



The Churches of Sherwood Forest
Love at the heart of life

Weekly Newsletter for The Churches of Sherwood Forest Wednesday 6th May 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....

Saturday 9th May

2pm St John's, Perlethorpe
Wedding of Alice and James

Sunday 10th May *Easter 6*

Readings: Acts 17: 22-31, 1Peter 3: 13-end, John 14: 15-21

9.15am All Saints, Clipstone

Parish Communion

(refreshments after the service)

11.15am St Mary's, Edwinstowe

Parish Communion

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

In the church rooms

(refreshments after the service)

Thursday 14th May

Ascension Day Communion

6pm All Saints, Clipstone - United Churches of Sherwood Forest service

Sunday 17th May *Easter 7*

Readings: Acts 1: 6-14, 1Peter 4: 12-14, John 17: 1-11

9.15am All Saints, Clipstone

Parish Communion

(refreshments after the service)

9.30am St John's, Perlethorpe

Holy Communion

(refreshments after the service)

11.15am St Mary's, Edwinstowe

Worship 4 Everyone – Theme: The Holy Spirit

(refreshments after the service)

Prayer pointers for the week...

Please pray for...



Our world, giving thanks for God's wonderful creation, for the beauty of nature and the changing seasons, pray that we can strive to look after our world, and to help to sustain it for future generations.

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

For wisdom and constructive talks between leaders that will lead towards a lasting peace.

All children and young people taking SATS, and exams at school, college or university, for a calming of any anxieties and stress.

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 or whose anniversary falls at this time. **Terence Ball** funeral 21st May 12 noon at St Mary's, Edwinstowe.

Other events...

Thursday 7th May 6pm – Wedding rehearsal, St John's, Perlethorpe

Thursday 7th May 7.30pm – Evening prayer on zoom (please contact Revd Claire if you'd like the link)

Sunday 10th May 6pm – St Mary's APCM in the Church Rooms

Monday 11th May 2.30 – Nightingale Care Home service

Tuesday 12th – Thursday 14th May – St Mary's church closed while audio visual equipment fitted

Tuesday 12th May 10-12noon – Coffee and Chat (raising funds for Dementia UK) All Saints, Clipstone

Wednesday 13th May 2pm – Clipstone Care Home service

Thursday 14th May 10am – interment of ashes at All Saints, Clipstone

Thursday 14th May 7.30pm – Evening prayer on zoom (please contact Revd Claire if you'd like the link)

Saturday 16th May 4pm – a visiting group from Israel at St Mary's (Greg)

Sunday 17th May 6pm – All Saints APCM in church

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

Drinks and nibbles will be provided at the above meetings as a thank you from Revd Claire.

Thy Kingdom Come-

A wave of ecumenical prayer Ascension Day to Pentecost



Wednesday 20th May

Prayer walk around the parishes

Revd Claire (and Lola) will be walking and praying around the 3 parishes, if you're able please do come along and join at whichever parish and time works for you, for as little or as long as you like...

9.30am -10.30am: Perlethorpe (meet at 9.30am at St John's)
 11am-1pm: Clipstone (meet at 11am at All Saints)
 2pm-4pm: Edwinstowe (meet at 2pm at St Mary's)

4pm- 5pm Evening Prayer in the Forest (meet at St Mary's and walk into the forest together, a creation style liturgy of evening prayer will be said in the Forest while being immersed in the wonder of nature and creation)

Prayer breakfast 'Prayer, Praise and Pastries'

Thursday 21st May 9-10am at All Saints Clipstone
Saturday 23rd May 9-10am at St Mary's Edwinstowe

Sunday 24th May

2.30pm-4.30pm Pentecost picnic on the Vicarage garden

It will be great for people from across the three churches to gather and get together again at Pentecost, to join for a picnic and enjoy a time of simply 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 have a few outdoor chairs for those who won't be able to carry their own but please bring your own garden chairs/ picnic mat if possible.

NB this is weather dependant:



All Saints Church, Clipstone



Maytime Concert



by The Mansfield Latvian Ladies Choir 'Novadi'
Singing in Latvian and English

Saturday 30th May
7pm

Tickets £7 (children under 12 free)



Tickets and details – David Marriott
07970 438740
david.marriott@talktalk.net



Coffee and Chatter

time for a cuppa?



Tuesday 12th May

10am – 12 noon

**All Saints Church,
Clipstone**



Cake stall, tombola and raffle
 Proceeds for Dementia UK



ALL WELCOME



Living with Loss Café

3rd Monday of the Month

20th April, 18th May, 15th June, 20th July, 17th Aug
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
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Safeguarding contacts

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

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 PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE ON 999.**