



**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Sunday next before Lent



“We believe in **inclusive church** – a church which **celebrates and affirms every person** and does not discriminate.”



**Services Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

**Holy Trinity Oakengates**

9.30am Morning Worship

**St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy**

11.00am Morning Worship

**St Georges Telford**

9.30am Holy Communion

**Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood**

11.00am Holy Communion

12.30pm Baptism

**St Matthew's Donnington Wood**

11.00am Morning Worship

**St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge**

11.00am Holy Communion & Baptism

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**Collect – Sunday next before Lent**

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings	Sunday next before Lent
Psalm	2 or 99
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Exodus 24.12-end
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	2 Peter 1.16-end
Gospel	Matthew 17.1-9



**Collect for Ash Wednesday**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



**Services Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

**Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood**

11.00am Ashing Service

**Holy Trinity Oakengates**

7.30pm Ashing Service

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## **Services Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

### **Holy Trinity Oakengates**

9.30am Holy Communion

### **St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy**

4.00pm Holy Communion

### **St Georges Telford**

9.30am Morning Worship

### **Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood**

11.00am Morning Worship

### **St Matthew's Donnington Wood**

11.00am Holy Communion

12.30pm Baptism

### **St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge**

11.00am Morning Worship

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## **Services Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

### **Holy Trinity Oakengates**

9.30am Morning Worship

### **St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy**

No service

### **St Georges Telford**

9.30am Holy Communion

### **Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood**

11.00am Holy Communion

### **St Matthew's Donnington Wood**

11.00am Morning Worship

### **St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge**

4.00pm Holy Communion

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## **Those in need of our prayers**

Please pray for the families of Carol Tranter, Stuart Kirkbride, Jean Creighton, Doreen Glassey and all who are grieving the loss of loved ones at this time.

Merciful God, be close to all who mourn.  
May they know the hope of your promises  
and the comfort of your love,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



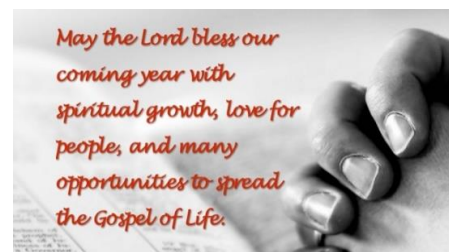
In our prayers we remember the Church, its members and our community. We pray for those who are unwell, either at home or in hospital and those who are adjusting to changes in their lives. We also remember those who can no longer join us physically in our church buildings for worship or fellowship.

### ***At this time please pray for:***

- Lent to be a time where we can 'get real with God'
- Our Church PCC's as they plan for the future

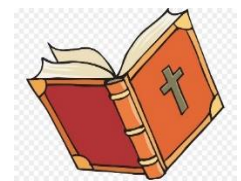
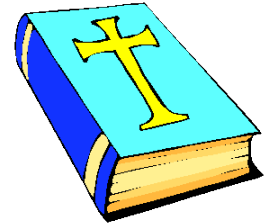
You have committed to our care those who live in this Benefice, Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to hear your voice and to follow you that we, and all your disciples, may grow in faith and love. Inspire, equip and enable us to play our part in your mission that your kingdom may come here in this Diocese. We cannot know all the different people around us, but

we ask that your Holy Spirit will guide us to those situations where we can minister something of your love and compassion. Help us to rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep, and bring practical solutions to problems we encounter, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen



## Daily Readings

		Morning	Evening
Monday	16/02	Galatians 1	John 3.1-21
Tuesday	17/02	Galatians 2.1-10	John 3.22-end
Wednesday	18/02	1 Timothy 6.6-19	Luke 15.11-end
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>			
Thursday	19/02	Galatians 2.11-end	John 4.1-26
Friday	20/02	Galatians 3.1-14	John 4.27-42
Saturday	21/02	Galatians 3.15-22	John 4.43-end
Monday	23/02	Galatians 3.23-4.7	John 5.1-18
Tuesday	24/02	Galatians 4.8-20	John 5.19-29
Wednesday	25/02	Galatians 4.21-5.1	John 5.30-end
Thursday	26/02	Galatians 5.2-15	John 6.1-15
Friday	27/02	Galatians 5.16-end	John 6.16-27
Saturday	28/02	Galatians 6	John 6.27-40
Monday	02/03	Hebrews 1	John 6.41-51
Tuesday	03/03	Hebrews 2.1-9	John 6.52-59
Wednesday	04/03	Hebrews 2.10-end	John 6.60-end
Thursday	05/03	Hebrews 3.1-6	John 7.1-13
Friday	06/03	Hebrews 3.7-end	John 7.14-24
Saturday	07/03	Hebrews 4.1-13	John 7.25-36
Monday	09/03	Hebrews 4.14-5.10	John 7.37-52
Tuesday	10/03	Hebrews 5.11-6.12	John 7.53-8.11
Wednesday	11/03	Hebrews 6.13-end	John 8.12-30
Thursday	12/03	Hebrews 7.1-10	John 8.31-47
Friday	13/03	Hebrews 7.11-end	John 8.48-end
Saturday	14/03	Hebrews 8	John 9.1-17



Sunday Readings	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Gospel
<b>15 Feb</b> <i>Sunday next before Lent</i>	Exodus 24.12-end	2 Peter 1.16-end	Matthew 17.1-9
<b>22 Feb</b> <i>Lent 1</i>	Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7	Romans 5.12-19	Matthew 4.1-11
<b>01 Mar</b> <i>Lent 2</i>	Genesis 12.1-4a	Romans 4.1-5, 13-17	John 3.1-17
<b>08 Mar</b> <i>Lent 3</i>	Exodus 17.1-7	Romans 5.1-11	John 4.5-42
<b>15 Mar</b> <i>Lent 4</i> <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Exodus 2.1-10	2 Corinthians 1.3-7 or Colossians 3.12-17	Luke 2.33-35 or John 19.25-27

### EMAIL NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive this newsletter via email regularly please contact [newsletter@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk) requesting you would like to receive it weekly, or can be found on our Website at [WWW.Easttelfordbenefice.co.uk](http://WWW.Easttelfordbenefice.co.uk)

### **BAPTISMS WEDDINGS & FUNERALS IN CHURCH**

We are always excited to be able to celebrate Baptisms, welcome you for your Wedding or help you through a difficult time arranging a Funeral within our Churches. Funerals are welcomed in Church or at the Graveside and Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood are able to livestream funerals. Please telephone Kerry, Benefice Administrator to discuss arrangements. Our Ministers are also available for Services at the Crematorium, please speak with your Funeral Directors to make arrangements.

## Regular Dates for Diaries (For participation or prayer)

- Mon 8.00pm Compline via Zoom
- Tue 9.00-10.00am Prayer Group at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood  
7.00pm Whist in aid of Holy Trinity Oakengates (1<sup>st</sup> Tue of month) at Maddocks Club
- Wed 8.45-10.30am Tea & Toast (Place of Welcome) at HT W/Wood (Term time only)  
9.00-11.00am Food Bank & Clothes Bank at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood  
9.15am Morning Prayer at Wombridge Church  
10.30am Midweek Service at St Matthew's Donnington Wood  
11.30am Bible Chat session at St Matthew's Donnington Wood  
11.00am Midweek Service at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood  
12.00-2.00pm Place of Welcome at Holy Trinity Oakengates  
7.00-8.00pm Prayer Group meeting at St Georges (4<sup>th</sup> Wed each month)
- Thu 1.00-3.00pm Pray Bake Read at Lantern Academy Ketley Bank (Only during School Term)  
1.00-3.00pm Place of Welcome at Priorslee Scout HQ
- Fri 10-11.00am St Georges Church open for chat & refreshments  
12.30-2.00pm First Friday Free Lunch at Wombridge Parish Centre (1<sup>st</sup> Friday)  
8.00pm Compline via Zoom
- Sat 4.00-5.30pm Messy Church at HT Wrockwardine Wood (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month)  
11.00-1.00pm Welcome Saturday at St Matthews Donnington Wood (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month)

## Additional Dates for Diaries

- Tue 17/02 5.30pm Top your Pancake at St Georges Church
- Thur 19/02 2.30pm Funeral of Carol Tranter at Telford Crematorium
- Fri 20/02 11.00am Wedding of Brooke & Cole at St Matthew's Donnington wood
- Fri 20/02 12.00pm Funeral of Stuart Kirkbride at St Georges Church
- Fri 20/02 7.30pm 60's & 70's Fundraiser for HTO at St Georges Social Club
- Sat 21/02 11.00am Welcome Saturday at St Matthews Church Donnington Wood
- Sat 21/02 6.00pm Beetle Drive & Fish 'n' Chips at Wombridge Church
- Mon 23/02 12.00pm Funeral of Jean Creighton at St Matthews Donnington Wood
- Mon 23/02 1.00pm Ecumenical Service at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood
- Tue 03/03 1.30pm Funeral of Doreen Glassey at St Georges Church
- Tue 10/03 1.00pm Wedding of Marie & Keith at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood
- Wed 11/03 7.30pm St Georges Church Quiz Night at St Georges Social Club

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## Those whose years mind we keep

### Priorslee

- 15 Feb Terrance Wormstone, Brenda Luter, Rhoda Ball, Dora Beddall, Maxine Powell
- 22 Feb Vanessa Guy, Selina Broadhurst, Anthony Andrews, Florence Howells, Mark Lowe,  
John Panter, William Jones, Toni Andrews, Alyn Ellis, Leslie Yates, Lily Evans
- 01 Mar Alice Jackson, Gerald Lewis, Constance Plant, Charles Hoofe, Ronald Withington, Mary Rigby

### Oakengates

- 15 Feb Elsie Taylor, Edith Smith, Harry Tranter, Alfred Wynne, Beatrice Hancocks,  
Maggie Bebbington, Victor Randall, John Lancaster, Pauline Hodgkinson, Leman Fletcher
- 22 Feb Eunice Lewis, James Dyson, Joe Ghost, Sheila Latham, Amy Talbot, Tom Millward,  
Mary Mansell, Jim Hopwood, Edward Ghost, Thomas Hoggins
- 01 Mar Devon Holmes, Barbara Kearton, Francis Male, Miriam Howells, Ellen Ellans,  
James Shepherd, Joy Whyte, Harriet Pearce, Frederick Lloyd, Melanie Davies,  
Martha Harris, Susan Lewis, Audrey Black

## **Wrockwardine Wood**

- 15 Feb** Edgar Lane, Reginald Woodward, Wendy Heenan, Ken Brothwood, Audrey Turner, Josephine Davies, Anthony (Tony) Richards
- 22 Feb** Edith Martin, Gladies Binsley, Anthony (Tony) Birkinshaw, Rita Shirley, Frederick Owen, Constance Price, David Thomson, Mavis Shephard, Edward Roderick, Linda Patricia Walker-Hill, Elsie Wake, Colin Eardley, Doreen Pearce
- 01 Mar** Herbert Fernley, Jean Shaper, Doris Anderson, Kenneth Walker, Agnes Beetlestone, Annie Carline, Alfred Thompson

## **SAFEGUARDING**

For all the churches in our benefice, the safeguarding, safety and security of each person is of the utmost importance. We have across all our churches committed to safeguarding and have adopted the national and diocesan safeguarding policies.

Please do not hesitate to contact one of the Coordinators, Churchwardens or the Benefice Admin office if you have any questions and concerns and understand that everyone has a role to play to ensure we achieve our aim of being a benefice who cares and protects all who visit.

For more information: <https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/safeguarding/safeguarding.php>  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/national-safeguarding-standards>

To report a Benefice concern please contact [admin@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk](mailto:admin@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk) and Kerry will direct you to the relevant safeguarding officer.

## **IMPORTANT.....BE AWARE!!! Please be careful!**

We have received reports that there have been scam phone calls and emails being sent to people seeking to extract money with a highly plausible and well-informed story from clergy and others with positions of responsibility in parishes.

At this time of year, such scams are rife. It is likely that churches and their congregations will be targeted again. It bears repeating that the stories are highly plausible: please beware and make others aware.



## **PRAYING AT HOME**

As we get older our involvement in local church life changes, and we find we have less time for physical activity but more time for prayer! We are a community of prayer – at home and in church. As a Benefice we are grateful to Nigel who hosts Compline (Evening Prayer) via Zoom (extremely easy to join on a mobile phone with internet access) at 8pm on Monday and Friday evenings. For more information please contact Nigel at [Nigelcollins8561@gmail.com](mailto:Nigelcollins8561@gmail.com) Come, pray with us!

## **BIBLE CHAT GROUP**

The Bible Chat Group meet weekly at St Matthew's Church Donnington Wood on Wednesdays at 11.30am. The group uses the themes from the Everyday Faith App as a basis of their weekly discussion. If you would like to join these discussions please do attend as new friends are always welcome.

## **EVERYDAY FAITH APP**

Everyday Faith is a Church of England app offering daily readings, reflections, responses and prayers under various themes; recent themes have included: Journeying with others, Days of small things, Glimpses of Glory, and Generous Words, with each theme looking at where and how we meet God as we go about our lives. Faith is found in our joys and cares, in our challenges and conflicts as we lean into God's presence and guidance. Faith informs our thinking and our actions as we discern how God might be using us in his work. Faith is an ongoing encounter with God - an **Everyday Faith**, an everyday existence with the God who holds all things together. You can download Everyday Faith from your app store.

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## EASY FUNDRAISING

For those who shop online it is possible to help fundraise for your Benefice Church, by using the easy fundraising website to make your purchases from many of the well-known retailers. Why not use this website at no cost to yourself but a money earner for the church!

For more info:

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpeterspriorslee>

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/holytrinitywrockwardinewood>

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/holytrinityoakengates>



What? Crafts Games Stories  
Fun and Food

Where? Holy Trinity Church  
Wrockwardine Wood TF27AH

When? Saturdays 4.00-5.30pm

Come and join our Messy  
Church Team as we craft  
and learn about God  
finishing up with some  
singing and food

Dates for your Diary  
13th of December  
10th of January  
14th of February  
14th of March  
11th of April  
9th of May  
13th of June  
11th of July



### Messy Church needs your help!

Our Messy Church takes place for the benefice on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month at Holy Trinity Church Wrockwardine Wood. Fiona and Kerry are looking to draw up a rota of helpers who would be able to help

and oversee a craft table and talk about God/Jesus to those who attend.

### **Next Messy is 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Our aim is to build a team so we can continue to run this as a monthly service, rather than taking it to a quarterly event.



### **New for lent: short course based on N T Wright resources: Faith Working Through Love.**

Discover the wisdom of St Paul in directing early church communities to be models of Christian living. What can they teach us today, as we seek to live more fully, to serve others.

### **Meet Christians from North East Telford:**

**4 Mondays in March: starts 2<sup>nd</sup> March: 1.30pm – concludes by 3pm.**

**Wrockwardine Wood Church, Church Road, TF2 7AH**

This online course will be delivered in person: for further details please contact Kerry 01952 615367 [admin@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk](mailto:admin@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk) If you're not available in the day but are interested in evening sessions, please ask for information.



Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent – the 40 days leading up to Easter – was traditionally a time of fasting and on Shrove Tuesday, Anglo-Saxon Christians went to confession and were “shriven” (absolved from their sins). A bell would be rung to call people to confession. This came to be called the “Pancake Bell” and is still rung in places today.

Shrove Tuesday always falls 47 days before Easter Sunday, so the date varies from year to year and falls between February 3 and March 9. In 2026 Shrove Tuesday will fall on 17<sup>th</sup> February. Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients.

A pancake is a thin, flat cake, made of batter and fried in a frying pan. A traditional English pancake is very thin and is served immediately. Golden syrup or lemon juice and caster sugar are the usual toppings for pancakes.

The pancake has a very long history and featured in cookery books as far back as 1439. The tradition of tossing or flipping them is almost as old: “And every man and maide doe take their turne, And tosse their Pancakes up for feare they burne.” (Pasquil’s Palin, 1619).

The ingredients for pancakes can be seen to symbolise four points of significance at this time of year:

Eggs ~ Creation

Flour ~ The staff of life

Salt ~ Wholesomeness

Milk ~ Purity

To make 8 or so pancakes you will need 8oz plain flour, 2 large eggs, 1 pint milk, salt.

Mix all together and whisk well. Leave to stand for 30 minutes. Heat a little oil in a frying pan, pour in enough batter to cover the base of the pan and let it cook until the base of the pancake has browned. Then shake the pan to loosen the pancake and flip the pancake over to brown the other side.

<https://www.historic-uk.com/CultureUK/Pancake-Day/>



## Compline via Zoom

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## TOMBOLA STALLS

Each of the churches in the Benefice are always in need of small quality items suitable for use on Tombola Stalls.

If you can offer items for these stalls then please pass them to churchwardens who will forward them to the events coordinators for each of the churches. *Thank You.*



During the winter months the Ecumenical Service has moved to daylight hours.

The next Service will be on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 1.00pm at Holy Trinity Church Wrockwardine Wood. All are welcome to come along.

For more information about Ecumenical events please contact Sue Rawlings.

**St George's Parish Church invites you to**

***Top Your Pancake***

**on Tuesday 17th February from 5.30pm in Church £4 including pancakes and toppings in aid of church funds**



**St Matthew's Church**  
Donnington Wood  
**WELCOME SATURDAY**  
21<sup>st</sup> February 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.  
Sat Nav ref TF2 7HP

Memory Menders Group  
Complimentary tea, coffee, biscuits  
Free craft activities  
Book stall

Learn how to make a prayer cube.  
Free craft activities and resources.

Enjoy, - pop in for a cup of tea our welcome is warm & refreshments are FREE!

No need to give anything up for Lent

Take on a new discipline instead. Call a lonely friend regularly, pray more often.

### ST GEORGE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month between 7pm & 8pm at St George's Church.



The next meeting is on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February and is open for all to attend. During the time together there may be a brief discussion about issues of the day and/or individual concerns and then there is a time of prayer. Sometimes a bible passage is read and following a brief discussion may be used as a focus for additional prayers.

Advance notice.....

An Evening of 60's & 70's Music



Music by Silversurfer DJ Entertainment  
In aid of Holy Trinity Church Oakengates  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm  
St Georges Sports & Social Club  
£10 a ticket available from Margaret  
07882 510124



All welcome at the Wombridge Church Beetle Drive with Fish 'n' Chips, Coffee and Cake



Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February  
6.00pm to 8.30pm



Fun evening for all ages!  
No experience needed ☺  
£8 for adults & £4 for children  
Ticket required - contact Chris on 07930245773 or add your name to the list in Church

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service for everyone!

## Friday 6 March

*I will give you rest, come*

11am at Wombridge Church,  
Wombridge Road, TF2 6HT.

Refreshments to follow

Nigeria 2026



INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION  
24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led  
wwdp.org.uk Registered Charity Number: 233242

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

this year's service is based on resources produced by Nigerian women.

All are welcome.

There is also a free Parish lunch in the adjacent Parish Centre from 12.30pm that day. Attendees are very welcome to come along but numbers will be appreciated in advance. If you're intending to come to lunch - please let Sue Rawlings know:- [Suerawlings12@gmail.com](mailto:Suerawlings12@gmail.com) or 07715173634

**Free Community Lunch**  
On the first Friday of each  
month  
**12.30pm to 2.00pm**  
Wombridge Parish Centre

Thanks to sponsorship by  
**the co-op**

All welcome to join us for a light lunch, dessert  
and hot drink – followed by a short game – pop  
in or stay for as long as you wish - everyone  
welcome 😊

**ST. GEORGE'S  
PARISH CHURCH**  
PRESENTS  
**'QUIZ NIGHT'**  
TO BE HELD AT  
ST GEORGES SOCIAL CLUB  
WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026  
AT 7.30pm

ADMISSION: £2.50 PER PERSON  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED  
TEAMS UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 5 PERSONS  
ALL PROCEEDS FOR CHURCH FUNDS

**All Welcome**

### PRAY BAKE READ

**PRAY**....INTENTIONALLY FOR YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL  
**BAKE**....A CAKE FOR STAFF EVERY HALF TERM  
**READ**....1:1 WITH A STUDENT ONCE A WEEK



Would you like to support children at The Lantern Academy, Ketley Bank by spending 1-2 hours a week with pupils listening to them read on a 1:1 (Thursday afternoons 1-3pm, Years 1 & 2 infants). *Why do we want to do this?*

As Christians, the Bible teaches us to love our neighbour. Our church and the many schools in our Benefice are close neighbours in our community and we want to show God's love to them by serving them in a practical way. It really is that simple.

If you are interested please speak to Julia Ayers, or contact [newsletter@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk) and your details will be passed to the organiser.



### ST MATTHEW'S DONNINGTON WOOD

On Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, the congregation and PCC were joined at their morning service by David Hardman, Trustee of Shropshire Historic Churches Truist, who presented St Matthew's church with a plaque and a cheque to help with the church's roof repairs, which is constantly ongoing.

As a church, we support the Shropshire Historic Churches Truist, with an annual donation and also with the 'Ride & Stride' which takes place every September.

The photo opposite shows David presenting the plaque to the PCC.

## PLACES of WELCOME at HTO, HTWW & St PETERS



This outreach is something which has helped bring our community together and we are always pleased when new people attend. The format is simple – a short service, a shared breakfast/lunch (toast, soup and roll or sandwiches), chat/board games/puzzles/craft etc.

Please do let your friends and neighbours know about these Places of Welcome especially those who live alone or those who are looking for a place to meet new people. You will find a warm welcome at each of these Places of Welcome. We look forward to meeting you!

Please note St Peters meets at: Priorslee Scout HQ, Snedshill Way, TF2 9QQ

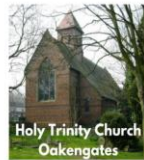
**Tea & Toast Warm space  
Food bank & Clothes bank**

Open each Wednesday  
9.00 - 11.00

We would love to make you welcome at our Warm space Tea & Toast each Wednesday. Come in have a cuppa chat with our volunteers

get to know some new people, browse the clothing and request a food parcel. Just ask one of the volunteers

we are grateful for the support of our local parish councillors who support our warm space



**Wednesday  
12 - 2 pm**

**PLACE OF WELCOME**

St. Peter's Priorslee Community

**Every Thursday**  
at Priorslee Scout HQ, Snedshill Way, TF2 9QQ  
**1.00pm - 3.00pm**

Need Help With Scams and Modern Technology?  
We Can Help!

St George's & Priorslee Scout Hut  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February @ 1PM  
Workshop run by Esther Tuxford

Spot & Report Scams  
Car Signal Blocking  
Tradesman Scams  
Car Theft Scam  
Card Scams

### St Peter's Place of Welcome

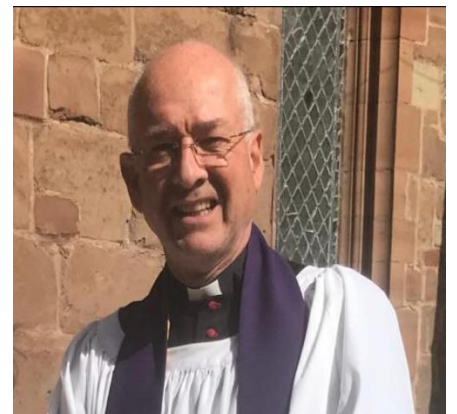
On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February there will be a short workshop led by Esther Tuxford as part of her Chad course training.

The workshop will be based on looking out for scams of which there are many different types. Please support Esther in her training and at the same time discover information to help keep you safe.

## From the Deanery & Lichfield Diocese

### Rev Chris Thorpe

Rev Chris made the following announcement across all three churches of the Benefice. (Shifnal, Sheriffhales and Tong). Nearly 18 years ago, when our family first arrived in Shifnal, we knew that one day we would have to leave this place. We couldn't have known how deeply we would belong in this community and so how hard it would be to announce that time is now coming. I am going to be retiring as the vicar of Shifnal, Sheriffhales and Tong in July, with my final service on Sunday 12 July. We are so fortunate to have such a strong team in place and such a clear sense of direction, "reaching out together to share God's amazing faith, hope and love". This will carry us all forward, through the next six months and beyond.



# DEANERY SYNOD DATES FOR 2026 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 7pm for a 7.30 Start

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July (1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the new Triennium) social 6pm for 6.30 start

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October. 7pm for 7.30 start

This year will see us start a new triennium and each Church will be looking to have Deanery Synod Representatives. Please see the letter below explaining a little more about this role and if you feel called please speak to either Kerry, Chris, Sue, Rev Tom or Rev Richard who will explain how you can become a rep.

## A Prayer for Those Considering Service as Deanery Synod Representatives

God of wisdom and calling,

you gather your Church in many places and you raise up people to serve in many ways.

We thank you for those who are discerning a call

to represent their churches within the Deanery as members of synod.

Grant them clarity of mind and openness of heart.

Give them courage to step forward, a willingness to listen deeply,

and a desire to seek the good of your whole Church.

May they bring the gifts you have entrusted to them

their insight, their compassion, their questions, their longing for justice and renewal.

Strengthen them to speak with grace,

to act with integrity, and to work with others for the flourishing of every community.

As they consider this ministry, surround them with your peace.

Guide them by your Spirit, and assure them that you walk with all who answer your call.

**In the name of Christ, who calls us to serve. Amen.**

## From the Church of England

Draw Near: Life-giving habits for Lent

This year's resources for Lent have at their heart the theme of a 'rhythm of life' – habits and patterns which help us grow as disciples of Christ day by day, especially as we prepare to celebrate the great mystery of God's saving love at Easter. For more information:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/>



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# DRAW NEAR

LIFE-GIVING HABITS FOR LENT

Draw closer to God this Lent with our new daily devotional – plus a special version for children to share the journey.

Find out more via [cofe.io/DrawNear](https://cofe.io/DrawNear)



Week Beginning 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 304

We pray for the implementation of our diocesan strategy 'Seeking the Kingdom', within the context of the varied roles and ministries across the Diocese. As 'People of Hope,' we remember those impacted by natural disasters; those in Ukraine suffering grievously and we pray for the people & leaders of Russia; and for a lasting peace for the people of Palestine, Israel and the wider Middle East.

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### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February:

*(Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden, 1045. Thomas Bray, Priest, Founder of the SPCK and the SPG, 1730)*

Lord, we continue our prayers for Telford by praying for the shared mission of all churches in the town to the communities they serve. So Lord, we lift before you each of those communities that has at least one of our churches in it; for Dawley / Red Lake, Donnington Wood, Eyton, Hadley, Hollinswood, Ketley, Lawley, Malinslee, Oakengates, Priorslee, St Georges, Wellington, Wombridge, and Wrockwardine Wood; and for those other parts of the town without one of our churches, or 'across the border' and served by Hereford diocese.

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup>:

Lord, we pray for the Revd Harvey Gibbons as he is today licensed to serve the six churches at the southern end of Edmond and Shifnal Deanery. We pray for the churches of Badger St Giles, Beckbury St Milburga, Kemberton St Andrew, Ryton St Andrew, Stockton St Chad and Sutton Maddock St Mary; and for the start of a fruitful relationship, between these churches, their local communities, and their new vicar.

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>:

*(Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977)*

Lord, we pray for the Revd John Amey as he is today licensed to serve the 'PEW Parishes' towards the north of Wem and Whitchurch Deanery (in fact situated between those two places). We pray for the churches of Prees St Chad, Edstaston St Mary, and Whixall St Mary; and for the start of a fruitful relationship, between these churches, their local communities, and their new vicar.

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>:

*(Ash Wednesday)*

*A traditional Collect for Ash Wednesday from Common Worship;*

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>:

Lord, we pray for the Bishop's Staff Meeting as they gather today; please grant them wisdom and inspiration. We pray for the [Wellbeing Information Café Information Evening](#) in The Westlands in Newcastle, that it may prove a helpful guide and encouragement for churches who may find it an avenue worth exploring. Lord, we also join with the Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship in 'Praying for the 34,000', that as per our diocesan strategy we may indeed see thousands more people coming to know you.

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup>:

Lord, we conclude our prayers for Telford Deanery by thanking you for all the people who give up their time to serve the churches there. We thank you for our retired clergy, readers and authorised lay ministers in all that they do. We thank you for all the volunteers who support and grow the life of our churches, in Telford, our other 26 Deaneries, and beyond.

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>:

Lord, we lift before you the first of two consecutive Saturdays at Shallowford House offering [Creative Grief Workshops on Living with Loss](#). We pray for all those who attend who may be struggling after the loss of a loved one, that they may find some measure of comfort and at least a glimpse of the way forward. So too we pray for all those who grieve for lost loved ones, that they will feel some measure of your loving presence holding on to them, and that you may prompt those around them to offer appropriate support as they need it.

**To get these prayer points delivered to your mobile automatically via the free PrayerMate app on iOS & Android [click here](#)  
For prayer resources for the worldwide church see the Anglican cycle of prayer: [anglicancommunion.org/resources/prayer.aspx](http://anglicancommunion.org/resources/prayer.aspx)**

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE DIOCESE**

## **NOTICE OF MISSION AND PASTORAL MEASURE 2011: PROPOSED PASTORAL SCHEME - OAKENGATES, PRIORSLEE, WROCKWARDINE WOOD; ST GEORGES'; WOMBRIDGE; DONNINGTON WOOD**

### **Lichfield Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee**

*Chairman: The Bishop of Lichfield*



### **Diocesan Pastoral Officer and Secretary to the Lichfield Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee**

10 January 2026

#### **Notice Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 Draft Pastoral Scheme**

The Lichfield Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee has prepared a draft Pastoral Scheme for:

*the union of the benefice of Oakengates, Priors Lee and Wrockwardine Wood, the benefice of St Georges', the benefice of Wombridge and the benefice of Donnington Wood (their constituent parishes to remain distinct) in the diocese of Lichfield and for the establishment of a team ministry for the new benefice of East Telford. It also provides for the cure of souls in the new benefice to be shared by a team rector and one team vicar, for the housing arrangements for the team and for the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice.*

The draft Scheme is on the Commissioners' website [www.churchofengland.org/consultation](http://www.churchofengland.org/consultation) or you may obtain a copy from me. **Large print and/or audio copies are available on request.**

- Anyone may make representations **for** or **against** all or any part of the draft Scheme (please include the reasons for your views) by post or, preferably, by email to reach the Commissioners no later than midnight on **Monday 16 February 2026**. **Please send your representation to [rex.andrew@churchofengland.org](mailto:rex.andrew@churchofengland.org) or letter marked for the attention of Rex Andrew, Pastoral Division, Church Commissioners, Church House, Great Smith Street, London, SW1P 3AZ.**
- If they have not acknowledged receipt of your representation before this date, please call 020 7898 1743 or email them to ensure it has been received. For administrative purposes, a petition will be classed as a single representation and the Commissioners will only correspond with the sender of the petition, if known, or otherwise the first signatory for whom they can identify an address – "the primary petitioner".
- When making a representation, please indicate the nature of your interest in the proposals (e.g. parishioner, member of parochial church council, etc) and whether you would like an opportunity to speak to their Committee regarding your representation if the Commissioners decide a hearing should be held regarding the case. Please ensure you provide contact information so that they can be in touch with you regarding later stages of the process.
- If they receive representations against the draft Scheme, they will send them, and any representations supporting the draft Scheme, to the Bishop whose views will be sought. Individual representors and the primary petitioner will then receive copies of the correspondence with the Bishop (including copies of all the representations) and will be told whether a hearing is to be held. They and individual petitioners may comment further to the Commissioners. Copies of all of the representations received and associated correspondence will normally be published on the Commissioners' website if the matter needs to be considered by them.
- If a hearing is held, anyone may attend the meeting of the Commissioners that considers the case and representors may have an opportunity to speak to their Committee. Otherwise, if a hearing is not to be held, the case will be considered in private and you will be informed accordingly.
- When they acknowledge representations the Commissioners will let individual representors (and the primary petitioner) know the next few dates of their Committee's meetings. They will confirm the actual date if a hearing is to be held nearer the time.
- The Commissioners' will decide if the draft Scheme should proceed when they consider all the representations on the basis of a paper prepared by the Commissioners' staff and any points raised at the meeting.
- The Commissioners will notify all representors of their decision and give a statement of the reasons for it.
- If they so decide, any representor or petitioner against the draft Scheme may seek leave from the Privy Council to appeal against the decision.
- Please see the Commissioners' website [www.churchofengland.org/consultation](http://www.churchofengland.org/consultation) for further information about the procedure.

Yours sincerely

**Clare Beavon**

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