



The Churches of Sherwood Forest
Love at the heart of life

Weekly Newsletter for The Churches of Sherwood Forest

Saturday 11th May 2024

*Please let us know if you would like to stop receiving church communications.
If you know of anyone who would like to start receiving, please do send me their email address.*

Upcoming Services...

Sunday 12th May

Readings: Acts 1:15-17, (1 John 5:9-13), John 17: 6-19

9.15am All Saints, Clipstone, Holy Communion – Revd Claire and Lorna (refreshments after the service)

11.15am St Mary's, Edwinstowe, Parish Communion – Revd Claire and Lorna (*refreshments will be available before and after the service*)

Sunday 19th May Pentecost

Readings: Acts: 2:1-21, (Romans 8:22-27), John 15:26-27, 16: 4b-15

9.15am All Saints, Clipstone, **Holy Communion** – Revd Richard Ford
(refreshments after the service)

9.30am St John the Evangelist, Perlethorpe, **Holy Communion** – Revd Claire

11.15am St Mary's, Edwinstowe, **Worship for Everyone** with communion for Pentecost – Revd Claire
(*refreshments will be available before and after the service*)



Prayer pointers for the week...

Please pray for...

- Lukas and his parents and godparents as he is baptised at All Saints at 2pm on Sunday
- Young people preparing for and taking SATs, GCSEs A levels or final exams and essays at university
- Those who are in need of prayer for whatever reason, and those who have asked for our prayers: Janine, Margaret, Rick, Mike, Jade, Paul, Jayne, Muriel, Kevin, Dorothy, Rebecca, Hayley, Revd Beryl, Brenda, George, Mary, Poppy-Ava, Glennys, Mick, Kieley, Krista, Gill, and Roger
- For the family and friends of Evelyn (Ev) Rowley who has recently died and whose funeral will take place on Thursday 30th May 10am at All Saints
- Thy Kingdom Come...during this time between Ascension Day and Pentecost we are encouraged to pray for 5 people who you know, who do not yet know the love of God for themselves
- Give thanks for God's amazing and wonderful creation, for the beauty of the world around us, nature, the seasons, the wonder of the northern lights that made an appearance over the weekend



From the vicarage garden on Friday night.

Hint: if you're looking for them with the naked eye they seemed to appear as faint white beams, or very faint colours. It is only when you take a photo the colours then appear in all their glory.

These were taken with my phone.



Pentecost Picnic Sunday 19th May 4pm-6pm on The Vicarage Garden.

As the weather is starting to improve (!!!) I'd like to take the opportunity to invite you all around to the Vicarage Garden. All are welcome from across all three parishes to join for a picnic and a time of being together. This will be a bring your own picnic so please **bring your own food and drink** (tea and coffee will be available). I only have a few outdoor chairs so please bring your own garden chairs/ picnic mat if possible. *NB this is weather dependant: If the weather is awful it will be postponed.*



NURTURING PRAYER
Because prayer changes everything

Nurturing prayer is one of the areas of focus within the diocesan vision of growing disciples with compassion, confidence, and courage. Here are two regular, but very different, opportunities for people to come together to pray. Which one would you like to try?

Monday 7.30pm 20mins prayer – starting from Monday 20th May

From the 20th May I will be opening a zoom meeting every Monday evening at 7.30pm for 20 mins. This will be a chance for anyone to join me in praying for our communities across the 3 parishes. This will be a time of open prayer, silently or out loud, with a focus on mission and outreach and growing disciples. There is no commitment to join every time. I will be praying at this time whether there is just me, a handful of others, or a large group...it doesn't matter how many, the aim is that prayer is being nurtured and is happening regularly for our communities. I will share a zoom link nearer the time.

Thursday Evening Prayer 7pm on ZOOM

Evening prayer continues to be held every Thursday over ZOOM. This is for all three parishes, and anyone is welcome to join. We follow the Evening prayer liturgy and there is a short reflection and intercessions. If you'd like to join, please contact me and I will send you the link. Feel free to join as and when you are able.

Volunteers needed for the Village Xchange charity shop

Do you have time on your hands? Do you know someone who is looking for something to keep them busy?

Volunteers are needed to work alongside existing volunteers at our charity shop on the High Street in Edwinstowe.

If you're interested, or know someone who is, pop into the charity shop for a chat or follow this link to apply...

[Volunteer application form \(google.com\)](#)

Village Xchange

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Help to operate our thriving Charity Shop

What is Needed?

- ✓ Regular or occasional time commitment
- ✓ Donation Sorting
- ✓ Helping and Serving Customers



Coffee and Chat Monthly Coffee morning All Saints, Clipstone

Next one: Tuesday 14th May 10am-12noon All are welcome

Love and prayers Rev'd Claire

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