

Church Services

Sunday 1st March

2nd Sunday of Lent

9:30am Marthall, Holy Communion
11:00am Chelford Primary School, Worship for All

Wednesday 4th March

Lent Service

7:30pm All Saints Marthall, Evening Service

Sunday 8th March

3rd Sunday of Lent

9:30am Marthall, Holy Communion
11:00am Chelford Primary School, Holy Communion

Wednesday 11th March

Lent Service

7:30pm Christ Church Eaton, Evening Service

Sunday 15th March

Mothering Sunday

10:30am Marthall, Mothering Sunday Benefice Holy Communion

Wednesday 18th March

Lent Service

7:30pm St Catherine's Birtles, Evening Service

Sunday 22nd March

5th Sunday of Lent

9:30am Marthall, Holy Communion
11:00am Chelford Primary School, Holy Communion

Wednesday 25th March

Lent Service

7:30pm All Saints Siddington, Evening Service

Sunday 29th March

Palm Sunday

10:30am St Peter's, Lower Withington, Palm Sunday Benefice Service Holy Communion

Dates For Your Diary March 2026



Mon 2 Mar	Paragon Pilates
Tue 3 Mar	Connecting Chelford Friendship Cafe, Connecting Chelford Memory Lane Café, Paragon Pilates, Chelford Players Rehearsals, Brownies, Meditation at the Hub
Wed 4 Mar	Paragon Pilates, Chelford Knitting Club, Egerton Arms moules frites night
Thu 5 Mar	Butterflies, Connecting Chelford Lunch, Paragon Pilates, Yugo Yoga
Fri 6 Mar	Chelford Players Production, Paragon Pilates
Sat 7 Mar	Chelford Players Production, Paragon Pilates
Mon 9 Mar	Paragon Pilates
Tue 10 Mar	Connecting Chelford Friendship Cafe, Paragon Pilates, Brownies, Meditation at the Hub
Wed 11 Mar	Paragon Pilates, Chelford Knitting Club, Egerton Arms moules frites night
Thu 12 Mar	Butterflies, Paragon Pilates, Physiofit, Yugo Yoga, Chelford Parish Council Meeting
Fri 13 Mar	Paragon Pilates
Sat 14 Mar	Paragon Pilates
Mon 16 Mar	Paragon Pilates
Tue 17 Mar	Connecting Chelford Friendship Cafe, Holy Communion Service at Connecting Chelford, Connecting Chelford Memory Lane Café, Paragon Pilates, Brownies, Meditation at the Hub
Wed 18 Mar	Paragon Pilates, Chelford Knitting Club, Egerton Arms moules frites night
Thu 19 Mar	Butterflies, Paragon Pilates, Physiofit, Yugo Yoga, Kimchi workshop at Chelford Primary School
Fri 20 Mar	Paragon Pilates
Sat 21 Mar	Paragon Pilates
Mon 23 Mar	Paragon Pilates
Tue 24 Mar	Connecting Chelford Friendship Cafe, Paragon Pilates, Brownies, Meditation at the Hub
Wed 25 Mar	Paragon Pilates, Chelford Knitting Club, Egerton Arms moules frites night
Thu 26 Mar	Butterflies, Paragon Pilates, Physiofit, Yugo Yoga, Egerton Arms Pub Quiz
Fri 27 Mar	Paragon Pilates, Connecting Chelford Music Bingo Night at the hall
Sat 28 Mar	Paragon Pilates
Mon 30 Mar	Paragon Pilates
Tue 31 Mar	Connecting Chelford Friendship Cafe, Connecting Chelford Memory Lane Café, Paragon Pilates

The next edition will be April 2026 and the deadline for submissions is March 16th. For all submissions and enquiries please contact chelfordnewsletter@outlook.com

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Chelford Community Newsletter

Edition 34 March 2026

Welcome to the Chelford Community Newsletter!

This is the 34th edition of the Chelford Community Newsletter, produced by a group of volunteers and delivered free to every household in the village. If you've got any feedback, suggestions or contributions for the newsletter, or if you think you might be able to help with deliveries, please contact chelfordnewsletter@outlook.com

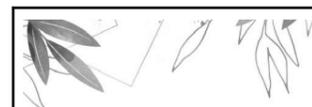
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Chelford Parish Council

At the end of January, 2026 Cheshire East Council's Strategic Planning Board approved the planning application for 103 dwellings on land to the east of the railway station (application reference: 25/1584/FUL). The Parish Council will continue to monitor progress of this scheme, however, if anyone encounters any problems as a result of development activities please let the Parish Council know (clerk@chelfordparishcouncil.org.uk) so that we can take steps to minimise, where possible, adverse impacts.

It is now just over a year since the dog poo bag dispensers were installed and approximately 5,000 bags have now been issued from the four dispensers. The Parish Council would like to thank all those who act responsibly and clear up after their dog. Residents are welcome to use the dispensers when necessary, however, please remember that making bags available has an associated financial cost to the community.

A recent update from Connecting Cheshire, a partnership organisation established to deliver faster broadband to areas where it has not been commercially viable to invest previously, suggests that Chelford may be included within the initial plans for Project Gigabit deployment in Cheshire. It is hoped that projected timescales and further detail for broadband improvements in Chelford will be available in the spring.

Chelford Social Committee

We are back for 2026! We are busy planning various events over the next few months which should hopefully include an Easter trail, a summer fete day, an evening event and maybe a Christmas do! Our aim is to do the summer fete day at the end of June and we are currently looking for people to help us arrange this.

You do not need to formally join the CSC, you are more than welcome to help out with this one event (or help more if you fancy!). We are looking for volunteers to help organise the event, run stalls and games and help make it as big as possible! If you are interested, please email us on chelfordsocialcommittee@gmail.com

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- Order repeat prescriptions
- View your GP health records
- Review your GP appointments
- Receive recent test results
- Review previous test results
- Receive messages from the Surgery

The App allows the Surgery to:

- Send messages to patients free of charge, saving on text message charges.
- Save time using the telephone, both in the reception and dispensary.
- Allow more time to help patients, especially those unable to use the App.

Your help and support with this would be greatly appreciated.

Chelford & Lower Withington Church

As I write this article, we are rapidly approaching the season of Lent. In line with tradition in this Parish, we will once again be taking part in the series of Lent Evening services which take place each Wednesday in our local neighbour churches. I will be preaching at Swettenham and we will welcome Bishop Sam to preach at Marthall on Wednesday 4th March. It would be lovely to see some of you there. Full details can be found in the Service Schedule and in the calendar on the Church website www.clmruralchurches.org.uk. Our next service for Connecting Chelford will be held at The Hub on Tuesday 17th March at 11:30am.

Phase 2 of the repair and maintenance work at both St John's and St Peter's is underway but there is still a lot of work to complete. St Peter's will be able to continue to remain open during the planned works. Unfortunately, St John's requires more attention and so we will be unable to hold services there for the foreseeable future. Over the Christmas period during the stormy weather a large branch fell out of the yew tree at the back of the church. Work is in hand to remove the branch completely and reduce the crown and any other potentially dangerous branches. This should be completed over the next few weeks depending on the weather.

God bless. If you have any questions, please contact Rev'd Fiona Robinson 01625 860679 or fionarobinson61@btinternet.com

Chelford Knitting Group

If you wish to join the knitters, they meet every Wednesday at 7.30pm at the Egerton Arms. Everyone is welcome from experienced knitters to complete beginners who wish to learn.



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Chelford Players

Tickets are now on sale for our upcoming production 'A Song or Two and a Sketch Revue' so please do come and join us for some comedy sketches and sing along to a few well known songs! Tickets are £15 and include a light supper and the show is on Friday 6 March and Saturday 7 March. Tickets can be purchased from www.seaty.co.uk/revue

Connecting Chelford - Bringing People Together

Connecting Chelford provides a voice for our older generation, friendship, support, activities, outings and events aimed at reducing loneliness, encouraging intergenerational opportunities and enhancing health and wellbeing in Chelford and surrounding villages.

- Weekly Befriending
- Tuesday Friendship Cafe (Weekly 10.00am - 11.30am)
- Monthly Outings
- Memory Lane Cafe (Fortnightly, Tuesdays 2.00pm - 4.00pm)
- Monthly Lunches
- Butterflies (Term Time, Thursdays 9.30am - 11.30 am)

For more information on support, events and volunteering please see our social media, email the team or visit our website. Phone 07973 453823 or email connectingchelford@gmail.com

Chelford Surgery

Home visits - If you are housebound and require an urgent home visit please could we ask our patients to contact the surgery as early in the day as possible? This allows us to triage the request, ask for further information and allocate the visit to the most appropriate person. We are grateful to all our patients for their co-operation during this busy Winter season.

Spring Care for Your Houseplants

As the days get lighter, your houseplants are starting to wake up from their winter rest. If they've looked a little quiet lately, that's completely normal! Now is the perfect time to:

- Start feeding again (every 2-4 weeks)
- Gradually increase watering as growth picks up
- Rotate plants towards the light
- Trim any yellow or tired leaves
- Repot if roots are showing or soil dries very quickly

A little attention now will reward you with lovely fresh spring growth. I'm based right here in Chelford and always happy to offer advice if you're unsure about a particular plant. *Sharon, The Kokedama Llama*