

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.

We remember in prayer:

All whom we hold before God for healing and fulness of life:

Margaret Taylor, Janice Heeks, Brenda Heeks. Irene Cox, Bernard & Marion Parkes, John Power, Simon Boswell.

Those recently departed and all we continue to remember, among them:

Adam Rowan, Peter Hicks, Hilda Halls, Arlene Woolley, Pamela Buxton.

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 - 3rd October - is Harvest Thanksgiving.

Services at 8.00 am and 10.30 am. Collation at 4.00 pm.

Hymns:	133	696	456	82	719
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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

Tuesday Bell Ringing Practice at 7.30 pm

Wednesday Eucharist at 10.30 am with coffee/tea from 11.15 am
Evening Prayer at 5.00 pm; Contemplative Prayer at 5.45 pm
Friends Executive at 7.30 pm.

Thursday Evening Prayer at 5.00 pm

Friday Evening Prayer at 5.00 pm; Choir Practice from 7.00 pm

Saturday Ringing School at 10.00 am; Wedding at 12.00 pm

Next Sunday services at 8.00 am and 10.30 am.

Baptisms at 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm.

Harvest Appeal

Harvest offering envelopes are available to support USPG's Garden of Life appeal. These can be returned by Sunday 17th October.

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. Booklets for the course are now available. Please speak to Fr Andrew for more information.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Collect of the Day

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading *Joel 2.21-27*

²¹Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice,
for the LORD has done great things!
²²Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.
²³O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain,
as before.
²⁴The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
²⁵I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.
²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the

LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm or canticle *Psalm 126*

*All: **The Lord has done great things for us
and we rejoiced.***

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with songs of joy. **R**

Then said they among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.' The Lord has indeed done great things for us, and therefore we rejoiced. Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, as the river beds of the desert. **R**

Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them. **R**

Second Reading *1 Timothy 6.6-10*

⁶There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the

love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting.
Gather the fruit for eternal life.
All **Alleluia.**

Gospel *Matthew 6.25-33*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*.
All **+ Glory to you, O Lord.**
Jesus said to his disciples: ²⁵Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" ³²For it is the

Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.'
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered
thanksgiving for your love in
creation
and have shared in the bread and
wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a
reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise
stewards of the good things we
enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.