



The Churches of Sherwood Forest
Love at the heart of life

Weekly Newsletter for The Churches of Sherwood Forest Wednesday 22nd April 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 26th April Easter 4

Readings: Acts 2: 42-end, 1 Peter 2: 19-end, John 10: 1-10

9.15am All Saints, Clipstone

Parish Communion

(refreshments after the service)

11.15am St Mary's, Edwinstowe

Parish Communion

Plus: I I am One Way Club (3-9 year olds)

In the church rooms

(refreshments after the service)

6pm Sunday @ 6 Contemporary Worship at St Mary's Edwinstowe

Saturday 2nd May

11.30am All Saints, Clipstone

Renewal of vows (Jade and Craig)

Sunday 3rd May Easter 5

Readings: Acts 7: 55-end, 1 Peter 2: 2-10, John 14: 1-14

9.15am All Saints, Clipstone

Parish Communion

(refreshments after the service)

9.30am St John's, Perlethorpe

Morning Prayer

(refreshments after the service)

11.15am St Mary's, Edwinstowe

Parish Communion

(refreshments after the service)

6-7.30pm Illuminate for 10-15 year olds in the Church Rooms

Tuesday 5th May

9.30am Holy Communion St John's, Perlethorpe

Prayer pointers for the week...

Please pray for...



All areas of conflict and unrest, for the Middle East, Ukraine, Nigeria.

For a ceasefire to the conflict in the Middle East, for wisdom and constructive talks between leaders that will lead towards a lasting peace.

For Jade and Craig as they renew their marriage vows.

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, Val, Elizabeth, Michael, Jennifer, Sarah, Ken, Vivian, Chris, Neil, Nick, Christine.

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. **Rev Russell Ashworth, Catherine Lee** (funeral: 1pm Tuesday 28th April St Mary's).

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.

Romans 15:13



Other events...

Wednesday 22nd April 7pm – Home group at the Vicarage

Thursday 23rd April 7-9pm - Major Oak Pop Choir rehearsal at St Mary's, Edwinstowe

Saturday 25th April 1.30pm onwards – choir setting up and rehearsing, St Mary's, Edwinstowe

Saturday 25th April 5pm and 7pm – Major Oak Pop Choir concert at St Mary's, Edwinstowe

Tuesday 28th April 10am-12noon – Coffee and Chat, All Saints, Clipstone

Tuesday 28th April 1pm Funeral of Catherine Lee at St Mary's, Edwinstowe

Tuesday 28th April 6-8pm – Alpha, church rooms, Edwinstowe

Thursday 30th April 7.30pm – Evening prayer on zoom (please contact Revd Claire if you'd like the link)

Friday 1st May 3.30-5.30pm – Messy Church at All Saints, Clipstone

APCM dates across the Churches of Sherwood Forest

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

This is also where PCC members are elected and this year Deanery synod reps too.

Edwinstowe – Sunday 10th May 6pm at the church rooms

Clipstone- Sunday 17th May 6pm at church

Perlethorpe – Thursday 21st May 7pm at Forest Glade, 17 Robin Hood Avenue, Edwinstowe, NG21 9LG

If you're not already on the **Electoral roll** for the parish you attend, please fill in a form, these need to be returned by the following dates: Edwinstowe 10th April, Clipstone 17th April, Perlethorpe 21st April.

Please prayerfully consider whether you would like to serve the church by being a **member of the PCC**.

Nomination forms are available at the back of church. **There are spaces on all three churches PCC's**.

Deanery Synod reps are up for election this year too, again nomination forms are at the back of church.

If you are currently a deanery synod member and want to stand again, please remember to fill in the form.

Church Warden vacancy at St Mary's, Edwinstowe- forms at the back of church

All nomination forms to be received prior to the APCM meetings.

CHURCH MEN'S BREAKFAST

Matt Storer from St Mary's is creating a chance to meet up socially, get to know each other better, and have a big breakfast. First meeting on the 2nd of May at 9.30am at the Dukeries in Edwinstowe.

The cost should be about £15 for the food and a hot drink.

If you need help with transport, we can try to help each other out.

Please let Matt know by 15th April if you would like to attend.

Add your name to list at the back of church or text Matt Storer on 07854 048458

Coming up...

Maytime Concert

All Saints Church, Clipstone

Saturday 30th May at 7pm

The **Mansfield Latvian Ladies Choir 'Novadi'**

Tickets £7 and children under 12 free

Tickets from David Marriott

davidmarriott@talktalk.net

07970 438740

St Mary's audio visual development

A grant was allocated from the Diocese Growing Disciples Fund back in 2020 to upgrade the audio-visual system at St Mary's. This was then on hold due to covid, and then clergy vacancy.

The PCC are now pleased to announce that the faculty application for a drop-down screen at the Chancel with a fixed projector & 3 complementary screens in the aisles has been approved. We are looking forward to the installation which will take place on the 12th-14th May.

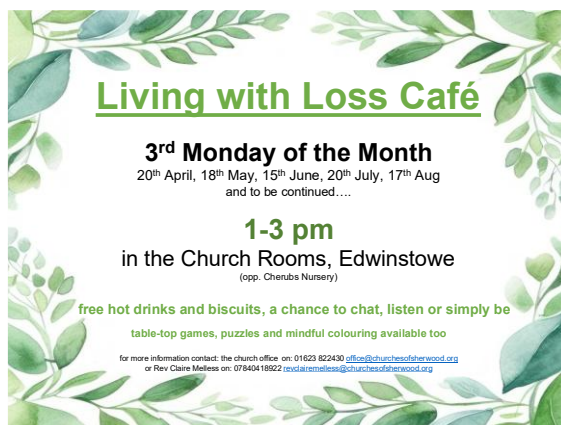
This will help to enhance our services and worship, this will also mean the screen can be out of sight when in use.

Please note church will be closed to the public on the 12th-14th May while the works take place.

Living with loss café

We have started a 'Living with Loss' café for anyone who would like a space to come and just be alongside others in a similar situation.

The next one will be on Monday 18th May 1-3pm and will be meeting on the 3rd Monday of every month.



Living with Loss Café

3rd Monday of the Month
20th April, 18th May, 15th June, 20th July, 17th August
and to be continued....

1-3 pm
in the Church Rooms, Edwinstowe
(opp. Cherubs Nursery)

free hot drinks and biscuits, a chance to chat, listen or simply be
table-top games, puzzles and mindful colouring available too

for more information contact: the church office on: 01623 822430 office@churchesofsherwood.org
or Rev Claire Melless on: 07840418922 revclairemelless@churchesofsherwood.org

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.....

Name: ...Revd Claire Melless.....

Role: ...Priest in Charge.....

Tel: ...07840 418922.....

E-mail: revclairemelless@churchesofsherwood.org.....

Name: ...Diocesan Safeguarding Team.....

Role: ...Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser.....

Tel: ...01636 817200.....

E-mail: safeguarding@southwell.anglican.org.....

Local Authority Social Services:

MASH 0300 500 80 90 mash.safeguarding@nottscc.gov.uk

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