

There will be a new series of **Bible studies** taking place during Advent on Wednesday mornings at 11.30 am – starting on 1 December.

The Minster will be hosting the **Civic Carol Service** on Sunday 19th December at 6.30 pm. The service will be recorded by BBC Radio Stoke for broadcast over the Christmas season. Please sign our list for tickets.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve: Crib Service at 5.00 pm; Midnight Mass at 11.30 pm.

Christmas Day: Eucharist at 10.30 am.

Boxing Day (Sunday): Parish Eucharist at 10.30 am (but not 8.00 am).

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?

WCCM - the World Community for Christian Meditation - offers resources for exploring meditation from a Christian perspective. Visit www.wccm.org for more information.

Prayer requests can be made at any time by email or phone. 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 fullness of life:

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

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

Roy Ibbs, Sheila Carr, Edwin Dunn, Gerald Sinstadt.

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 - 21st November – the Feast of Christ the King.
Services at 8.00 am and at 10.30 am.**

Hymns:	21	97	156	649	580
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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.

Thursday Evening Prayer at 5.00 pm.

Friday Funeral at 11.45 am; Evening Prayer at 5.00 pm; Choir Practice at 7.00 pm.

Saturday Ringing School at 10.00 am; Advent Activity Morning from 10.00 am.

Next Sunday services at 8.00 am and 10.30 am.

Christenings at 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm.

Life and Faith in our City: Learning from our Neighbours

Our monthly sequence continues today at 10.30 am where we'll be reflecting on climate justice and what we can do locally following the COP26 Conference with Michaela Fyson from Climate Matters Staffordshire.

Advent Activity Morning

A morning of crafts, reflection and learning for families at the start of Advent on Saturday 27th November from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm.

Events for Advent

The new Church Year begins on 28th November as we start the season of Advent.

The **Advent Carol Service**, led by the Choir and St Peter's Singers, takes place on Sunday 5th December at 5.30 pm.

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Christ the King B

Collect of the Day

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory. **Amen.**

First Reading *Daniel 7.9-10,13-14*

⁹As I watched, thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne;
his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.
¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousand served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm or Canticle *Psalm 93*

All: The Lord is king and his apparel is glorious.

The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel;
the Lord has put on his glory and girded himself with strength. **R**

He has made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved.

Your throne has been established from of old; you are from everlasting. **R**

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their pounding waves. **R**

Mightier than the thunder of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea,
the Lord on high is mightier. **R**

Your testimonies are very sure; holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever. **R**

Second Reading *Revelation 1.4b-8*

⁴Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷*Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.*
So it is to be. *Amen.*

⁸I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

All Alleluia.

Gospel *John 18.33-37*

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

³³Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' ³⁴Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' ³⁵Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?'

³⁶Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' ³⁷Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.'

Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.