

Church of the Good Shepherd, Low Hill

Monthly Calendar for June 2026



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THE GLORY and THE PAIN

As I write this it is the day after Pentecost Sunday, which surely has to be one of the three most important days in the Christian calendar. The others being Christmas Day and Easter Sunday. Pentecost Sunday is sometimes referred to as 'the birthday of the Church', when the followers of Jesus went from zero to hero and were equipped with love, boldness and power to lift up the Name of Jesus and on the first day of the Church three thousand folk came to faith! We read in Acts 2: 47 that there was much joy and the newly born church experienced 'the favour of all the people'! The picture this paints is one of overwhelming victory of light over darkness. Not only are the 12 disciples emboldened, but the 120 who gathered in the upper room would have been as well and now huge swathes of the local Jewish population were either coming to faith or standing in awe of this remarkable world transforming event.

So as we have celebrated this wonderful day and have reminded ourselves of the transforming power that the Holy Spirit can bring into our individual lives, our churches and communities may we continue to open our hands and our hearts to receive more of Jesus, more of the Holy Spirit.

All of this is the 'glory' of the church. BUT just as Pentecost was birthed out of the pain of the Cross so when we experience our own little pentecosts in our churches we also experience spiritual opposition and the difficulties of life usually largely remain. The enemy of our souls not only causes some of our trials, but also jumps on the band wagon of our challenges that are common to being human in a fallen world. May we pray for strength to persevere in any challenges and sadnesses we may face so that Jesus can be exalted in our midst in Bushbury Parish.

Sunday 7th June: 11am Holy Communion

Reading 1: Hosea 5: 15 – 6:6

Reading 2: Matthew 9: 9-13 & 18 - 26

Theme: Healing. Preacher Lyn Hyde

Sunday 14th June: 11am Service of the Word

Reading 1: Exodus 19: 2 - 8

Reading 2: Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8

Theme: Mission. Preacher Rev Vincent

Sunday 21st June: Holy Communion

Reading 1: Genesis 21: 8 - 21

Reading 2: Matthew 10: 24- 39

**Theme: God is our provider and protector.
Preacher Lyn Hyde**

Sunday School for young people, upstairs.

Sunday 28th June: 11am Service of the Word

Reading 1: Matthew 10: 40 - 42

Reading 2: Genesis 22: 1 - 14

Theme: Surrender! Preacher Rev Vincent



for June ...

In church unless stated otherwise

Wednesday 3rd June

6.30pm Life Group and fellowship.

Friday 5th June

10am Toastie Pat's Coffee Morning. All are welcome to drop in for a drink, something toasted and a friendly chat.

7.15pm Parish Youth Group (11-14-year-olds) in the Parish Hall, Bushbury.

Saturday 6th June

8am Waking the Dawn prayer – open to anyone to come and pray.

10:00am Ladies' Breakfast at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Free of charge - donations welcome. For details or to book a place please leave your name with the parish office 01902 782226

Monday 8th June

2pm Over 50s Friendship Group with a variety of activities.

Wednesday 10th June

6.30pm Life Group and fellowship.

Friday 12th June

10am Toastie Pat's Coffee Morning.

7:15pm Parish Youth Group (11–14-year-olds) in the Parish Hall, Bushbury

Saturday 13th June

8:00 – 9:00am Waking the Dawn prayer

10 - 11.30am Men's Breakfast, Parish Hall, Bushbury.

Outreach BBQ at St Mary's Church Hall 5-7pm. *What does good health look like?* With guest speaker. Free of charge. Please invite your friends

Monday 15th June

2pm Over 50s Friendship group with a variety of activities.

Wednesday 17th June

6.30pm Life Group and fellowship.

Thursday 18th June

7 – 8pm City-Wide Prayer. Christian Life Centre, Sedgley St WV2 3AJ

Friday 19th June

10am Toastie Pat's Coffee Morning.

7:15pm Parish Youth Group (11–14-year-olds) in the Parish Hall, Bushbury

Saturday 20th June

8:00 – 9:00am Waking the Dawn prayer

Wednesday 24th June

6.30pm Life Group and fellowship.

Friday 26th June

10am Toastie Pat's coffee morning.

7:15pm Parish Youth Group (11–14-year-olds) Games Night at St James Church, Taunton Ave, Fordhouses. WV10 6PN

Saturday 27th June

8:00 – 9:00am Waking the Dawn prayer

Monthly clean-up from 10am

Special Notices

Friday 26th June 6.30pm

Sing a Song – a - Sing a long!

Please join us for an evening of song and entertainment.

No charge – donations welcome.

Joanne Redding Ordination!

4pm Saturday 27th June in Lichfield Cathedral.

Joanne will be serving her curacy in Bushbury. We won't see too much of her at Good Shepherd but she will be part of the clergy team. Jo and Lee will be moving into the church house next to St James Church.

Saturday 4th July 1 - 3pm Northwood Park Picnic, games and fun

Or

Afternoon Tea 2 – 4pm at St James' Church

Sunday 5th July

Deanery Prayer, Fellowship and Food 6 - 8pm at Church of The Epiphany, Oxley. WV10

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