



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## CLAINES & ST GEORGE'S



**Sunday 27th July 2025**

### **Vision Sunday - What's our Story & Where are we going?**

We've now held our Vision Sunday's at both St George's and at Claines, and vision questionnaires were distributed. Thankyou to everyone who came and engaged!

Please return any questionnaires to either the church office, or to Rev Sarah or a Church Warden by Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August.

**10.30am - Holy Communion –  
Claines Church**

**10.30am - Morning Praise –  
St George's Church**

**Zoom Sunday Morning Prayer  
- with Rev Sarah Carwardine**

**9.15am - 9.45am**

**Readings: Colossians 2: 6-9  
& Luke 11: 1-13**

**Meeting ID: 840 7348 8247**

**Passcode: 392973**

### **Time of refreshment... - Rachel Cramp LLM**

It is so important to take a time of refreshment, for lots of us that means days out or a holiday, but it can mean a time of 'refreshing and Spiritual renewal'.

For me, for many years that has meant a trip north to Northumberland and either retreats or holidays on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne. Only today someone said to me that it isn't really an island, and it isn't quite, with the causeway being open for two periods of time a day, at low tide, but it is wonderful to sit and watch the sea roll in, across the low lying land, to hear it lap across the road, as it turns Lindisfarne into an island. It turns it from a busy area, full of cars, coaches and tourists back into a tranquil island, and returns it to the islanders and those of us lucky enough to be temporary residents.

But it is so much more than just a glorious island, with sea birds and seals and many different beaches: the incredible empty expanse of sand, that is the North Beach; the pebbly beaches overlooking Bamburgh and the Farne Islands, and the beach south of St Mary's Church, overlooking Saint Cuthbert's own island - it is a thin place where we can feel especially close to heaven, experiencing the peace and presence of Jesus in a special way.

'The Celtic saints often referred to somewhere as a "thin place". This referred to when the spiritual atmosphere of a location made it easy to connect with God, almost as though there is no barrier between heaven and earth... These places still exist and people hungry to encounter the living God will actively seek them out. We might call it a pilgrimage and some places are obvious like Iona in Scotland, or Holy Island in Northumberland.'

When we drive onto Holy Island, a calming of the mind descends, even if it is still busy! And there is never a pull to go for trips off the Island, sitting watching the rhythm of the tide come and go, walking around the island, taking time, and listening to God, is all we need.

But perhaps your 'thin' place is closer to home, a place where you can still your mind, and listen to what God is saying to you. Often those places are close to nature, by a river, under a special tree or just in your garden, but wherever it is, do take time this summer to rest and refresh, time for yourself and time for God.

### **St George's Café Church Summer Celebration**

**SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Service 10.30am**  
**Barbecue 12.00pm**

St George's Church, St George's Square,  
Barbourne, WRI 1HX

*St George's – Claines – St Stephens*  
**FAMILY GAMES CAFÉ!**

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> August**  
**At St George's Church**  
**10am – 12noon**

St George's Church, St George's Square,  
Barbourne, WRI 1HX

*St George's – Claines – St Stephens*  
**PICNIC IN THE PARK**

**SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> August**  
**At Gheluvelt Park**  
**11am start**

Bring a picnic, and enjoy a day of outdoor fun. Find us between the war memorial and the duck pond!

### **Photography Competition – Out & About in Claines Calendar 2026**

We would like YOUR photographs to be part of our 2026 calendar celebrating the community of Claines.

Grab your phone or camera and start snapping!

We're looking for fun, quirky, beautiful and inspiring photos of Claines – whether this is buildings, our animals or wildlife, the gardens, the countryside or even our fabulous views. We want to celebrate Claines at it's finest.

The 12 best entries will feature in our 2026 Claines Calendar, winners will receive one free copy of the calendar

*St George's – Claines – St Stephens*

### **FAMILY FILM NIGHT!**

## **INSIDE OUT 2**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August**  
**At St Stephen's Church**  
**10am – 12noon**

St Stephen's Church, St Stephen's Street,  
Worcester, WR3 7HS

**We pray for those who are sick and those who care for them:**

**Children:** Ivy-Rose

**Saint George's Adults:** Rev David & Alex New, Olive Barnes, Carolyn Corfield, Rosie Davies, Mavis Firkins, Les Gardner, Daphne Greenwood, Carol Humphries, Virginia Moran, Heather Nethercoat, Neville Roberts, Kelly Simpson, Wendy Vaughan, Elisabeth Witter, Esther.

**Claines Adults:** Canon Claire, Rev Alan Brooksbank, Rev Maureen Dew, Rev David New, Val Adams, Graham Ashcroft, Joscelyn Balchin, Tom Buck, Rose Danks, Rosie Davies, Dorothy Evans, Lou Ferris, Lorraine Humphries, Angela Lanyon, Jane Elizabeth Owen, Julie Oliver, Denise McKechnie, Ross Murray, Izzie Newport, Mary Skelton, Maisie, Kerry, Mark, Pip & Benny, Debbie, Mike & Judy, Pat and Helen & Mick.

**For those who have recently died, may they rest in peace & rise in glory:**

**Our prayers and heartfelt sympathies go out to all of their loved ones.**

### **Forthcoming Services**

#### **Claines Church:**

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> – **4.30pm** – Contemplative Communion

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> – **10.30am** – Holy Communion

Thu 14<sup>th</sup> - **10.30am** - Morning Praise

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> - **10.30am** - Cafe Church (in the Parish Hall)

#### **St George's Church:**

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> - **10.30am** - Holy Communion

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> - **10.30am** - Cafe Church (*in the Magdalene Room*)

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> - **4.30pm** - Celtic Communion

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> - **10.30am** - Holy Communion

**The Parish Office will be open on  
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**

### Booking a Wedding or Baptism

If you want to book a wedding or baptism at either Claines or Saint George's Churches, please attend a church service on any Sunday at 10.30am and ask for a Wedding or Baptism Pack.

**Priest in charge of Claines & Saint George's Churches -**

**Rev Sarah Carwardine:** [revsarahcarwardine@gmail.com](mailto:revsarahcarwardine@gmail.com) or call [07895599216](tel:07895599216)

#### General enquiries:

For **Claines** call Annette Summers 01905 453954 or Phil Kear 01905 451099

For **Saint George's** call Trish Greenwood 01905 28580 or Lyn Crowther 01905 452483

#### Hall Bookings:

**Claines** - Katrina email [bookings@clainesfriends.org.uk](mailto:bookings@clainesfriends.org.uk)

**St George's** - Barbara email [stgbookingsec@gmail.com](mailto:stgbookingsec@gmail.com)

For Weddings, Burials of ashes, Churchyard queries, & Funerals please contact the Parish Administrator Tammara Adams in the Office on 01905 759702. (Mon, Weds and Friday 9am - 1pm)



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
DIOCESE OF  
WORCESTER