



Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### Today's service

**10:45 Morning Worship**  
with Sean & Sandra O'Toole

WELCOME  
TO OUR  
service

### Today's Reading



Luke 24:13-34

### A thought from Sean

The Easter eggs have been removed from supermarket shelves or are being sold off at greatly reduced prices because the world believes that Easter is now finished. But the church season of Easter lasts for several weeks. In fact, since the beginning of the church, every Sunday has been regarded as the most special day of the week because it was the day on which Father God raised Jesus from the dead. Therefore, every Sunday should be a celebration of our precious Lord's sacrifice on the cross for the whole of humankind. Every Sunday we need to remember that Christ died once for all, a sacrifice never to be repeated. And the most important message is that He rose from the dead and is alive today! Halleluiah!

### Prayer for the week

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked,  
no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of  
others  
and walk the joyful road of  
sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God, the  
Father.  
Amen

### Mystery Object

#### Can You guess what it is?

Although the church doors remain closed for services, the bells still echo across the village, keeping tradition alive. This week's practice night brought an unexpected twist, turning an ordinary session into a tale worth retelling.

As the bells began to ring, a sudden, thunderous crash reverberated from the tower, stopping everyone in their tracks. Tower captain Sean quickly went up the tower to investigate and returned with a mysterious, weighty piece of metal. It was the clapper from the 3<sup>rd</sup> bell—completely snapped in two after centuries of faithful service! Undeterred, the team carried on, though the silence of one bell was rather weird.

Remarkably, this particular bell, cast in 1792, still has its original clapper—a testament to over 230 years of enduring craftsmanship.

We have contacted Taylor's of Loughborough, the bell foundry that originally installed the bell. Perhaps they can mend the clapper or supply a replacement.



## CHURCH CALENDAR



**ALL SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL WHILST THE CHURCH IS CLOSED FOR RESTORATION WORK**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**10:45 Holy Communion**  
with Rev Patrick Douglas

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**10:30 Coffee & Conversation**  
at Goseley Community Centre

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

**10:45 Morning Worship**  
**SDYFC Service**  
with Helen Davis

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

**10:45 All-age Worship**  
with Debbie Patrick

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**10:45 Morning Worship**  
with Nigel Worth

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

**10:45 Holy Communion**  
with Rev Mike Firbank

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

**10:45 Morning Worship**  
with Sean O'Toole

## Cleaning Rota

Apr 12<sup>th</sup>  
onwards

CHURCH BUILDING WORKS TAKING PLACE  
The church will not need a thorough clean until we are ready to open for worship again

## Reading, Intercessions and Refreshments Rota

	Reading	Intercessions	Tea/coffee
Apr 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christine	Nigel	James
Apr 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sean	Brian	Carol
Apr 26 <sup>th</sup>	Emily	Sean	Maxine & Jane
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Brian	Christine	Deb W
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sandra	Friday HG	Gwen
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Paul	Nigel	James

## Meet & greet/Tidying after the service Rota

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Apr 12 <sup>th</sup>	Carol J – Jeff	Jean
Apr 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christine G - Sean	Emily
Apr 26 <sup>th</sup>	Christine T	Jean
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Carol J – Jeff	Jeff
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Christine G - Sean	Emily
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christine T	Jean

## Spotted on our travels

Andrew and I spent ten days on our boat recently. We didn't get very far, only to Rugeley up the Trent & Mersey where we spent a couple of nights waiting for a freshwater pump to be delivered to the Amazon locker at the nearby Morrisons. That sorted, we then discovered that our leisure batteries needed replacing so had to return to Streethay Wharf on the Coventry Canal.

Heading down to Kingsbury Water Park through Fazely I noticed these two strange ducks. They were very different from the usual mallards that are everywhere on the canal. A quick search with google



lens told me that they are Indian Runner ducks.

They can easily be identified by the very peculiar way they position their bodies.

Runner Ducks stand up very straight and hold their body almost vertically. Their back is long and straight and their head is held high in the air, straight above their body.

Interestingly, having legs set further back on the duck's body allows them to walk upright with a funny gait. It even allows them to run quite fast – this breed is not called a runner for nothing!

