



The Churches of Sherwood Forest
Love at the heart of life

Weekly Newsletter for The Churches of Sherwood Forest Sunday 12th July 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 12th July – Trinity 6

Readings: Genesis 25: 19-end, Romans 8: 1-11,
Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

9.15am All Saints, Clipstone

Parish Communion

(refreshments after the service)

11.15am St Mary's, Edwinstowe

Parish Communion

plus 11.00am One Way Club in the Church Rooms
(refreshments after the service)

Sunday 19th July - Trinity 7

Readings: Genesis 28:10-19a, Romans 8:12-25,
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

Worship for Everyone: Fruits of the Spirit

(refreshments after the service)

Prayer pointers for the week...

Please pray for...



For political leaders and advisors, local and national, for MP's, for our Parish councils, for all those who shape policies and help to make decisions.

All affected by the Venezuela earthquake, those who have lost homes, family members, friends, livelihoods, giving thanks for the survivors and local, national and international rescue and aid agencies.

All areas of conflict and unrest. For wisdom and constructive talks between leaders that will lead towards a lasting peace.

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, Rev'd Beryl, Brenda, Mary, Mick, Kieley, Gill, Jade, Dorothy, Eileen, Dennis, Johnathon, Val, Elizabeth, Michael, Jennifer, Sarah, Ken, Vivian, Chris, Neil, Nick, Sarah, Darren.

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. Praying especially for the families and friends of those who have recently died: **Colin Gozzard** (funeral Thursday 16th July 11.30am at All Saints, Clipstone.)

Other events...

Tues 14th July 10-12noon Coffee and Chat, All Saints, Clipstone

1.30-3pm The Ark (for 0-5's and their carers) in the Church Rooms

7pm Edwinstowe PCC in the Church rooms

Wed 15th July 2pm Clipstone Care Home service

7.30pm Deanery synod at Rainworth church

Thurs 16th July 9-10am Prayer breakfast at All Saints, Clipstone

11.30am Funeral of Colin Gozzard at All Saints Clipstone

3.30pm Interment of ashes at All Saints, Clipstone

7.30pm Thursday evening prayer on zoom (contact Claire for link)

Sat 18th July 9-10am Prayer breakfast at St Mary's, Edwinstowe

Sun 19th July 3pm Duck race at Perlethorpe (see overleaf for info)

St. John's Church, Perlethorpe

Annual Duck Race

Sunday 19th July 2026 at Thoresby Park



Duck race starts at 3.00pm

1st Prize £30 2nd Prize £20 3rd Prize £10

2x £5 prizes

Ducks available on the day £2 each

(or from Jo Rose jorose@live.co.uk 07938 586831 beforehand)

All proceeds will go to

St. John's Church, Perlethorpe

Please note the Perlethorpe entrance will be closed

Access to the event will be via the main Thoresby Park entrance, this is for health and safety reasons
The Duck race is being held in conjunction with The Thoresby Park Country Fair and Pawsby Dog Show

Prayer Breakfasts...

PRAYER BREAKFASTS

Prayer, Praise, and Pastries



Thursday 16th July 9–10 am
All Saints Church, Clipstone

Saturday 18th July 9–10 am
St Mary's Church, Edwinstowe



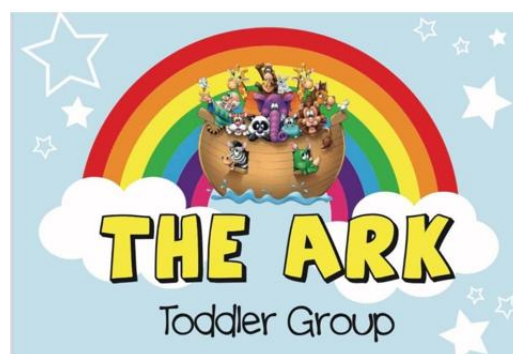
A chance to share in fellowship, to pray for ourselves, our churches, our local communities



Jesus said 'the harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few, therefore go and ask the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers'.

Our occasional prayer breakfasts are a chance for us to come together, to pray for ourselves, our churches, and our communities. Through prayer amazing things can happen...do come along and join us if you can.

Please note this month **The Ark** is on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, Tuesday 14th of July (not 7th July).



Safeguarding contacts

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

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PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE ON 999.**