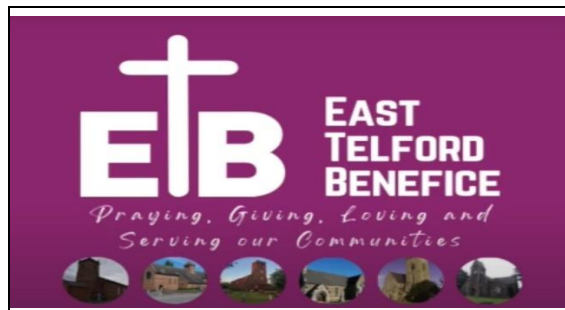




Sunday 31st August 2025

11th Sunday after Trinity

September 2025



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Come follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad



"We believe in **inclusive church** – a church which **celebrates and affirms every person** and does not discriminate."

Services Sunday 31st August

10.30am Benefice Service at Holy Trinity Oakengates – "Goodbye to Rev Lynne"

Thank You Service with Holy Communion followed by coffee & cake

Holy Trinity Oakengates

10.30am Holy Communion

St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy

No service

St Georges Telford

No service

Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood

No service

St Matthew's Donnington Wood

No service

St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge

No service

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Collect - 11th Sunday after Trinity (31st August)

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings

(31st August)

Psalm

81.1, 10-end

1st Reading

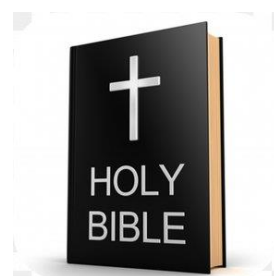
Jeremiah 2.4-13

2nd Reading

Hebrews 13.1-8, 15, 16

Gospel

Luke 14.1, 7-14



Goodbye to Rev Lynne

It was recently announced to the East Telford Benefice that Rev Lynne and her husband Geoff will be leaving the Benefice and moving home to Shrewsbury.

On Sunday 31st August everyone is invited to attend the Benefice service at Holy Trinity Oakengates at 10.30am for a service of Holy Communion where we will have the opportunity to say "thank you" to Rev Lynne for all she has given to the Benefice and for the many years of ministry to the local area. We give our thanks to Lynne and pray for her and Geoff as they embark on their next chapter.

Services Sunday 07th September

Holy Trinity Oakengates

9.30am Morning Worship

St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy

No service

St Georges Telford

9.30am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood

11.00am Holy Communion

St Matthew's Donnington Wood

11.00am Morning Worship

St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge

4.00pm Holy Communion

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Services Sunday 14th September

Holy Trinity Oakengates

9.30am Holy Communion

St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy

4.00pm Holy Communion

St Georges Telford

9.30am Morning Worship

Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood

8.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Family Praise

St Matthew's Donnington Wood

11.00am Holy Communion

St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge

11.00am Morning Worship

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Services Sunday 21st September

Holy Trinity Oakengates

9.30am Morning Worship

St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy

11.00am Harvest Morning Worship (New service)

St Georges Telford

9.30am Harvest Festival

Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood

11.00am Morning Worship*

St Matthew's Donnington Wood

11.00am St Matthew's Day Communion

St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge

11.00am Holy Communion

*Please note change of service due to Clergy availability

Services Sunday 28th September

Holy Trinity Oakengates

9.30am Holy Communion

St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy

4.00pm Holy Communion

St Georges Telford

9.30am Morning Worship

6.00pm Battle of Britain Commemoration Service

Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood

11.00am Morning Worship

St Matthew's Donnington Wood

11.00am Holy Communion

St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge

11.00am Harvest Festival

Sunday Readings		1st Reading	2nd Reading	Gospel
Harvest Services		Deuteronomy 26.1-11	Philippians 4.4-9	John 6.25-35
7th September	<i>Trinity 12</i>	Jeremiah 18.1-11	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14.25-33
14th September	<i>Trinity 13</i> <i>Holy Cross Day</i>	Jeremiah 4.11-12,22-28 Numbers 21.4-9	1 Timothy 1.12-17 Philippians 2.6-11	Luke 15.1-10 John 3.13-17
21st September	<i>Trinity 14</i> <i>Matthew Apostle</i>	Jeremiah 8.18—9.1 Proverbs 3.13-18	1 Timothy 2.1-7 2 Corinthians 4.1-6	Luke 16.1-13 Matthew 9.9-13
28th September	<i>Trinity 15</i>	Jeremiah 32.1-3a, 6-15	1 Timothy 6.6-19	Luke 16.19-end

Daily Readings

		Morning	Evening
Monday	01/09	Mark 5.1-20	Acts 6
Tuesday	02/09	Mark 5.21-34	Acts 7.1-16
Wednesday	03/09	Mark 5.35-end	Acts 7.17-43
Thursday	04/09	Mark 6.1-13	Acts 7.44-53
Friday	05/09	Mark 6.14-29	Acts 7.54—8.3
Saturday	06/09	Mark 6.30-44	Acts 8.4-25
Monday	08/09	Mark 6.45-end	Acts 8.26-end
Tuesday	09/09	Mark 7.1-13	Acts 9.1-19a
Wednesday	10/09	Mark 7.14-23	Acts 9.19b-31
Thursday	11/09	Mark 7.24-30	Acts 9.32-end
Friday	12/09	Mark 7.31-end	Acts 10.1-16
Saturday	13/09	Mark 8.1-10	Acts 10.17-33 or Ephesians 2.11-end
Monday	15/09	Mark 8.11-21	Acts 10.34-end
Tuesday	16/09	Mark 8.22-26	Acts 11.1-18
Wednesday	17/09	Mark 8.27—9.1	Acts 11.19-end
Thursday	18/09	Mark 9.2-13	Acts 12.1-17
Friday	19/09	Mark 9.14-29	Acts 12.18-end
Saturday	20/09	Mark 9.30-37	Acts 13.1-12 or Matthew 6.19-end
Monday	22/09	Mark 9.38-end	Acts 13.13-43
Tuesday	23/09	Mark 10.1-16	Acts 13.44—14.7
Wednesday	24/09	Mark 10.17-31	Acts 14.8-end
Thursday	25/09	Mark 10.32-34	Acts 15.1-21
Friday	26/09	Mark 10.35-45	Acts 15.22-35
Saturday	27/09	Mark 10.46-end	Acts 15.36—16.5



Regular Dates for Diaries (For participation or prayer)

- Mon 8.00pm Compline via Zoom
- Tue 9.00-10.00am Prayer Group at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood
7.00pm Whist at Holy Trinity Oakengates (1st Tuesday of each month)
- Wed 8.45-10.30am Tea & Toast (Place of Welcome) at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood
9.00-11.00am Food Bank & Clothes Bank at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood
9.15am Morning Prayer at Wombridge Church
10.30am Midweek Service at St Matthew's Donnington Wood
11.30am Bible Chat session at St Matthew's Donnington Wood
11.00am Midweek Service at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood
12.00-2.00pm Place of Welcome at Holy Trinity Oakengates
1.00-3.00pm Pray Bake Read at Lantern Academy Ketley Bank (Only during School Term)
7.00-8.00pm Prayer Group meeting at St Georges (4th Wednesday of each month)
- Thu 10.00-12.00pm Tea & Talk Bereavement group (2nd Thursday) at HTWW
1.00-3.00pm Place of Welcome at Priorslee Scout HQ
- Fri 12.30-2.00pm First Friday Free Lunch at Wombridge Parish Centre (1st Friday)
8.00pm Compline via Zoom
- Sat 4.00-5.30pm Messy Church at HT Wrockwardine Wood (2nd Saturday of month)
11.00-1.00pm Welcome Saturday at St Matthews Donnington Wood (3rd Saturday of month)

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Additional Dates for Diaries

Mon	01/09	7.00pm	Ecumenical Service at St Matthews Church Donnington Wood
Tue	02/09	11.30am	Thanksgiving Service for Rosemary Picken at Wombridge Church
		7.00pm	Whist at Holy Trinity Church Oakengates
Thur	04/09	2.30pm	Funeral of Ann Williams at Telford Crematorium
Wed	10/09	9.30am	Burial of Ashes of Ann Williams at Holy Trinity Oakengates
Mon	15/09	6.00pm	PCC Meeting Holy Trinity Church Wrockwardine Wood
Tue	16/09	6.00pm	ETB Church Leaders Meeting at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood
		7.00pm	PCC Meeting at St Georges Church
Wed	17/09	7.00pm	PCC Meeting at Holy Trinity Oakengates
Sat	20/09	9.30am	Diocesan Safeguarding Conference Telford Minster

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Those in need of our prayers

Please pray for the families of Rosemary Picken, Ann Williams and all who are grieving the loss of loved ones at this time.

Merciful God, be close to all who mourn.
May they know the hope of your promises
and the comfort of your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



In our prayers we remember the Church, its members and our community. We pray for those who are unwell, either at home or in hospital and those who are adjusting to changes in their lives. We also remember those who can no longer join us physically in our church buildings for worship or fellowship.

EMAIL NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive this newsletter via email regularly please contact newsletter@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk requesting you would like to receive it weekly, or can be found on our Website at WWW.Easttelfordbenefice.co.uk

Those whose years mind we keep

Priorslee

- 31/08 Gillian Hodson, Lorna Chetwood, Vincent Holmes, Charles Luter, Leslie Phillips
07/09 Harry Rigby, Annie Harris, Lawrence Williams, Joan Turnock, Howard Hollinshead
14/09 Raymond Stubbs, Laraine Taylor, Frances Ferriday, Neil Mapp
21/09 Miles Watkiss, Florence Houlston, Gwendoline Adams, Robert (Bob) Evans, Percy Evans, Gwendoline Rigby, Thomas Morgan, Margaret Kinghorn, Frederick Millington
28/09 Arthur Palfrey, Mark Jones, Carol Burgess, Ruby Evans, Marlene Jones

Oakengates

- 31/08 Roy Lea, Gwen Phillips, Sydney Massey, Mabel Spencer, Sue Bailey, Alec Leech, Bert Rhodes
07/09 John James, Robert Parton, Kenneth Jones, Roy Smith, Sheila Ghost, Christopher Taylor
14/09 Evelyn Cotton, Sydney Huxley, Agnes Randle, Dorothy Shekleton, Raymond Brazenhall, David Caley, Cyril Latham, Jean Spicer, Tom Evenden
21/09 Lena Lillevik, Peter Wallbanks, Edith Lowe, Ernest Bailey, Norman Dabbs, Enoch Mansell, Ethel Lane, Harriet Bolas, Elizabeth Robinson, Annie Tranter, Edith Broughton, Harold Taylor
28/09 Kathleen Lloyd, Vera Twinsberrow, Leslie Duce, Frances Jones, Harold Tipton, Dennis Smith, Ann Lewis-Cartwright, Ian Gregory

Wrockwardine Wood

- 31/08 John James, Rodwell Woodward, Howard (H) Hope, Enid Steventon, Paul Evans, Rose Price, Maud Beard
- 07/09 Robert Abley, Dorothy June Twistleton (Dot), Maurice Huggan, Henry (Harry) Woodvine, Brenda Dudley, Francis Hyde, Joseph Hirst, Frederick Fellows, Frederick Owen, John R. Cheshire, Arthur Roy Gosney
- 14/09 Henry (Harry) Mansell, Susanah (Sue) Odell, Graham Guy, Arthur Brayne, Sheila Taylor, Colin Richards, Andrew Hood
- 21/09 Phyllis Steventon, Thomas Binsley, Beatrice Austin, Lionel D France, Reginald Jones, Francis Howells, Doreen Williams, Philip (Phil) Oliver, Joy Thomson, Frank Austin
- 28/09 Stanley Jones, Bob Hodson, Esther Stephan, Malcolm Williams, Elizabeth Caldwell, Ada Hindley, William (Bill) Allen, Vera Cooper, Hanna Jones, Paul Cartwright

IMPORTANT.....BE AWARE!!!

If you get any emails alleging to be from Clergy or those in positions within the church that ask for money or vouchers or sounding unlikely please **ignore!** We would never ask for these things. Please check with us via other means and never click the links. There are a lot of phishing emails around currently that we cannot do anything to stop. **Please be careful!**

A sample of the type of spam email that is being sent is:

"Good to hear from you, here is what I want you to do for me because I'm a little busy right now, conflicting priorities, I'm only available here for now. I have been working on incentives and I aimed at surprising some of our diligent staff with gift cards this week. This should be confidential until they all have the gift cards as it's a surprise. Can you get this done remotely and how soon?"

Please be extra vigilant and don't respond to emails like these!

Ever received a suspicious email? 📧

As of May 2025, over 42 million suspicious emails have been reported to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service, resulting in the removal of 400,000 scam websites by the NCSC.

Find out more about how to report suspicious emails, texts and websites: <https://orlo.uk/IzoEh>
#CyberProtect



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NEW SUNDAY SERVICE

We are introducing a new Sunday Service at 11.00am on the 3rd Sunday of the Month at Holy Trinity Academy. This service will be a Morning Worship Service ideal for families. Come along as we pray, sing and worship in the Chapel. A warm welcome awaits you.....



PRAYING AT HOME

As we get older our involvement in local church life changes, and we find we have less time for physical activity but more time for prayer! We are a community of prayer – at home and in church. As a Benefice we are grateful to Nigel who hosts Compline (Evening Prayer) via Zoom (extremely easy to join on a mobile phone with internet access) at 8pm on Monday and Friday evenings. For more information please contact Nigel at Nigelcollins8561@gmail.com Come, pray with us!

EVERYDAY FAITH

A resource available that may be helpful is the Church of England app called 'Everyday Faith'. It offers bitesize, yet in-depth, resources on relevant topics, that help us to find and follow God in everyday life. There is a daily reading, reflection, response and prayer. There is the option to listen as well as to read. The current theme is 'Refreshed'. If you feel you need refreshment, this app can be download from <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/everydayfaith>

BAPTISMS WEDDINGS & FUNERALS IN CHURCH

We are always excited to be able to celebrate Baptisms, welcome you for your Wedding or help you through a difficult time arranging a Funeral within our Churches. Funerals are welcomed in Church or at the Graveside and Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood are able to livestream funerals. Please telephone Kerry, Benefice Administrator to discuss arrangements.

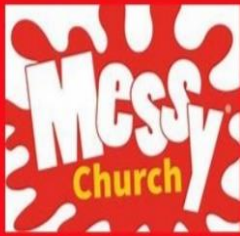
ECUMENICAL SERVICE SEPTEMBER

The next Ecumenical Service
will be
Monday 1st September, 7.00pm.
at St Matthew's Donnington Wood.



**Free Community Lunch**
On the first Friday of each
month
12.30pm to 2.00pm
Wombridge Parish Centre
Friday 5th September
Friday 3rd October
Friday 7th November
Friday 5th December
**Thanks to sponsorship by**
the co-op
All welcome to join us for a light lunch, dessert
and hot drink – followed by a short game – pop
in or stay for as long as you wish - everyone
welcome ☺

Wombridge Church
Open Day
Saturday 13th
September
10am to 2pm
Pop in for five minutes or stay for longer ☺
Do you know which faces are shown in the carvings by the Church door...or which well-known Bible story is depicted in the main stained glass window – take the 15 minute self-guide tour to find out lots of interesting information about Wombridge Church
For children, find the 3 monkeys hiding in Church to win a prize!
Light a candle in memory of a loved one
See the unearthed remains of the medieval chapel
Free refreshments
Large quantity of free books for you to browse
Enjoy some moments of quiet time in the peaceful surroundings

**Messy Church**
What? Crafts Games Stories
Fun and Food
Where? Holy Trinity Church
Wrockwardine Wood TF27AH
When? Saturdays 4.00-5.30pm

Saturday 13th September
Holy Trinity Church Wrockwardine Wood
4.00pm ~ 5.30pm
Are you able to give some time to support the
leaders with this event.
Rev'd Tom would be grateful for any help!



Join us in 2025 - 13 September

Some of our Benefice Churches are taking part in this Charity Event including
Holy Trinity Oakengates
Wombridge Parish Church



St Matthew's Church will be taking part in the Shropshire Historic Churches' Annual Ride & Stride event on

Saturday, 13th September 2025

Church will be open between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. to welcome cyclists and walkers from other participating churches, as well as holding our own sponsored ride using a static exercise bike in the churchyard.

If you would like to support St Matthew's by taking part in this fund-raising event (proceeds raised by us are shared equally between SHCT and St Matthew's), please pick up a sponsor form from Church.

Please support where possible.

For more information:

<https://www.shropshirehct.org.uk/OtherActivities/RideStride.aspx>

OAKENGATES CHURCH SPONSORED WALK

Saturday 20th September
More details from Dave & May Gregory

Harvest Cream Tea's

St Georges Parish Church
Saturday 20th September
2.00-4.00pm
in Church

Battle of Britain Commemoration Service

St Georges Parish Church
Sunday 28th September
6.00pm



Wombridge Parish Centre
Autumn Breakfast Bazaar
Sat 20th September
8.30am to 11am



*Freshly cooked full breakfast with
refillable tea or coffee - just £5!!*

*A fire engine from
Telford's Green Watch
will be with us so bring
the family for chats and
photos!*



*Stalls including raffle, cake stall,
huge bric-a-brac stall,
books & jewellery, tombola*

*Church will be open to visitors and any
children finding the 3
monkeys hanging about in
Church will win a prize 😊*



Compline via Zoom

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ST GEORGE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month between 7pm & 8pm at St George's Church.



The next meeting is on Wednesday 24th September and is open for all to attend. During the time together there may be a brief discussion about issues of the day and/or individual concerns and then there is a time of prayer. Sometimes a bible passage is read and following a brief discussion may be used as a focus for additional prayers.

WELCOME SATURDAY

20TH SEPTEMBER 2025

11.00 A.M. – 1.00 P.M.

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH
DONNINGTON WOOD
Sat Nav ref TF2 7HP



SEASON OF CREATION

01 September – 04 October | #SeasonOfCreation

If you and your children enjoy crafting in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, then join us for this month's Welcome Saturday when we will be holding a variety of craft activities in celebration of the season of Creationtide.

Free resources will be supplied

Complimentary refreshments will be available

Memory Menders, crat pre-loved stalls, raffle

Pop in for a cup of tea, our welcome is warm, and refreshments are free!

St Matthew's Church, Donnington Wood

Invites you to a

Vintage Tea Party

In celebration of our 180th anniversary and St Matthew's Patronal Festival

To be held on

Sunday, 21st September 2025

From 4.00 p.m.- 6.00 p.m.

Free refreshments will be provided, along with a display of nostalgic memorabilia

Please bring along any photos or memories you would like to share too !

Donations to St Matthew's Church Maintenance Fund would be appreciated.

To help with catering, please text/call 07706265759 to book.

Harvest Supper Quiz Night



Holy Trinity Church

Oakengates



Saturday 4th October 2025

7 Pm Start

Raffle on the Evening

Please Bring your own Drinks

Tickets from Gill 07964 954912 or other church members

The Evening will proceed as following:

- * Background music on entry from 6:30 pm
- * Quiz to commence at 7 pm
- * Fish & Chips Supper at approx 7:45 pm
- * Quiz to resume at approx 8 pm
- * Raffle to be drawn at approx 8:30pm
- * Winner to be awarded after raffle approx 9 pm

Holy Trinity Oakengates, Holyhead Rd, Telford TF2 6BN

**Tickets
£7.50 pp**



TOMBOLA STALLS

Each of the churches in the Benefice are always in need of small quality items suitable for use on Tombola Stalls. If you can offer items for these stalls then please pass them to churchwardens who will forward them to the events coordinators for each of the churches. *Thank You.*



SAFEGUARDING

For all the churches in our benefice, the safeguarding, safety and security of each person is of the upmost importance. We have across all our churches committed to safeguarding and have adopted the national and diocesan safeguarding policies.

Please do not hesitate to contact one of the coordinators if you have any questions and concerns and understand that everyone has a role to play to ensure we achieve our aim of being a benefice who cares and protects all who visit.

WEBSITE UPDATE

The East Telford Benefice website has recently been experiencing problems and it hasn't been possible to update the information or publish the weekly newsletter link.

Most of the issues have now been ironed out and the website should now see updates over the coming weeks. Each of our churches do use www.achurchnearyou.com where you can access individual church information.

PLACES of WELCOME at HTO, HTWW & St PETERS



This outreach is something which has helped bring our community together and we are always pleased when new people attend. The format is simple – a short service, a shared lunch (soup and roll or sandwiches), chat/board games/puzzles/craft etc.

Please do let your friends and neighbours know about these Places of Welcome especially those who live alone or those who are looking for a place to meet new people. You will find a warm welcome at each of these Places of Welcome. We look forward to meeting you!

Please note St Peters meets at: Priorslee Scout HQ, Snedshill Way, TF2 9QQ



An Alzheimer's Society initiative

Living with dementia at any time brings challenges.

The Alzheimer's Society are working towards a world where dementia no longer devastates lives. They do this by giving help to those living with dementia today, and providing hope for the future.

If you need support and advice, Alzheimer's Society is here for you.

You can call the support line on 0333 150 3456 and find lots more advice and support here:

<https://www.alzheimers.org.uk>

As part of the action plan for our Benefice Churches for Dementia Friendly Church it has been suggested we publish monthly in our newsletters information which offers help in what 'not' to say to someone living with Dementia. We will be using information from the Alzheimers association website.

Things to avoid saying to somebody with dementia

3. Consider whether to remind the person of a death: 'Your brother died 10 years ago'

A person living with dementia may forget about a past bereavement or ask for somebody who has died. Reminding them of a loved one's death can be very painful, and they may react as though hearing the news for the first time all over again.

How to respond to these types of difficult questions will vary for different people in different circumstances, however, it's always important to show sensitivity and minimise any distress.

Try this instead:

For some people, encouraging them to talk about the person they are asking about can be comforting. Distraction techniques can be useful, although try not to avoid the question if they keep asking, as this can cause the person to feel more anxious.

Find out how the person is feeling, sometimes asking about a particular family member or friend is due to the person having an unmet need, such as wanting comfort or reassurance.



OPEN GARDENS IN SHROPSHIRE

Do you enjoy gardens? Over the next few weeks there are some beautiful ones to visit.

SHROPSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST www.shropshirehct.org.uk/

Preen Manor Gardens 31st August – Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 7LQ 2-5pm.

Church: St John the Baptist £6 entry

Gatley Park 7th September - Gatley Park, Leinthall Earls, Leominster HR6 9TT 1-5pm.

Church: St Andrew's. £6 entry

The Leasowes, Garden and Arboretum 19th October

– The Leasowes Farm, Cound, Shrewsbury, SY5 6AF 10-5pm.

Church: St Peter's. £6 entry

EMERGENCY ALERTS TEST

The test will function like a real life Emergency Alert on all 4G and 5G phone networks in the UK. Your mobile or tablet does not have to be connected to mobile data or wifi to get alerts.

Devices will vibrate and make a loud siren sound for roughly 10 seconds. A test message will also appear on screens.

The message will say “This is a test of Emergency Alerts, a UK Government service that will warn you if there is a life-threatening emergency nearby. You do not need to take any action. In a real emergency, follow the instructions in the alert to keep yourself and others safe.”

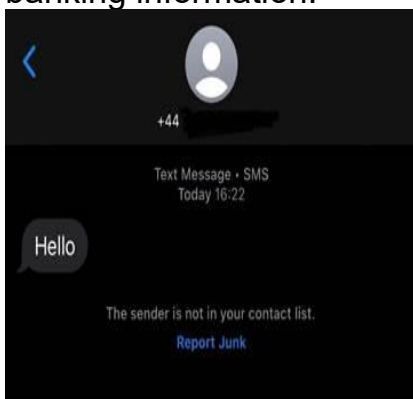
For more info: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/emergency-alert-test-frequently-asked-questions>



It started with Hello.....

People are used to receiving messages from unknown numbers, but this “Hello” could be the start of a scam.

Any response, from “?????” “Wrong number” or another simple “hello” verifies to the scammer that your phone number is active. From here the scam could go on to impersonate Police or the Bank, inform you owe a parking fine, be the start of a romance fraud, to name just a few of the many, many other ways of manipulating you into giving away sensitive personal or banking information.



And as a bonus if you do reply, expect more text messages from random numbers in the future.

So what should you do?

- Do not reply.
- Do not click on any links.
- Forward the message to 7726 along with the number the text came from.
- Delete and block the number.
- If you have given any personal information report the incident to Action Fraud via their website or by calling 0300 123 2040 and if you have given any financial information inform your bank immediately.

Please share this information with friends and family.

There are limited spaces remaining for those wanting to join Beavers, Cubs and Scouts at the 2nd Wombridge Scout Group aged 6-14yrs. Based at Wombridge Parish Centre.
For mor info contact
gsl@2ndwombridgescouts.co.uk



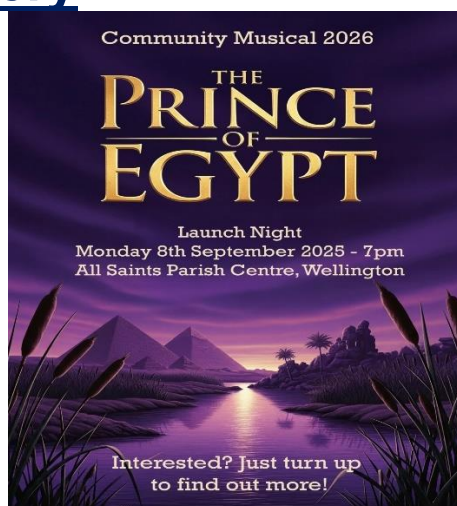
There are limited spaces remaining for those wanting to join Beavers, Cubs and Scouts at the 2nd Donnington Scout Group aged 6-14yrs.

From the Deanery

Telford Deanery : Shaping for Mission



FOLLOWING JESUS : LOVING TELFORD : RENEWING CHURCH : GROWING YOUNGER



Brand-new community musical coming to Wellington in 2026 – and you're invited to help bring it to life!

Performance dates – Saturday 6th June 2026 (2 shows) at All Saints Church Wellington.

Now casting and recruiting actors, soloists, choir singers, dancers, prop makers, costume designers

technicians and anyone curious to learn more. Come to the launch night on Monday 8th September 7.00pm – All Saints Church Parish Centre, Lychgate Walk, Wellington.
For more info contact Sue Pointon – suepointon@gmail.com

From the Diocese

SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE

*Saturday 20 September 2025 | 9.30am - 4.30pm
at Telford Minster*

A day especially for **Parish Safeguarding Officers, and those fulfilling that role**, to come together, to share good practice, to get answers from the safeguarding and admin teams and to learn from amazing speakers. Come with your questions for the Q&A session.
Seminars on:



- Trauma-informed theology;
- how can our churches be safer spaces for survivors and people with trauma injury.
- How do we give trauma informed care?
- Dementia: when is it safeguarding or managing risk?
- supporting survivors of church-based abuse
- (led by Safe Spaces)

Lunch and refreshments provided. It is **free** to attend this event.

Booking via - <https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/safeguarding/diocesan-safeguarding-conference.php>

Meet and spend the day with our new Regional Safeguarding Lead, safeguarding team, Safeguarding Scrutiny Panel and our bishops.

There will be a bookstall hosted by Illuminate and stands from Safe Spaces, Thirty-One eight, Samaritans, Angels Creative Project and others tbc. Spaces are limited at this conference.

Priority will be given to Lichfield Diocese parish safeguarding officers.

Others may register, but those places will not be confirmed before 8 September.

Week Beginning 31st August 2025

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 280

We pray for the implementation of our diocesan strategy 'Seeking the Kingdom', within the context of the varied roles and ministries across the Diocese. As 'People of Hope,' we remember those impacted by natural disasters; those in Ukraine suffering grievously and we pray for the people & leaders of Russia; and for a lasting peace for the people of Palestine, Iran, Israel and the wider Middle East.

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Sunday 31st August:

(Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651)

Lord, we lift before you today the two churches in the diocese dedicated to St Aidan; Chads Moor in Rugeley Deanery and Penn Fields in Trysull. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on both of these churches and each of the communities they serve. We especially pray for Penn Fields as they are currently in vacancy, that at the right time you may place your call upon the right person to serve there.

Monday 1st September:

(Giles of Provence, Hermit, c.710)

Lord, today we lift before you all those churches in the diocese dedicated to St Giles; in Badger, Canwell, Cheadle, Croxden, Haughton, Newcastle, Shrewsbury, Whittington, and Willenhall. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on all of these churches and all of the places they serve.

Tuesday 2nd:

(The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942)

We pray for Gareth Manser as today he is commissioned to serve as the new vicar of St Peter's Walsall. We pray for good relationships to be built and strengthened with both the congregation present and future, and the surrounding community. Lord, please rest your hand rest upon that part of Walsall. We also pray for wisdom for the Shrewsbury Area Mission and Pastoral Committee as they meet today.

Wednesday 3rd:

(Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 604)

We lift before you all those children and young people returning to school today or this week, and those going for the first time. Please let welcomes be offered, friendships formed, and fears be allayed. Thank you for the hard work of all those who work and volunteer in schools around the diocese, and also those who serve in the diocese's Education Team.

We also think of the Diocesan and Cathedral Staff as they share fellowship on a staff day today, to build closer and more productive relationships in the future.

Thursday 4th:

(Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon), Apostle of Wessex, 650)

Lord, we continue to pray for Newcastle deanery, and today for the churches closest to the town centre. We pray for St George's, its vicar Martin Ball, and all those who serve and worship there. We pray for Josh Penduck, St Giles', and its sister church of St Thomas' Butterson. So too we pray for St Michael's Cross Heath, Fr Simon Maddison, and the church of St Paul's Newcastle as they continue to explore the future.

As we think of St Paul's and their future, we also pray for wisdom for the Wolverhampton Area Mission and Pastoral Committee as they meet today.

Friday 5th:

Our continuing prayers for Newcastle deanery take us to Clayton and the church of St James. We pray for all those who serve that place or are served by it. We especially pray for their vicar Julia Babb, remember her dual role serving as Chaplain at Harplands Hospital, and lift before you all those people serving as healthcare chaplains. We pray too for Holy Trinity in Chesterton, their vicar Jay Rosie, and all those the church encounters.

Saturday 6th:

(Allen Gardiner, Missionary, Founder of the South American Mission Society, 1851)

Lord, we conclude our prayers for Newcastle by lifting before you the churches of All Saints in Madeley and St Margaret's in Betley. We thank you for their pioneering spirit and pray for continuing enthusiasm to think outside the box in trying to help more people to come to know you. We pray for their vicar Tim Watson; their Children, Youth, and Families Minister Ruth Fish; and Pioneers and Young People's Workers around the diocese and beyond.

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