

ST. ANNE'S, NANTWICH NEWSLETTER

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The Community Hub is available for private events during term time,

Information and bookings: <https://hallbookingonline.com/stanne>

IN NEED OF A PRIEST Please contact Fr Tony Grace on 01270 877736

Prayer and Mass Intentions can be sent by email to: stannesnantwich@btinternet.com

Saturday 28th February 2nd Collection CAFOD	5.00pm	Vigil Mass - Second Sunday of Lent	The Parish Bridget Tynsely RIP Recently Deceased
Sunday 1st March 2nd Collection CAFOD	9.30am 12 noon	Mass - Second Sunday of Lent Baptism - Chico Price	Fran D'Arcy-Hughes RIP 3rd Anniversary and Wedding Anniversary
Monday 2nd March		No Mass or Service Today	
Tuesday 3rd March	9.30am 10.00am 10.40am 7.00pm	Exposition Mass Stations of the Cross Penitential Service	Christopher Johnson - pray for cure for his bowel cancer St Mary's, Crewe
Wednesday 4th March St Casimir	9.30am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Yrs 4/5/6 Reconciliation SVP Meeting Confirmation Class	St Anne's St Anne's
Thursday 5th March	9.30am 10.00am 10.40am 7.00pm	Exposition Mass Stations of the Cross Lenten Talk at St Annes	Molly Johnson RIP Anniversary Deacon Peter's 87th Birthday Fr Nick Kern : Archbishop Temple and the 1942 Beveridge Report
Friday 6th March Women's World Day of Prayer		No Mass or Service Today	
Saturday 7th March Sts Perpetua & Felicity	5.00pm	Vigil Mass - Third Sunday of Lent CTiN Pilgrims warmly welcome	Peter Mascarenhas - for a speedy recovery
Sunday 8th March	9.30am	Mass - Third Sunday of Lent	Elizabeth Coburn RIP Birthday Remembrance

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection this Weekend

Live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, or donate online at Cafod.org.uk

Local Missionary Area 9,

Deanery Penitential Service on Tuesday 3rd March at 7.00 pm at St Mary's Church Gatefield Street Crewe.
All welcome.

SVP Fortnightly meetings

Please note the meetings will be on Wednesday afternoons at 2pm until the end of March. Next meeting is on 4th March



**Last week's Envelopes
& Loose Plate £397.65
Card Machine £152**

Thank you



The Card machine at the back of church is a convenient way of making donations to support the Mission of the Church in **St Anne's**, or there are options to support the **Red Boxes/ Missio and the SVP**
Alternatively, please scan QR code to take you to our donation web page or <https://donate.myдона.com/st-anne-nantwich>

Missio Red boxes – Please bring your boxes to church and hand them to **Pauline Binnie** our Missio Local Secretary

Lent 2026 This year we're walking through **Matthew**, with traditional Lenten Psalms on weekends.

- Find it in the app now
 - Sign up for daily emails
 - Access church resources
- Everything is here:

<https://throughtheword.org/lent>

Network Rail level crossing work opposite church
From midnight to 8.30 am on
Sunday 8 March
Sunday 15 March

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION
FEBRUARY 2026**

For children with incurable diseases Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

LENT DAYS:
GRACE-GOD'S
FREE GIFT

Led By, Retreat Centre Team
18th, 25th February, 11th March 2026
9.30 am - 4.15 pm. Donation £30

Enrich your Lenten journey through the transformative embrace of scripture, reflection, adoration and prayer. Experience Lent through a unique process of engagement that draws you deeply into this holy season. There is much wisdom in a text from the Psalm: *'Be still, and know that I am God' (Psalm 46:10).* Our God who is rich in love and mercy, blesses us all as we journey towards Easter.

**Confirmation Programme
2026**

The sacrament of Confirmation will take place at St Anne's on **Wednesday 29th April at 7pm**. Bishop Mark will celebrate the Confirmation Mass. The programme for the candidates commences this week at 6pm on **Wednesday 4th March**
Contact **Mary Pettifor** on 07581496061 or marypettifor@icloud.com

Lenten Talks 2026 (please note change to previously advertised dates)

Christian Heritage and Catholic Culture
All talks begin at 7.00 pm

- 5th March:** St Anne's, Nantwich
Fr. Nick Kern; Archbishop William Temple & the 1942 Beveridge Report
- 19th March:** St Mary's Crewe
Fr. Michael Coughlan, 'Dominion, How the Christian Revolution Remade the World'
- 26th March:** St Gabriel's, Alsager,
Fr. Michael Morton and Fr Nick Kern; 'Pope Benedict XVI's Address to the UK Parliament.'

St Mary's Church, Acton presents
LET'S DO IT!
CLASSIC COMIC SONG NIGHT
IN AID OF ST LUKE'S HOSPICE

Victoria Wood, Tom Lehrer, Flanders and Swann, Jake Thackray
and more...

PERFORMED BY
PAUL THOMPSON
ON
JAKE THACKRAY'S GUITAR!

Acton Church
Saturday 21st March at 7.00pm
Tickets £10 available from Tea at the Tower



Pilgrims

You are invited to join members of Churches Together as we visit one another's churches for Sunday worship.

- To worship God alongside brothers and sisters from the member churches of Churches Together in Nantwich.
- To enjoy one another's fellowship and to get to know one another better as Christians within our town
- To experience and understand the ways in which we worship in our different communities.

For information please email: canondavid12@uwclub.net

Our first Pilgrim visit of 2026 will be to **St Anne's RC Church on Saturday 7th March at 5:00 p.m.** for the Vigil Mass. Meet at 4:45 p.m. at St Anne's.

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Mission Together Lenten Calendar 2026



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
We will soon begin our Lenten journey to Easter. We pray that we may use this time to grow in faith, hope, and love.	17 Shrove Tuesday Why do we eat pancakes the day before Lent starts? *	18 Ash Wednesday Why are ash crosses traced on our forehead today? *	19 Why does Lent last forty days? *	20 With your class, reflect and pray with the 1st and 2nd Stations of the Cross. +	21 In Lent, we give things up to put God and others first. What could you give up today?	22 Find a quiet place and ask God to help you pray and share more this Lent.
23 Sunday's Gospel (Mt 4:1-11) told us how Jesus spent time in the desert. Is there a still place you can go to be with God?	22 Many years ago, Lent was a name for Spring. Capture both in Mission Together's Lent through a Lens photo challenge.*	25 Jesus showed us how to be silent and still. Spend a minute being both now.	26 Find out what the word <i>sacrifice</i> means and why we practice this in Lent.	27 With your class reflect and pray with the 3rd & 4th Stations of the Cross. +	28 Tell your family about the Stations of the Cross and why we pray them in Lent.	1 Find a quiet place and spend a little time talking to Jesus, our God and our friend.
2 Sunday's Gospel (Mt 17:1-9) told us how, on a mountain top, Jesus shone like the sun. Where can you see God's light?	3 The start of March marks the feast of St David . Find out why he is the patron of Wales.*	4 Hear God speak to you today through: *Loved ones *The Bible *Creation	5 In Lent, we listen to God and others more carefully. How can you listen well today?	6 With your class reflect and pray with the 5th & 6th Stations of the Cross. +	7 Tell a family member three things you have learnt about Lent this week.	8 Find a quiet place and pray the <i>Our Father</i> for all hungry children in the world.
9 Sunday's Gospel (Jn 4:5-42) spoke of the importance of welcome and dignity. How can you show respect to others?	10 Jesus taught us to respect and include everyone. Who can you invite to play today?	11 In Lent we give more time to help others. Look for ways to help today.	12 During Lent we share more of what we have. Why is sharing important?	13 With your class reflect and pray with the 7th & 8th Stations of the Cross. +	14 Tell a family member why we pray more in Lent. Teach them your favourite prayer.	15 Mothering Sunday Ask God to bless mums and grandmas today.
16 Sunday's Gospel (Jn 9:1-41) told us how Jesus healed a blind man. How can we help others to see their goodness today?	17 Today is the feast of St Patrick . Find out why he is the patron of Ireland.*	18 Write a Lent prayer. Include the words: <i>mercy, pray, share, Jesus, God, Holy Spirit.</i>	19 Today is the feast of St Joseph . Find out why he is the patron of workers.*	20 With your class reflect and pray with the 9th, 10th and 11th Stations of the Cross. +	21 Tell a family member about God's love and mercy and why it is important to trust in both.	22 Find a quiet place and ask God to help you be someone who says sorry and forgives.
23 Sunday's Gospel (Jn 11:1-45) told us how Jesus brought his friend back to life. How can we raise the spirit and hope of others?	24 In Lent we reflect on God's mercy. Why is it important to be sorry and to forgive?	25 Pray a <i>Hail Mary</i> for people who feel worried today. Ask Mary to pray with us for them.	26 We're coming closer to Holy Week. Why is it the most special week of the Church's year?	27 With your class reflect and pray with the 12th, 13th and 14th Stations of the Cross. +	28 Tomorrow is Palm Sunday. Tell a family member about the first Palm Sunday.	29 Palm Sunday Find a quiet place and thank God for sending Jesus to love and guide us.
30 Sunday's Gospel (Mt 21:1-11) told us how Jesus entered Jerusalem on a humble donkey. What kind of king does this?	31 Holy Week Today we recall Judas' bad choice. Ask God to help you make good choices this week.	1 Today Jesus and his disciples planned the Last Supper. Thank God for the food you'll eat today.	2 Maundy Thursday Why do Priests wash the feet of others at Mass tonight?	3 Good Friday Sit quietly, be still, and thank Jesus for loving us all so much.	4 Holy Saturday Today we wait as Jesus lies in the tomb. Say a prayer for those who are grieving today.	5 Easter Sunday

Welcome to the St Annes 200 Club 2026

This will be the 22nd consecutive club year of fund raising to help our Parish meet its day to day running costs.

To date your membership has raised £52,000.

The cost increases we are continuing to experience has placed extra strain on the Parish finances, so we need as many members as possible to help us through 2026

We are looking forward to you renewing your membership - or most importantly: JOINING OUR COMMUNITY IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY A MEMBER.

You might win £100 every month!!

The subscription cost is £52 for the year, or two 6 monthly instalments of £26.

There are 3 ways to subscribe:

1. By credit transfer to:
SRCDDT - 234025 St Annes
Sort code: 30 - 15 - 52
Ac no. 54643760
Ref. 200 Club

I would appreciate you contacting me by phone, text, or email if you choose this way to ensure we don't miss your transfer.

2&3. By cash or cheque.

Please put your envelope in the mass collection, or either post it to me, or drop it off into the Presbytery post box.

Please make cheques payable to St Anne's Church. If you are paying cash, please include your name.

My contact details are:

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LENTEN PASTORAL LETTER

A Church Ready for Converts

To be read at all Masses on the First Sunday of Lent

22nd February 2026

My dear brothers and sisters,

As Lent begins, we see a growing number of men and women, many of them young adults, who are seeking faith and baptism. This stream of new converts is evident across our Diocese and country and indeed across the western world. It is all the more remarkable because this new generation of converts have been drawn to the Church by no special initiative on our part, rather by the constancy of faith, the reverence of worship and the authentic witness they have found. They may be statistically small in number compared with the overall decline of Christianity in our land, yet their search for Christ and His Church represents a moment of grace.

As Shrewsbury Diocese began its mission some 175 years ago, Saint John Henry Newman spoke of "*a Church ready for converts.*" Seeing so many today, often coming from no religious background to find the faith of the Church, I recalled these words of Cardinal Newman. We must now be ready to support new converts who are seeking Christ and His Church amid all the confusions of our time.

At the beginning of Lent, the Scriptures remind us of the deceptions which have marked humanity's struggle from the very dawn of history and of Christ's victory over Satan in the wildernessⁱ. It is with Christ that we are to renounce the evil one who seeks to pervert all that is good and trueⁱⁱ. It should not surprise us that, through the shadows of our time, many are coming in search of Christ, the truth of His teaching and all the means of grace He has entrusted to His Church in the Sacraments, and supremely in His Eucharist.

The journey of these new converts brings us back to the original purpose of Lent as the time when adults prepared for Baptism. The Church quickly recognised this time was needed by all the baptised as part of their continuing conversion.

*Lenten Pastoral Letter ~ A Church Ready for Converts
22nd February 2026*

It is for this reason, that we now keep these 40 Lenten days devoted to greater prayer, self-denial and generosity as we each prepare to renew at Easter the promises of our Baptism, confess our sins and receive the Holy Eucharist with ever renewed faith and love. It is by striving to live our own conversion that we can best support a new generation of converts. For Lent calls us to recognise that every member of the Church must always be a convert.

On my visits to parishes, I often remind you of the many thousands of souls in every place who depend so much on your prayer and faithfulness. Today, with a prayer card distributed at Mass, I invite you to pray for all those in your lives and for the many adults who are seeking the faith and the new life of Baptism. May we truly be a Church of converts, that is always “*ready for converts.*”

United in this prayer, and as a convert with you,

+ *Mark*

Bishop of Shrewsbury

¹ Cf. Gen 2: 7-9, 3:1-7 and Mt. 4:1-11

ⁱⁱ Cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church No. 538