

**Sunday 20th July 2025**

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

**9.15am - 9.50am**

**Readings: Colossians 1: 15-28 & Luke 10:38-end**

**Meeting ID: 840 7348 8247**

**Passcode: 392973**

**10.30am - Holy Communion –**

**St George’s Church**

**10.30am - Cafe Church - Claines Church**

(in Claines Parish Hall)

**4.30pm – Devotions at Dusk - Claines George’s Church**

**Midweek Services**

**Wednesday 23rd July -10.30am – Holy Communion – St George’s Church**

**Thursday 24th July - 10.30am – BCP Service - Claines Church**

**Reflection - Rev Peter Davies**

So, how did you get here? No, It’s not a question about your means of transport! It’s about your faith. What ‘clicked’ for you so that what you now hold dear in faith began to make sense?

Imagine someone, maybe someone you know or a complete stranger, asking that question. It’s a fair question because that’s how someone who wants to find out more about Jesus, or church, or what we believe, or about what we do and why, might ask you.

Many of us have grown up in homes where going to church was the done thing. We got christened, probably confirmed and made core friendships through church life.

Maybe, at some point we went off and did our own thing and later came back to rediscover our faith roots sown in our hearts and minds in our earlier years. For some there’s never been any doubt because we’ve always sensed God’s love for us, whilst for others the faith discovery came in later years.

But it’s good for us to be able, and briefly is often better, to say why, how and what we believe.

Well, by pure coincidence the rota slotted me in to preside and preach this Sunday at St George’s, and the Epistle is Colossians 1.15-28. And some of you will have heard me drop in references to this passage from time to time. Why? It’s the passage that made the penny drop for me—faith ‘clicked’ for me.

It starts He (Christ) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.’ The passage continues - do read it. In the early church it was read as poetry, probably sung as a hymn making it easy to remember!

One lunchtime fifty odd years ago, Christian colleagues at work took me to a church near where we worked. The Rector was preaching on Colossians: the penny dropped - faith ‘clicked’. ‘Oh, so that’s who Jesus is!’ Faith, sown earlier by faithful parents and godparents, nurtured by godly priests and patient friends was renewed.

So, friends, how did you get here?



**RIP Maureen Pilgrim**

The Funeral Service for Maureen Pilgrim is at

Worcester Crematorium on

Monday 21st July at 2.30pm.

**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

**St George’s – Claines – St Stephens**

**FAMILY BBQ**

**THIS SATURDAY 19th July**

**At St George’s Church**

**4pm – 6pm**

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

**The Parish Office will be open on**

**Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 24th and Friday 25th of July**

***St George’s Church:***

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

Sun 3rd – **10.30am** – Holy Communion

Sun 10th – **10.30am** – Café Church (in the Magdalene Room)

Sun 10th – **10.30am** – Celtic Communion

**Forthcoming Services**

***Claines Church:***

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

Sun 3rd – **10**.**30am** – Morning Prayer

Sun 3rd – **4.30pm** – Contemplative Communion

Sun 10th – **10.30am** – Holy Communion

**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.**

**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**

**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)**