



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

CLAINES & ST GEORGE'S



Sunday 3rd August 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 17th August.

**10.30am - Holy Communion –
St George's Church**

**10.30am - Morning Praise –
Claines Church**

**4.30pm – Contemplative Communion –
Claines Church**

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

9.15am - 9.45am

Readings: Colossians 3: 1-11

& Luke 12: 13-21

Meeting ID: 840 7348 8247

Passcode: 392973

Reflection ... - Rev Jennie

I have recently put in Claines church the responses received at the Cafe Church prayer station - Pastoral Care and Discipleship. They are well worth taking the time to read. Care of each other is every Christians responsibility and part of our Christian discipleship. Obviously the clergy have contacts through Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals and Heather our children, and families worker is making great progress in our contacts with children, young people and families. Some of us take services in our Care Homes, and some take communion to the sick and housebound, but pastoral care, as I've said, is every Christians responsibility, and how that is done will be different for everyone

Jesus said '*Love one another as I have loved you*' (John 13: 34-35). Unfortunately that word love can have different connotations now, in the Biblical sense, the meaning is nearer care. That can be interpreted in so many different ways, perhaps a welcome to someone in church you have not seen before, perhaps a word of welcome to couples coming to hear banns or families attending after a funeral, or before the burial of ashes. It is up to each of us how we respond, dictated by our own circumstances, but caring for one another is part of Christian discipleship.

'The Celtic saints often referred to somewhere as a "thin place". This referred to when the It is always good, both as an individual and as a church, to pause and take stock of how we are responding to our Christian calling - what we need to reassess or re think. Standing still temporarily and taking stock is sometimes necessary, but we do it in order to have a clearer vision as we move on. We as churches, do just that, in order to empower us going forward - perhaps we should all individually, take the opportunity to do the same. So that together we can be better prepared to take our Christian message of hope and care into our needy and suffering world, and by doing so, fulfil Jesus message - **to love one another**.

Rev Jennie

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, WRI 1HX

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

WEDNESDAY 20th 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 16th 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!

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Thursday 21st 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 & Alex 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:

Jim Walker

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

Forthcoming Services

Claines Church:

Sun 10th - **10.30am** - Holy Communion
Thu 14th - **10.30am** - Morning Praise
Sun 17th - **10.30am** - Cafe Church (in the Parish Hall)
Sun 17th - **4.30pm** - Devotions at Dusk or Celtic
Sun 24th - **10.30am** - Holy Communion
Thu 28th - **10.30am** - BCP Service

St George's Church:

Sun 10th - **10.30am** - Cafe Church (*in the Magdalene Room*)
Sun 10th - **4.30pm** - Celtic Communion
Sun 17th - **10.30am** - Holy Communion
Sun 24th - **10.30am** - Morning Praise
Wed 27th - **10.30am** - Midweek Holy Communion

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

The new Bishop of Worcester is announced! - Welcome Bishop Hugh

Please pray for Bishop Hugh:

Gracious and loving God,
through your Son Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd,
you have called us into the fellowship
of your universal Church:
we thank you for calling your servant Hugh
to be Bishop of Worcester;
sustain him by your love,
strengthen him in faith
encourage him in hope
and grant him the needful gifts of grace;
that through his ministry among us
we may live and grow as Kingdom People
sharing faith, hope and love in Jesus' name.

Amen

Booking a Wedding or Baptism

If you want to book a wedding at either Claines or Saint George's Churches, please attend a church service and ask for a Wedding Pack.

If you want to book a Baptism, please attend 3 services at church, Café Church or Little Fish/Friends. Introduce yourself and let the team know you are interested in booking a Baptism. Once you have attended several times you will be given a Baptism Pack.

Return the form to the Parish Office to get the process started.

Dates will not be discussed until a form has been returned.

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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