



Church of the Good Shepherd, Low Hill

Notices April 2025

The season of Easter

Easter is crucial in the Christian liturgical year because it commemorates Jesus's resurrection, which gives Christians joy and hope. It represents victory over death and darkness and the promise of eternal life.

Easter challenges us to reevaluate our perspectives and explore the transformational potential of faith in Jesus Christ in a time marked by scepticism and doubt.

Faith in Jesus Christ provides hope and security in a world of unpredictability and chaos. Easter reminds us that light exists even in dire circumstances.

As children of God, when we reflect on Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection, we take comfort in the fact that we are not the only ones going through difficult times. Jesus' life demonstrated the power of love, tenacity, and faith in God's ultimate plan.

The Easter season reminds us that, through faith in Jesus Christ, renewal and redemption are always possible, regardless of the difficulties we may encounter.

I pray you will be motivated to grow in your faith and apply Jesus Christ's life-changing teachings to your everyday life.



April 2025 News

Notice Board

(Things that happen regularly in church).

If you want further information, get in touch via A Church Near You or the parish website contacts below - or leave a message on the church phone - 01902 731963)



Sunday Services continue every week at 11am. Holy Communion will be celebrated on April 6th and 20th.

- ♥ **Over 50s**, an easy-going friendship and support group, held on alternate Mondays at 2pm. Dates in April are 14th and 28th.
- ♥ **Coffee Morning**; Drop in any Friday morning 10 - 12 during school term.
- ♥ **Bushbury Youth Group** for 11 - 14-year-olds meets weekly on a Friday, 7.15pm in St Mary's church hall. Dates in April are 4th and 11th and resume on May 2nd after the Easter break,
- ♥ **Waking the Dawn** is every Saturday, 8am - 9am. All are welcome at this powerhouse of prayer and worship
- ♥ **Praying for the Nation** every Thursday 10am at Dave and Lin Hyde's

Other news and Easter activities

- **April 1st, 8th and 29th The Bible Course**, continues 7.15 - 8.45pm in the parish hall at St Mary's. This so far excellent course has been a great opportunity to gather from across the parish and discover more about God's message of transforming love as we explore the big story of The Bible. Amazing!
- **April 3rd Parish Annual General Meeting** 8pm in St Mary's hall.
- **April 11th An evening of Prayer and Worship**. Starting at 7pm in St Mary's Church, this is an opportunity for churches from across the Deanery to gather alongside Wolverhampton's Bishop Tim as we seek God's face and worship together.
- **Thursday 17th April Maundy Thursday Service**, 7 pm at St James' Church.
- **Good Friday Service**, 2 - 3 pm at Church of the Good Shepherd followed by a **Walk of witness** 3 - 4 pm, concluding with **Tea and hot cross buns at St James' Church**.
- **Easter Saturday Gathering in Queen's Square**. Will you come and join Christians from across the city at this annual celebration from 1.30 - 3pm. Let's show Wolverhampton we are not a minority group! Please do pray for the ongoing planning and preparation as well as participants and yes, please do pray for the sun to shine for The Son.



You may notice that some of the regular monthly activities are missing. This is because of the timing of Easter this year and will be back to the usual pattern in May.

Sponsor-A-Tile Appeal



If you have been into our church when there are no chairs or tables out, you will have seen that our floor is heavily stained in places, so the DCC have agreed a plan to raise funds for the tiles to be replaced by a new carpet.

There are around 340 tiles and it was worked out it requires a minimum donation of £7 per tile to raise the money. This is represented on a chart in church and some envelopes are provided for donations, so that they can easily be identified and counted separately - either on the collection plate or in our spare change jar. We need to raise around £2,000 and the spare change jar has kick-started the appeal with more than £300, which is a really good start. A big thank you if you have been a giving pioneer!

If your regular giving is directly to the bank, you can use the same details to give a separate donation but please do make sure that you add the reference CARPET so that the treasurer knows to allocate it to the correct fund (eventually the building fund).

In the event that we raise more than we need for the carpet we will use the excess towards decorating and refurbishment.

We have chosen to fund raise rather than simply use money from the church accounts because our finances have taken a bit of a battering since the start of the year; if you were at the AGM, you will have heard the finance report and a more detailed explanation of this. Our treasurer, Mike, took the opportunity to encourage those who are tax payers to consider gift aiding their giving so that the church can benefit from recovering tax - this means that the church gains £1.25 for every £5 you give and perhaps, if you haven't reviewed your regular giving for a while, this might be an opportunity to revise your tithe too?



If you need to contact Rev Taiwo Olumuyiwa, please in the first instance speak to the **Parish Office**: 01902 782226

We can also be found on: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com> (enter The Good Shepherd, Low Hill).

<https://bushburyteamministry.co.uk/church-of-the-good-shepherd>
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