

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?

Did you know that the Minster's newsheet is also available online if you can't get to church? Just look for the News and Notices page at www.stokeminster.org – you can download a PDF of the newsheet.

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 - 26th September - is the 17th Sunday after Trinity. Services at 8.00 am and 10.30 am.

Hymns:	105	686	161	662	570
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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 on Wednesday and Friday at 5.00 pm.
Funeral on Tuesday at 11.00 am.
Midweek Eucharist takes place on Wednesday at 10.30 am.
Contemplative Prayer is on Wednesday at 5.45 pm.
Bell ringing practice is on Tuesday from 7.30 pm.
Funeral on Friday at 1.00 pm.
Choir Practice is on Friday at 7.00 pm.
Harvest Activity Morning on Saturday at 10.00 am.
Services next Sunday at 8.00 am and 10.30 am.
Collation of the new Archdeacon of Stoke 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 is next 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 sequence of monthly reflections learning from our local community continues on 17th October, when we'll be joined by Mike Chesterton from Home for Good – a charity supporting looked after children. In November we'll be focusing upon the climate emergency and COP26.

Living in Love and Faith

This course on identity and sexuality will begin later in October. Please speak to Fr Andrew for more information.

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Trinity Proper 21 B

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they
find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and
draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your
heavenly city
where we shall see you face to
face;
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 *James 5.13-20*

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.

I know them, and they follow me.

All **Alleluia.**

Gospel *Mark 9.38-50*

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

All + **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁸John said to Jesus, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' ³⁹But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me.

⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two

hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow
us,
and make us continually to be
given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.