

Living in Love and Faith

We're preparing for this course on identity and sexuality to begin shortly. Please speak to Fr Andrew if you would like to learn more about it.

Pie & Peas Supper

the Friends of Stoke Minster is organising a Pie & Peas Quiz Night on Friday 29th October from 7.30 pm. Tickets including food are £5 per person.

All Souls Tide

Our memorial at All Souls Tide takes place this year on Sunday 31st October at 5.30 pm. We'll be inviting families who have lost loved ones in the last year but all are welcome to attend. The service will include candle-lighting and reflection. Please submit names you would like to be recorded either in person or by email to office@stokeminster.org.

Items wanted by Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank

Thank you for your support for the Foodbank. Items currently in short supply include sweet treats and chocolates. Items can be placed in the orange bags by the kitchen.

Did you know?

We're grateful for all who support us by regular giving either by our envelope scheme for cash donations or by standing order. It's a great help. If you'd like to receive more information on regular giving please speak with us.

Prayer requests can be made at any time by email or phone. These will be assumed to be shared in confidence. If you would like an individual to be remembered by name during the Sunday service please let us know. Candles can be lit at any time for remembrance.

Daily Hope

Free music, prayers and reflections are available at any time by ringing 0800 804 8044.

Safeguarding

The parish of Stoke upon Trent & Fenton is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults. We follow the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer(s), PSOs. The Diocese of Lichfield's safeguarding pages contain vital links and information including contacts for the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor (DSA) who advise our PSOs. If you are concerned that a child or adult has been harmed or may be at risk of harm please contact the DSA. If you have immediate concerns about the safety of someone, please contact the police and your local authority Children or Adults Services.

Please make cheques payable to Stoke Minster. Charity No. 1193760

Minster Church of St Peter ad Vincula

Welcome to all visiting us at Stoke Minster. LARGE PRINT versions are available – please ask. We have a LOOP system in operation. Gluten free wafers are available on request at Holy Communion.

Today - 19th September - is the 16th Sunday after Trinity. Services at 8.00 am and 10.30 am.

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COVID Restrictions: We request that where possible face coverings are worn. Please help us to observe social distancing measures within the church as we seek to keep everyone safe.

This Week

Evening prayer takes place from Wednesday to Friday at 5.00 pm.

Funeral for Hilda Halls on Tuesday at 1.00 pm.

Midweek Eucharist takes place on Wednesday at 10.30 am.

Bell ringing practice is on Tuesday from 7.30 pm.

Choir Practice is on Friday at 7.00 pm.

Services next Sunday at 8.00 am and 10.30 am, including baptism during the 10.30 am service. Baptism at 1.30 pm.

Welcome to the new Archdeacon of Stoke-upon-Trent

The Minster will be hosting the Collation (Welcome) for the new Archdeacon Designate, the Revd Dr Megan Smith on 3 October at 4.00 pm.

Harvest

There is a **Harvest Activity Morning** on Saturday 2nd October from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm for children and parents/carers with craft activities, reflection and refreshments.

Our Harvest celebration will be on Sunday 3rd October. Food donations can be received for the Foodbank. Cash donations can also be received for USPG's Gardens of Life Harvest Appeal.

Life and Faith in our City: Learning from our Neighbours

Our new sequence of monthly reflections/interviews begins today as we welcome Lloyd Cooke, CEO of Saltbox, who is joining us. On 17th October, we'll be joined by Mike Chesterton from Home for Good – a charity supporting looked after children.

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Trinity 16 Proper 20 B

Collect of the Day

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers

of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know

what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading *Wisdom of Solomon*

1.16-2.1,12-22

The ungodly say:

¹²Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,

because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law,

and accuses us of sins against our training.

¹⁷Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;

¹⁸for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.

¹⁹Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and make trial of his forbearance.

²⁰Let us condemn him to a shameful death,

for, according to what he says, he will be protected.'

²¹Thus they reasoned, but they

were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, ²²and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls;

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm *Psalm 54*

All: I will praise your name for it is gracious.

Save me, O God, by your name and vindicate me by your power. Hear my prayer, O God; give heed to the words of my mouth. **R**

For strangers have risen up against me and the ruthless seek after my life; they have not set God before them. **R**

Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who upholds my life.

May evil rebound on those who lie in wait for me; destroy them in your faithfulness. **R**

Second Reading *James 3.13-4:3,7-8a*

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth.

¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or

hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?

²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder.

And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

All Alleluia.

Gospel *Mark 9.30-37*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

+ Glory to you, O Lord.

After leaving the mountain ³⁰Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise

again.' ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,

³⁷'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,

you have taught us through your Son

that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart

and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.