



The Churches of Sherwood Forest  
Love at the heart of life

## Weekly Newsletter for The Churches of Sherwood Forest Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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 22<sup>nd</sup> March: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Readings: Ezekiel 37: 1-14, Romans 8: 6-11,

John 11: 1-45

#### **9:15am All Saints, Clipstone**

#### **Parish Communion**

(refreshments after the service)

#### **11:15am St Mary's, Edwinstowe**

#### **Parish Communion**

**Plus: 11am One Way Club (3-9year olds)  
in the church rooms**

(refreshments after the service)

**6pm Sunday @ 6** – a contemporary worship service

#### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Palm Sunday**

#### **9:15am All Saints, Clipstone**

#### **Parish Communion**

(refreshments after the service)

#### **11:15am St Mary's, Edwinstowe**

#### **Parish Communion**

(refreshments after the service)



Palm Sunday

### Prayer pointers for the week...

Please pray for...



All areas of conflict, and peace throughout the world, remembering particularly the spreading conflict in the Middle East and the continuing conflict in Ukraine.

Ourselves as we continue to travel and journey through Lent; we pray that we may develop a 'Holy Habit' in Lent that will deepen our faith.

Our local schools in the last week of term. The Easter services for our schools taking place in our churches.

Those who are ill or in need, for whatever reason, praying especially for those who have asked for our prayers: Carol, Rick, Paul, Jayne, Rebecca, Sue, Revd Beryl, Brenda, Mary, Mick, Kieley, Gill, Jade, Dorothy, Eileen, Dennis, Johnathon, Graham, Val, Elizabeth, Michael, Jennifer, Sarah, Ken, Vivian, Chris.

Those who have lost loved ones recently, or who are remembering loved ones from the past. Praying especially for the family and friends of those who have died recently **John Havis**, **Roy Chatwin** (funeral Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 12 noon at All Saints, Clipstone), **Cheryl Collins** (funeral Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 1pm at All Saints, Clipstone), and **Ron Clater**.

### Other events...

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 10.30 am Lent Course 'Acts of Hope', All Saints, Clipstone**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2pm Clipstone Care Home service**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 7pm Home Group at the vicarage**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2pm Perlethorpe PCC**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm Evening prayer on zoom** (please ask Revd Claire if you'd like the link)

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 10-12noon Coffee and Chat, All Saints, Clipstone**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 6-8pm ALPHA in the Church Rooms, Edwinstowe**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am Lent Course 'Acts of Hope', All Saints, Clipstone**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am Newlands School Easter Service, All Saints, Clipstone**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2pm St Mary's School Easter Service, St Mary's, Edwinstowe**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 7pm Church Rooms annual hirers meeting in the Church Rooms**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm Evening prayer on zoom** (please ask Revd Claire if you'd like the link)

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 7 for 7.30pm Easter bingo, All Saints, Clipstone**



# EASTER BINGO



All Saints Church, Clipstone

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
7.00pm for 7.30pm start



Entrance free  
Book of tickets £1.50  
Refreshments available



**ALPHA** has started but it's not too late to join....

Tuesday evenings 6-8pm in the church rooms  
Next session 24<sup>th</sup> March



You are invited to join our

Alpha course held at  
**The Church Rooms, Edwinstowe**

**Tuesday evenings 6-8pm**  
(not every week)

For more details contact Revd Claire:  
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**Dates:** March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>,  
May 5<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

## CHURCH WARDEN VACANCY

**Could this be you?... At St Mary's Edwinstowe** we are looking for one or two people to stand as church warden from our APCM in May. As many of you will know Richard has been preparing to step down for a few years now and will be finishing in this role after our APCM after many years of hard work, dedication and service as warden.

If you would like to know more, or feel God is nudging you into this role please speak to Revd Claire or Richard Neely

Please can everyone be praying that someone will feel a sense of calling to this role.



The flower arrangers of St Mary's would be very grateful for any greenery from your gardens for the Easter flowers. (Evergreens are best, pieces around 2ft in length if possible). The Church will be open on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April from 10-11am and you (and your foliage) would be very welcome.



## Safeguarding contacts

### IF YOU ARE CONCERNED

*that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from a Safeguarding Adviser or if necessary report the matter to the Local Authority Social Care Services or the Police without delay.*

Local contacts available to speak to if you have any concerns:

Name: ... Pete Edwards .....  
Role: ... Parish Safeguarding Officer .....  
Tel: ... 07754567043 .....  
E-mail: [safeguarding@churchesofsherwood.org](mailto:safeguarding@churchesofsherwood.org) ..

Name: ... Revd Claire Melless .....  
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Name: ... Diocesan Safeguarding Team .....  
Role: ... Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser .....  
Tel: ... 01636 817200 .....  
E-mail: ... [safeguarding@southwell.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@southwell.anglican.org) ..

Local Authority Social Services:

MASH 0300 500 80 90 [mash.safeguarding@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:mash.safeguarding@nottscc.gov.uk)

**IF THERE IS IMMEDIATE RISK OR DANGER PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE ON 999.**

## Holy Week and Easter



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**NB: if one location these are united services for all three parishes**  
**ALL are WELCOME**

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> March 7pm Stations of the Cross – All Saints, Clipstone**

**Tues 31<sup>st</sup> March 7pm Taize – St John the Evangelist, Perlethorpe**

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> April 7pm Compline – All Saints, Clipstone**

**Maundy Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7pm Maundy Thursday Service (communion and optional foot washing) – All Saints, Clipstone**

**Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

10am-12noon Children's Activities- St Mary's, Edwinstowe

12-1.30pm Prayer Stations at the cross- All Saints, Clipstone

2-3pm Last hour at the cross – St Mary's, Edwinstowe



**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April Messy Easter 10am-12noon - All Saints, Clipstone**

**Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

6.00am Sunrise Service (followed by bfast rolls)- St John the Evangelist, Perlethorpe

9.15am Holy Communion, All Saints, Clipstone

9.30am Morning Prayer, St John the Evangelist/Perlethorpe

11.15am Holy Communion, St Mary's Edwinstowe