, 329, 499, 549

St Mary's hymns:

St Bart's hymns: 70; 29; 379; 654; 762

Prayers for healing and wholeness: Diana Watson, Harvey Allen, Paul Joseland, Diana Barnes, 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: Wendy Weaver, Helen Clare Venables, Susan Marsden, Kenneth Greenfield, Marjorie Rudolph.

Weekly birthdays: John Pearson, Jayne Thorneycroft, Rob Purser, Jonathan Odum.

Notices

Palm Sunday and the St Andrew's service starts at 10.20am in the Sensory Garden, weather permitting.

Lent appeal – Hands at Work in Africa. Please donate online, or on the card reader in church.

Bereavement Café is on Thursday 2nd April at 10.30am at the Trinity Centre.

Bible Study –1-2pm in St Andrew's on 21st April & 5th May in the Brooke Room. For more info Rev Jess 07865 243182 revjessharper@gmail.com

Quiet Day The Power of Prayer, on Sat 18th April 9.30am–2.30pm at the Trinity Centre. A light lunch is provided. Limited spaces. Contact Evelyn & Jess on 07865 243182 revjessharper@gmail.com

Alpha Group April 7th – Would you like to join the Alpha group this year? Great preparation for being Confirmed. Or would you like to help with the group? 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, please let Chris know if you are interested.

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

Christian Aid Lent Lunches. This year's "Christians Together in Shifnal and District" lent lunches held at St Andrew's raised £627.45 for Christian Aid of which £391.50 was gift aided. We had 167 people attending

and I would like to thank everybody for their support, be it leading services to preparing and serving the amazing soups and just for taking part.

The Collect

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

Amen

Gospel reading

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew **21.1–11**

Glory to you O Lord

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Benefice Holy Week services

commencing Palm Sunday 29th March 26

(in St Andrew's unless advised otherwise)
Everyone is most welcome.

Palm Sunday morning Palm Sunday services in each Church.

6pm Stations of the Cross

Monday 7.30pm Young Choir lead Taizé Communion.

Tuesday 7.30pm Heartspace service at the Trinity Centre

Wednesday 7.30pm Open Door service

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Foot-washing, Last Supper, stripping the church, Vigil until midnight in the Lady Chapel.

Good Friday 10.30am Messy Church

Good Friday 2pm – 3pm Service of the last hour in St Bart's and St Andrew's.

Holy Saturday 7.30pm The Easter Mysteries

Easter Day

8am Communion in St Andrew's

10am Easter Service in St Mary's Sheriffhales

10.30am Easter Service St Andrew's

11am Easter Service in St Bart's Tong



