



The Churches of Sherwood Forest
Love at the heart of life

Weekly Newsletter for The Churches of Sherwood Forest Saturday 8th March 2025

Please let me 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.

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Upcoming Services...

Sunday 9th March: 1st Sunday of Lent

Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Romans 10: 8b-13, Luke 4:1-13

9:15am All Saints, Clipstone,

Parish Communion Rev'd Claire and Lorna (refreshments after the service)

11:15am St Mary's, Edwinstowe,

Parish Communion Rev'd Claire and Pete (refreshments after the service)

2pm Baptism of Bentley at St John's Perlethorpe

Saturday 15th March 3pm Wedding of Tammy and Anthony at All Saints, Clipstone

Sunday 16th March: Lent 2

Readings Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Philippians 3:17-4.1, Luke 13:31-end

9:15am All Saints, Clipstone, Parish Communion

Rev'd Sue (refreshments after the service)

9.30am St John's, Perlethorpe, Holy Communion Rev'd Claire

11:15am St Mary's, Edwinstowe, 'Worship for Everyone' Theme: Following Jesus.

Rev'd Claire (refreshments after the service)



Prayer pointers for the week...

Please pray for...



All those living in war torn countries, we pray for ceasefires to hold in Gaza and Israel and we pray for peace in Ukraine. We pray for Political and world leaders – praying for wisdom and guidance in meetings and decision making.


All on the Alpha course as it continues this week, for a sense of journeying together no matter where people are on their discipleship and faith journey.

Those who are ill or in need, for whatever reason, praying especially for Carol, Margaret, Rick, Mike, Paul, Jayne, Rebecca, Sue, Rev'd Beryl, Brenda, Mary, Poppy-Ava, Mick, Kieley, Krista, Gill, Roger, Jade, John, Johnathon, Alyson, Bernice

Those who have lost loved ones recently, or who are remembering loved ones from the past. Praying for the families and friends of those who have died recently Cynthia (Cindy) Whitehouse, and Jean Worthington whose funeral will take place at All Saints Church on Monday 24th March 12.30pm.

For Bentley, his family and godparents as he is baptised on Sunday and for Tammy and Anthony as they get married next Saturday

Other events this week

- Monday 10th March 7:30pm 20mins mission and outreach prayer on **ZOOM** (Contact Claire if you'd like the link)
- Monday 10th March 2.30pm **Nightingale Care Home** service with Claire and Lorna
- Tuesday 11th March 9.30am KSI St Mary's School, session in St Mary's church with Claire
- Tuesday 11th March 10-12 **Coffee and Chatter at All Saints Church (All welcome)** 
- Tuesday 11th March 7pm Edwinstowe PCC in the Church Rooms
- Wednesday 12th March 10.30-12 Lent course – Hope in hard places, at All Saints Clipstone
- Wednesday 12th March 7pm Alpha at All Saints, Clipstone
- Thursday 13th March 5pm Wedding rehearsal at All Saints, Clipstone
- Thursday 13th March 7pm Annual Church Rooms users meeting in the Church Rooms
- Thursday 13th March 8pm **Thursday Evening Prayer on ZOOM** – contact Claire if you would like the link

Alpha continues...

Wednesday evenings- see below for dates

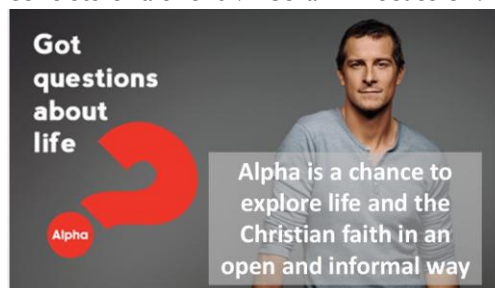
Held at All Saints Clipstone

for anyone from The Churches of Sherwood Forest
and beyond

**Open to EVERYONE...whether you've done Alpha
before or never heard of Alpha.**

All are welcome

Each session will begin with cake and hot drinks and
consists of a short video and discussion.



For more details and to register contact
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Dates: Feb 26th, March 5th, 12th, 26th, April 2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th
May 7th, 21st, 28th

You are invited
to join our
**Alpha course
at All Saints
Church
Clipstone**

**Wednesday
evenings at
7pm**
Starting on
Wednesday 26th
February

Lent Course –

Hope in Hard places

Lorna is leading a home group Lent Course with
the book Hope in Hard places from Embrace the
Middle East. Lorna is hoping to host this at
Clipstone.

This will be held on Wednesday mornings, during
Lent, 10.30am-12noon in All Saints Church.

The dates are Wed March 19th, 26th, April 2nd, 9th
and 16th.

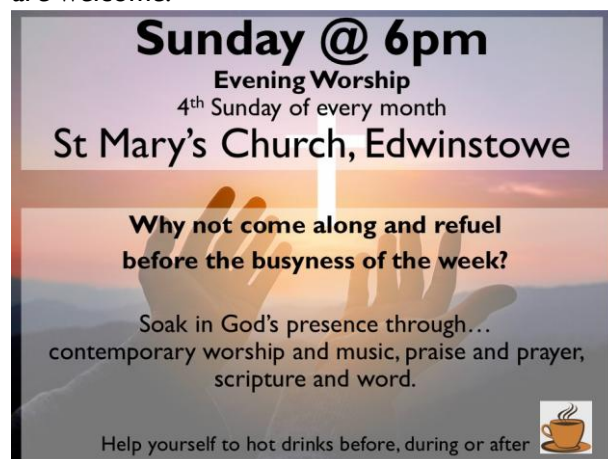
The books cost £4.99.

Lorna Jagger: lorna.jagger9@btinternet.com

Sunday @ 6 – Evening Worship

This contemporary service takes place on the 4th
Sunday of every month. The next one is

Sunday 23rd March 6pm at St Mary's,
Edwinstowe. This is for anyone from across the
Churches of Sherwood Forest (and beyond!) All
are welcome.



APCM's save the dates

APCM's give an update on what has been happening in
the life and work of the parishes and look towards the
future too. It is great if as many as possible can attend.

All Saints, Clipstone:

Tuesday 29th April 7pm at Church

St Mary's, Edwinstowe:

Tuesday 6th May 7pm at The Church Rooms

St John the Evangelist, Perlethorpe:

Thursday 1st May 7pm – Venue TBC

Church Warden and Treasurer vacancies...

- **St John's, Perlethorpe- Treasurer, and Church Warden**
- **St Mary's, Edwinstowe- Church Warden** to serve alongside Richard Neely in supporting the life and work of the church.

PLEASE prayerfully consider whether God may be calling
you to one of these roles, and/or pray for the right
person to step forward. Please speak to Revd Claire if
you are interested.

New Electoral Roll

This year everyone's name comes off the parish's
Electoral Roll. This is a six- yearly event (nationally)
which helps to keep the electoral rolls up to date
and an accurate representation. This means
EVERYONE already on needs to sign back on and
ANYONE wanting to join needs to sign. Forms are
available at the back of all three churches (or
attached to the weekly email). Please fill in and
return to a Church Warden, Revd Claire or the
Electoral Roll officer (Edwinstowe: Brian Evans.
Clipstone: Lorna Jagger. Perlethorpe: Bryan
Frettsome.). Thank you, if you have any questions,
please feel free to ask.

Living Hope – Lent reflections, The Church of England. This Lent we are encouraged to put down
deep roots of hope by connecting with God who is with us at all times. Living Hope offers us the opportunity to
deepen our hope in God and be part of what God is doing to bring hope in the world. You can sign up to free
daily Lent reflection emails (except Sundays) straight to your inbox from Ash Wednesday (5 March) to Easter Day
(20 April). Sign up here: [Living Hope - Lent reflections | The Church of England](#) or download the App 'Every Day
Faith' to your smartphone.