



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

CLAINES & ST GEORGE'S



Sunday 13th July 2025

**10.30am - Holy Communion with
Thanksgiving for a Child – Claines Church**

10.30am - Cafe Church - St George's Church

**4.30pm - Celtic Communion - St George's
Church**

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

9.15am - 9.50am

**Readings: Colosians 1: 1-14 &
Luke 10:25-37**

Meeting ID: 840 7348 8247

Passcode: 392973

Reflection - Jan Kear LLM

The psalm for Sunday evening is Psalm 77. It is a psalm of lament and questions. When we are feeling down of having a hard time we may ask God “why?” Or when we see the news another crime or unjust regime causing many fatalities and suffering, we may think, I don’t understand, how a good God, a powerful God, God who knows everything, can let it happen. Psalm 77 is a picture of just that. It opens with the psalmist lamenting and repetitively raising his voice to God. “*I cry aloud to God, aloud to God that he may hear me*”. We aren’t told what the matter is, but we know what it is like to feel these things.

His hope comes by voicing it. His voice is really important, it gives him freedom to speak out, to address God, to let his words even be heard by generations who now read, sing or pray this psalm. He puts his feelings into words, he looks at them face on, and invites God to look upon them too. It’s hard work, having unanswered questions. It can leave us feeling down. But it is also a good way to go deep. Not just to accept faith on the surface, taking the bits we like and ignoring the bits we don’t like. Faith allows for doubt, just as we hear in the man whose son is healed, who says to Jesus, “*I do believe; help my unbelief*”. Faith asks the questions.

Although we don’t hear God giving any answers, the psalmist comes to his own answers. He remembers that God is God, that God is loving and good. He remembers that God has done great things, has made promises to his people. So there is suddenly a whole lot of hope and he knows that God will answer and will act - he just doesn’t know when or how.

And that happens to us. We may ask for strength and help and sometime later come to realize that we have been given that strength, that help, that love from God.

As disciples, and we all are, whatever happens in your life, be at peace and in your own faith in Christ which cannot be taken from you. God calls us. He sends us just the way we are in the places where we live and work. So go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Love and blessings, Jan

St George's Summer Fair

THIS SATURDAY 12th July
12pm – 4pm

Grand Raffle, Cuppa & Cakes,
Facepainting, Pimms & Cider, Pulled Pork, Tombolas, Worcester Ukulele Club, Homemade Crafts

St George's Church, St George's Square, Barbourne, WR1 1HX

St George's Café Church Summer Celebration

SUNDAY 10th August
Service 10.30am
Barbecue 12.00pm

St George's Church, St
George's Square, Barbourne,
WR1 1HX

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

RIP Maureen Pilgrim

The Funeral Service for
Maureen Pilgrim is at
Worcester Crematorium on
Monday 21st July at 2.30pm.

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 Claire & Bob.

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

David Butler
Maureen Pilgrim
Aaron Sanmuganathan

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

Forthcoming Services

Claines Church:

Sun 20th - **10.30am** - Cafe Church (*in Claines Parish Hall*)

Sun 20th - **4.30pm** - Devotions at Dusk or Celtic

Thu 24th - **10.30am** - BCP Service

Sun 27th - **10.30am** - Holy Communion

St George's Church:

Sun 20th - **10.30am** - Holy Communion

Wed 23rd - **10.30am** - Midweek Holy Communion

Sun 27th - **10.30am** - Morning Praise

**The Parish Office will be open next week on
Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th and Friday 18th of July**

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 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

St George's - Barbara email 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)



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