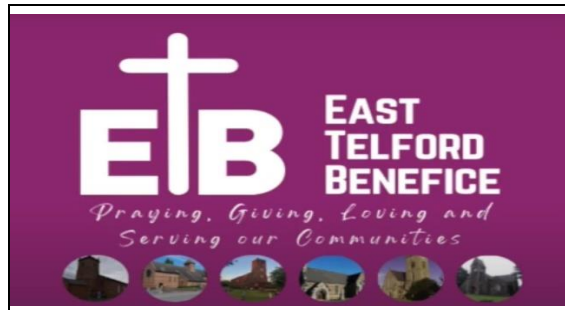




Sunday 2nd November 2025

All Saints Day

4th Sunday before Advent



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Come follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad



Becoming
Dementia
Friendly
Church
2024-5

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

Services Sunday 2nd November

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

4.00pm Forget me not service

St Matthew's Donnington Wood

11.00am Morning Worship

St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge

4.00pm Holy Communion Patronal Service

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Readings

All Saints Day

4 before Advent

Psalm

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32.1-8

1st Reading

Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18

Isaiah 1.10-18

2nd Reading

Ephesians 1.11-end

2 Thessalonians 1

Gospel

Luke 6.20-31

Luke 19.1-10



Prayer for All Saints Day

We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you

Whether in brush arbors or cathedrals,

Weathered wooden churches

or crumbling cement meeting houses

Where your name was lifted and adored.

We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise:

Manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil,

Strong hands and those gnarled with age

Holy hands used as wave offerings across the land.

We thank you, God, for hardworking saints;

Whether hard-hatted or steel-booted,

Head ragged or aproned,

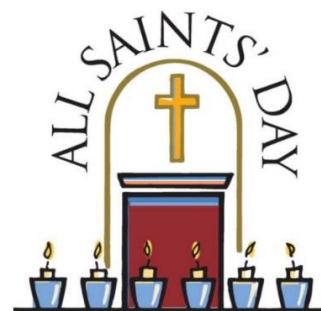
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They left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come.

Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us.

Bless the memories of your saints, God.

May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.



Safiyah Fosua

Collect –All Saints' Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those in expressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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.

Collect – 4th Sunday before Advent

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints; grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; 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

Services Sunday 09th November

Holy Trinity Oakengates

9.30am Remembrance Service

St Peter's Churchyard Priorslee

10.50am Act of Remembrance at War Graves

St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy

4.00pm Holy Communion

St Georges Telford

10.45am Remembrance at Memorial Gates
continuing service in Church

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Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood

8.00am Holy Communion

10.55am Remembrance Family Praise

St Matthew's Donnington Wood

10.00am Morning Worship followed by

10.45am Act of Remembrance at Parade

St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge

10.30am Service in Hartshill Park
No Service in Church

Services Sunday 16th November

Holy Trinity Oakengates

9.30am Morning Worship

St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy

11.00am Morning Worship (New 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

11.00am Holy Communion

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Services Sunday 23rd November

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

11.00am Morning Worship

St Matthew's Donnington Wood

11.00am Holy Communion

12.30pm Baptism

St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge

4.00pm Memorial Service

(Please note No Morning Service)

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Services Sunday 30th November

10.30am Benefice Service at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood

Holy Trinity Oakengates

No service

St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy

No service

St Georges Telford

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood

10.30am Holy Communion

St Matthew's Donnington Wood

No service

St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge

No service

Daily Readings

Morning

Evening

Monday	03/11	Matthew 1.18-end	Revelation 1
Tuesday	04/11	Matthew 2.1-15	Revelation 2.1-11
Wednesday	05/11	Matthew 2.16-end	Revelation 2.12-end
Thursday	06/11	Matthew 3	Revelation 3.1-13
Friday	07/11	Matthew 4.1-11	Revelation 3.14-end
Saturday	08/11	Matthew 4.12-22	Revelation 4
Monday	10/11	Matthew 4.23—5.12	Revelation 5
Tuesday	11/11	Matthew 5.13-20	Revelation 6
Wednesday	12/11	Matthew 5.21-37	Revelation 7.1-4, 9-end
Thursday	13/11	Matthew 5.38-end	Revelation 8
Friday	14/11	Matthew 6.1-18	Revelation 9.1-12
Saturday	15/11	Matthew 6.19-end	Revelation 9.13-end
Monday	17/11	Matthew 7.1-12	Revelation 10
Tuesday	18/11	Matthew 7.13-end	Revelation 11.1-14
Wednesday	19/11	Matthew 8.1-13	Revelation 11.15-end
Thursday	20/11	Matthew 8.14-22	Revelation 12
Friday	21/11	Matthew 8.23-end	Revelation 13.1-10
Saturday	22/11	Matthew 9.1-17	Revelation 13.11-end
Monday	24/11	Matthew 9.18-34	Revelation 14.1-13
Tuesday	25/11	Matthew 9.35—10.15	Revelation 14.14—end of 15
Wednesday	26/11	Matthew 10.16-33	Revelation 16.1-11
Thursday	27/11	Matthew 10.34—11.1	Revelation 16.12-end
Friday	28/11	Matthew 11.2-19	Revelation 17
Saturday	29/11	Matthew 11.20-end	Revelation 18
Monday	01/12	John 12.20-32	John 1.35-42
Tuesday	02/12	Matthew 12.22-37	Revelation 20
Wednesday	03/12	Matthew 12.38-end	Revelation 21.1-8
Thursday	04/12	Matthew 13.1-23	Revelation 21.9-21
Friday	05/12	Matthew 13.24-43	Revelation 21.22—22.5
Saturday	06/12	Matthew 13.44-end	Revelation 22.6-end



Sunday Readings

1st Reading

2nd Reading

Gospel

02 November	<i>All Saints Day 4 before Advent</i>	Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18 Isaiah 1.10-18	Ephesians 1.11-end 2 Thessalonians 1	Luke 6.20-31 Luke 19.1-10
09 November	<i>3 before Advent Remembrance Sunday</i>	Job 19.23-27a	2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-end	Luke 20.27-38
16 November	<i>2 before Advent</i>	Malachi 4.1-2a	2 Thessalonians 3.6-13	Luke 21.5-19
23 November	<i>Christ the King Sunday next before Advent</i>	Jeremiah 23.1-6	Colossians 1.11-20	Luke 23.33-43
30 November	<i>Advent 1</i>	Isaiah 2.1-5	Romans 13.11-end	Matthew 24.36-44

EMAIL NEWSLETTER

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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 in aid of Holy Trinity Oakengates (1st Tue of month) at Maddocks Club
- 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
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 Pray Bake Read at Lantern Academy Ketley Bank (Only during School Term)
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 03/11 11.00am Interment of Ashes of Peter Smith at St Georges Church
- Mon 03/11 1.00pm Funeral of Hilary Stanley at Wombridge Parish Church
- Tue 04/11 2.30pm Funeral of Jennifer Ward at St Georges Church
- Wed 05/11 4.30pm Funeral of Sandra Guy at Telford Crematorium
- Thur 06/11 7.30pm Concert by Key Change Choir at Holy Trinity Oakengates
- Sat 08/11 10.30am Interment of Ashes of Gordon & Jeanie Wood at St Matthews D/Wood
- Sat 08/11 1.00pm Organ Recital by David Fisher at Much Wenlock Parish Church
- Sat 15/11 6.00pm Beetle Drive with Fish'n'Chips at Wombridge Church Hall
- Mon 17/11 12.30pm Funeral of Pauline Mansell at St Georges Parish Church
- Tue 18/11 11.30am Funeral of David Simmons at Telford Crematorium
- Fri 21/11 9.00am Ecumenical Quiet Morning at Wombridge Parish Church

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Those in need of our prayers

Please pray for the families of Hilary Stanley, Jennifer Ward, Sandra Guy, Pauline Mansell, David Simmons 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.



Those whose years mind we keep

Priorslee

- 02/11 Hazel Lewis, Gwendoline Cadman, John Wheeler, Mary Woolley, Hilda Rhodes, Marilyn Hicks, Cyril Bassett, Mary Powell, Irene Davies
- 09/11 Janet Powell, Leonard Gough, Elsie Ray, Richard Smith, Ron Eynon, Jean Poole
- 16/11 Alfred Eggerton, Charlotte Mckinley, Jonathan Ratcliff, Florence Stubbs, Olive Poole, Mabel Hall, Marjorie Ball, Harry Hollingshead, Cyril Rigby, Margaret Archer, Robert Ecclestone
- 23/11 Mary Martin, Terrence Wormstone, Pamela Ferriday, John Sheridan, Harold Dickens, Mary Lochrie, Hilda Emery
- 30/11 Doreen Ratcliff, Ronald Toll, Betsy Morgan, Thomas Ferriday, Patricia Jaundrell, Mary Richards, Olive Bailey, Richard Wells

Oakengates

- 02/11 Valerie Hodson, Jim Green, Sarah Taylor, Peggy Watson, Howard Poole, Bet Massey, Edith Talbot
- 09/11 Alice Jones, Mary Jones, William Hargreaves, Hettie Bradshaw, Joyce Mountney, Hannah Jones, Aubrey Oakley
- 16/11 Gladys Whittaker, George Onions, Martha Armstrong, Joyce Lawton, Arthur Camp, Dora Whitehouse, James Pearce, Elsie Kitching, Gwen Hargreaves, Edward Munn, Elizabeth Leadham
- 23/11 William Wilkes, Elsie Kirkby, Queenie Barber, Florence Gregory, Ernest Hill, William Edwards, William Lewis
- 30/11 Gwen Green, Phyllis Bailey, Olwyn Brothwood, Ronald Russell, Winifred Tranter, Horace Burgess, Arthur Smith, Bessie Smith

Wrockwardine Wood

- 02/11 Michael Stones, Harry (Joe) Rowley, Andrew Cartwright, Dennis Harding, John Jones, William Perry, Donald (Don) Harris, George Pearce, Pat Lane, Frank Jones
- 09/11 Frederick Davies, Muriel Jones, Arnold Skellon, Alice Guest, Edith (Edie) Day, Alice Bennett, Anthony Downes
- 16/11 James Wills, Roger Rowley, William Stones, Vajah Evans, Donald Beard, William Parton MBE, Maud Silvester, Alexandra (Sandra) Lines, John Carey, Edith McCutcheon, George Oliver, Brenda Upton
- 23/11 Eva Bray, Brian Scott, Kenneth Perry, Josephine Perks, Reganold Jones, Winifred Beddall, John (Tony) Madeley, John Ball, Hannah Hughes
- 30/11 Richard B. Gaut, Mary Rappit, Arthur Buttery, Richard Beddall, Leonora Edwards, Muriel Nicholls, Alan Norman, Marjorie Molineaux, Joyce Guy, George McKerchar Tannock, Edward Brothers, Kenneth Fryer, Alan Parsons, John Carline, Florance Fenn, Grace Hiatt, Margery White, Celia Harding

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.

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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!

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>

BIBLE CHAT GROUP

The Bible Chat Group meet weekly at St Matthew's Church Donnington Wood at 11.30am. The group uses the themes from the Everyday Faith App as a basis of their weekly discussion. If you feel you would like to join these discussions please do attend as new friends are always welcome.

ECUMENICAL GATHERINGS

The November gathering will be a Quiet Morning on Friday 21st November between 9.00am - 12.30pm at Wombridge Church – theme 'Our Relationship with God, Others & Ourselves'. For more information about either of these Ecumenical events please contact Sue Rawlings.

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



WEBSITE UPDATE

The East Telford Benefice website has recently been updated and the weekly newsletter can now be found there. Each of our churches do use www.achurchnearyou.com where you can access individual church information.

SCHOOL GOVERNOR REQUIRED

A Foundation Governor at Wrockwardine Wood Junior School is required.

The school have been without a church representative since Rev Debbie moved on to pastures new in August 2024.

If this is something you feel called to then please contact Kerry in the first instance and she will get you in touch with Heather Fawcett at the Diocesan Board for Education.

Kerry is the foundation Governor for Donnington Wood CofE Junior school so is happy to talk about what might be required.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER

There are some changes to Service times on Remembrance Sunday 9th November.

- Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood - 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
- Holy Trinity Oakengates will be at the usual time of 9.30am
- St Matthew's Donnington Wood earlier time of 10.00am Morning Worship
- Remembrance at Donnington Parade - 10.45am
- Wombridge Parish Church - No Service in church
- Remembrance at Hartshill Park - 10.30am
- Remembrance at St Georges Memorial Gates – 10.45am continuing Service in Church
- St Peters Priorslee Remembrance Service outside in Churchyard at 10.50am
- Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood 10.55am Remembrance Family Praise
- St Peters at Holy Trinity Academy Holy Communion at 4.00pm



HARVEST THANKSGIVING



A huge thank you to all who have supported our harvest collection for the church foodbank this year. The picture shows just some of the food collected from direct donations, money donations to the food bank, school collections and donations from our sister churches.

Knowing just how this food can change lives we are working with our schools to offer food parcel deliveries which parents can collect from their schools.

Food hunger is something many in our congregations may never have experienced, or talk about, but from the families that we meet and who we support we learn from first-hand experience how a three-day parcel can change lives; however, we also know many who find it difficult to ask.

So, Thank you, you are all amazing, and your generosity will change someone's lives through your donation.

If you know someone in need please do direct them to the church, they can call 01952 615367 or email admin@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk to request a parcel and we are open every Wednesday morning for them to be collected. Proof of referral is not required. Where we can help we will.

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.....

The next service will be Sunday 16th November 11.00am





What? Crafts Games Stories
Fun and Food

Where ? Holy Trinity Church
Wrockwardine Wood TF27AH

When ? Saturdays 4.00-5.30pm

Dates for your Diary

8th November
13th December

Come and join our Messy
Church Team as we craft
and learn about God
finishing up with some
singing and food

Messy Church needs your help!

Our Messy Church takes place for the benefice on the 2nd Saturday of the Month at Holy Trinity Church Wrockwardine Wood. Fiona and Kerry are looking to draw up a rota of helpers who would be able to help and oversee a craft table and talk about God/Jesus to those who attend.

We have some wonderful parent helpers who are just at the beginning of their Christian journey and hope to have some of our wonderful congregation members come along and support them and help us out.

If you think you would like to be part of the team why not come along to the next one on the 08th November at 4pm and see what we do and maybe explore how you could fit in. Just speak to Kerry or Fiona to find out more.

Our aim is to build a team so we can continue to run this as a monthly service, rather than taking it to a quarterly event.



**Holy Trinity Oakengates
September 2025
Sponsored Walk**

*The Results are in! - Well done to all who
walked and thank you to all the
donations – we raised over £1000 for
Church funds!*



Holy Trinity Church Wrockwardine Wood
Church Road Wrockwardine Wood TF27AH

Forget me not service
Sunday
2nd of November 2024
4pm



**you are invited along with your family, and
friends to come together to give thanks for
the life of your loved ones and to remember
them in the stillness.**

Call 01952 615367 and let us know if you are planning on coming or to
get more information



Holy Trinity Church Oakengates

Presents

Key Change Choir

A Professional Excellent Mixed Choir

Led by Lucy Key

Thursday 6th November

At 7-30 pm

Tickets £10-00 to include wine and nibbles

From Annette on 01952 612716

Or any Church member

All proceeds to the Church Fund

ORGAN RECITAL

Our benefice friend and organist David Fisher will be giving an Organ Recital on the new huge 'hybrid' organ at Much Wenlock Parish Church on Saturday 8th November at 1.00pm.

The Parish of Much Wenlock is just over the Diocese boarder in the Hereford Diocese and there are some lovely shops and places to see. If you are visiting Much Wenlock on that day or would like a afternoon musical experience please call in – and entry is free!



Dementia-Friendly Church Training

Why? We'll focus together on dementia.

There are lots of good reasons to come:

- I'm affected by dementia.
- We know people in our family/church/community affected by dementia.
- We want to become more aware what it's like for people living with dementia, understanding more about how we can keep in step as patterns change.
- We want our church and community, and groups we run, to be welcoming and inclusive to people living with dementia.
- Dementia's not talked about much.
- We'd like to know a bit more about dementia and dementia-friendly church.

None of us has to face the deep waters of dementia alone: we can share resources, experience and encouragement across our dementia-friendly churches network.

Where? Oxon Church, Welshpool Road, Bicton Heath, Shrewsbury, SY3 5AH

NOTE: The church does not have dedicated car parking, but the Manager of the Toby Inn, opposite the church, is happy for us to park to the rear of the pub.

When? Saturday 8 November 2025

Welcome and a cuppa from 9:30am

for a prompt start at 10am, finishing by 12:30pm

Who? Anyone from local churches and from the community is welcome to come.

Why not bring two or three people from your family / group / church?

The session will be led by Sarah Thorpe,
Dementia-Friendly Church Enabler, Diocese of Lichfield

Booking? For anyone from Oxon and Shelton, please book your free place with

Revd. Charlotte Gompertz on revcharlotteoxon@gmail.com or 01743 235369.

For anyone else, please book your free place here:

<https://DementiaFriendlyChurchOxon8Nov25.eventbrite.co.uk>

For further information, contact

Sarah Thorpe sarah.thorpe@lichfield.anglican.org or 0798 224 8949.

Where are we encountering dementia in our church/community? What are our experiences of dementia? Dementia is part of every community – and across all age groups 50% of people fear dementia more than any other health condition, according to a recent survey. So, as people of faith, believing that perfect love casts out fear, it's important that we name and face dementia together.

Dementia affects many people. It brings very real challenges and changes over time. As dementia progresses, patterns of life change not just for the person with dementia but for those around them, their family and their church or community too. Many of us have direct experience of dementia ourselves, perhaps with a partner or a parent, a friend or a neighbour.

Our Dementia-Friendly Churches network supports churches in becoming more dementia-friendly churches at the heart of dementia-friendly communities. Across the Diocese of Lichfield, many churches are taking action on dementia are part of this network. More than 100 churches are involved – and, whether or not you are already involved, this session is a good opportunity for churches to come together in increasing understanding and taking next steps.

Sarah Thorpe, our Diocese of Lichfield Dementia-Friendly Church Enabler, is going to run a Dementia-Friendly Church Training session at Oxon Church, Welshpool Road, Bicton Heath, Shrewsbury, SY3 5AH. The training will be held on Saturday 8 November 2025, with a welcome and a cuppa from 9:30am ready for a prompt start at 10am, finishing by 12:30pm. *NOTE: The church does not have dedicated car parking, but the Manager of the Toby Inn, opposite the church, is happy for us to park to the rear of the pub.*

Do come along – and encourage others from your church/community to do so. It's an opportunity to:

- Increase dementia awareness, so that we understand more about dementia and can stay in step as patterns change through advancing dementia; and
- Work together in welcoming and understanding, respecting and supporting, listening to and learning from people affected by dementia, giving space for everyone to participate and contribute.

Dementia raises profound questions which go to the heart of our faith. Our experience, across our Network, is that as we stay in step together sharing more understanding more about dementia and listening to its impact, we go deeper in our spirituality and faith. This can help us to understand more of what it is to be human – and of where God is, as we live through the unchosen challenges of dementia.

Book your free place here: <https://DementiaFriendlyChurchOxon8Nov25.eventbrite.co.uk>

Sarah Thorpe, Dementia-Friendly Church Enabler, Diocese of Lichfield
sarah.thorpe@lichfield.anglican.org | 0798 224 894




All welcome at the Wombridge Church Beetle Drive with Fish 'n' Chips, Coffee and Cake




Saturday 15th November 6.00pm to 8.30pm




Fun evening for all ages!
No experience needed ☺
£8 for adults & £4 for children
Ticket required – contact Chris on
07930245773 or add your name to
the list in Church

Compline via Zoom

As a Benefice we are grateful to Nigel who hosts Compline via Zoom at 8pm on Monday and Friday evenings.

For more information please contact Nigel at Nigelcollins8561@gmail.com

Ecumenical Service

Quiet Morning
on Friday 21st November
9.00am -12.30pm
at Wombridge Church
– theme 'Our Relationship with God,
Others & Ourselves'.

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.



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 26th November 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.

Wombridge Parish Church **SONGS OF REMEMBRANCE** **REMEMBERED IN LOVE**

You are invited to attend this Memorial Service
Come & Light a Candle
as we remember our loved ones



Sunday 23rd November 2025
4.00pm

CHORAL EVENSONG



Would you like to sing full Choral Evensong?
St George's Church will be providing the opportunity to sing with the choir on
30th November at 6pm

This date and other information can be found on the Choral Evensong website: [Choral Evensong](http://ChoralEvensong)

St George's choir gladly extend an invitation to all choir members and singers across East Telford Benefice to join them for these services.

The rehearsals for the June service will be held at St George's church on:

Friday 14th, 21st, 28th November

All rehearsals will start at 7pm and last about an hour.

WHIST UPDATE

Due to heating costs at Holy Trinity Church Oakengates, the monthly Whist event will be taking place throughout the winter months on the first Tuesday Evening of the month at 7pm at Maddocks Sports & Social Club. Players will be able to purchase tea, coffee or something stronger from the bar. Everyone welcome.

JUST AROUND THE CORNER.....CHRISTMAS EVENTS



The Joy of Christmas

Welcome Saturday

Do you have an hour or so to spare on Saturday, 15th November?

Do you and your children enjoy arts and crafts?

Resources and refreshments are free!

Raffle, bric-a-brac and book sale in aid of Church funds

Memory Menders to share some of their recycled items

15th November 2025
11.00a.m. – 1.00p.m.

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH
DONNINGTON WOOD

Sat Nav Ref TF2 7HP

This month we will be making felt free decorations and



Christingles – always a favourite of the young and not so young!



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

St Matthew's Church	
CHRISTMAS EVENTS	
The Joy of Christmas	
Saturday, 15th November 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Prepare for the Joy of Christmas at our Monthly Welcome Saturday make a felt tree decoration and/or Christingle
Saturday, 22nd November 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Join us at Donnington Community Hub Christmas Fayre
Friday, 28th November 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm	The lights switch on of the Churchyard Nativity Scene Come and join us for some favourite carols and enjoy a hot chocolate and mince pie too
Wed, 3rd Dec 10.30 a.m.	Advent mid-week worship in Church
Thursday, 4th December 4.30 pm	Carols by candlelight in Church with children from St Matthew's C.E. Primary School.
Wed, 10th Dec 10.30 a.m.	Advent mid-week worship in Church
17th December – 10.30 am	Carol Service at Barclay Gardens
Saturday, 20th December 11.00 am-1.00pm	Welcome Saturday, come and join our Christmas workshop – resources supplied, free refreshments
Sunday 21st 3.00 p.m.	All age Carol Service
Christmas Eve 3.00 p.m.	Family Christmas service in Church.
9.00 pm	Dress for the season – Christmas hats & jumpers.
	Bethlehem Mass with Eucharist, join us as we celebrate Jesus' birth as Christmas Day celebrations begin in Bethlehem.
Christmas Day	No service at St Matthew's.

There will be a warm welcome at all the planned events, and the Churchyard reflections will be accessible throughout Advent. Please feel free to bring along a prayer ribbon to attach to the stable whenever you visit. Sunday worship will continue to take place at 11.00 a.m. during Advent.

ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH
DONNINGTON WOOD

INVITES YOU TO

The Illumination of the Churchyard Nativity Stable

23rd NOVEMBER 2025
AT 6.00 P.M.

START YOUR CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES WITH US HERE AT ST MATTHEW'S.

JOIN US IN YOUR PARISH CHURCHYARD AS WE LIGHT UP THE NATIVITY STABLE, SING SOME FAVOURITE CAROLS AND ENJOY HOT CHOCOLATE AND MINCE PIES.

EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS, OLD AND NEW

St Georges Church

Christmas is fast approaching!

Gifts galore at our
Christmas Fair
Saturday 29th November 2025
from 10am



Stalls including Cakes, Books, Toys, Bric-a-Brac Games and Refreshments



All are invited to our Advent and Christmas Services:
30th November – Advent Sunday
6pm Choral Evensong



24th December
4pm Family Crib Service
6.30pm Carols by Candlelight



25th December
9.30am Family Communion

1st January
12pm New Year Dedication

Visit us online at: <https://alantalbot.wixsite.com/stgeorgeschurch>



Holy Trinity Oakengates

Christmas 2025 Service Dates

30th November 10:30am: Advent Sunday Joint Benefice Service at - Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood

7th December 9:30am: Christingle Service

14th December 9:30am: Holy Communion

21st December 6pm: Carols by Candlelight With Festive Refreshments

24th December 11:45pm: Midnight Mass

25th December 9:30am: Holy Communion Benefice Service at St Georges Parish Church

A Warm Welcome awaits all
 Holyhead Road, Oakengates, TF2 6BN



OAKENGATES CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

- Saturday 29th November

The East Telford Benefice will be represented by two of our churches again this year and both are looking for help & volunteers.

Wombridge Church – will be holding a tombola as well as letting people know about their Christmas events and services.

Holy Trinity Oakengates – will have a Tombola Stall. If you are able to donate items towards this or spare some time to support the stall please contact the fundraising committee.



St Georges Christmas Fayre & Light Switch on 2025

Music, Entertainment, Magic, Dancing & Much More

Visit Santa & Receive a gift

3:30pm Opening by
St Georges Primary School
Choir & Mayor of Telford & Wrekin Council

Friday 28th November 2025
3:30pm till 6:30 pm
(Lights on 6:30pm)

ASTON HOUSE St Georges, TF29JY

6:30pm Lights switched on by the
cast of Little Theatre Donnington

Stalls, Food, Refreshments, Photo Booth,
Balloon Modelling, Crafts for Kids

ELICE IN WONDERLAND

Logos: BPE, ASDA, LT, TRANTER, ASDA, ASDA

FREE ENTRY

Priorslee Residents Association

Christmas Fayre

30th November 11-4pm

Lakeside Garden Centre, Priorslee TF2 9TT

Santa's Grotto ~ Festive Stalls ~ Food Court
Brass Band & Fun Surprises!

Oakengates Town Council
THE HEART OF TELFORD

OAKENGATES CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2025
2PM TO 7PM
MARKET STREET, OAKENGATES



Tech Made Friendly – 2025 locations

Free digital skills programme in Telford & Wrekin to residents aged 18+

Join our friendly, six session courses designed to help you feel confident using your device. Step by step guidance, in a supportive group session to help you master the basics including:

- Staying in touch using email, texts, phone or video calls
- Use the internet to find local news, services, events and more
- Access your health information & order repeat prescriptions online
- Take, view and share photos or documents with confidence
- Stay safe online: helpful tips to stay safe from scams

Bring your smartphone, tablet or laptop. No device? Help may be available (conditions apply).

To book your place or find out more, www.telford.gov.uk/facetoface or call **01952 380000**

Available at: Holy Trinity Church Wrockwardine Wood

Where	When	Session Time
Newport Community Library	Mon 29 th Sept - Mon 3 rd Nov	10.00 -11.30am
The Silver Threads Hall, Donnington	Mon 29 th Sept - Mon 3 rd Nov	1.30 - 3.00pm
Wrockwardine Village Hall	Tue 30 th Sept - Tue 4 th Nov	10.00 -11.30am
Oakengates Rest Room	Tue 30 th Sept - Tue 4 th Nov	1.30 - 3.00pm
Holy Trinity Church, Wrockwardine Wood	Mon 10 th Nov - Mon 15 th Dec	10.00 -11.30am
Malinslee Healthcare Centre	Mon 10 th Nov - Mon 15 th Dec	1.30 - 3.00pm
Horsehay Village Hall	Wed 12 th Nov - Wed 17 th Dec	10.00 -11.30am
Tibberton Village Hall	Wed 12 th Nov - Wed 17 th Dec	1.30 - 3.00pm

PRAY BAKE READ

PRAY....INTENTIONALLY FOR YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL
BAKE....A CAKE FOR STAFF EVERY HALF TERM
READ....1:1 WITH A STUDENT ONCE A WEEK



Would you like to support children at The Lantern Academy, Ketley Bank by spending 1-2 hours a week with pupils listening to them read on a 1:1 (Thursday afternoons 1-3pm, Years 1 & 2 infants).

Why do we want to do this?

As Christians, the Bible teaches us to love our neighbour. Our church and the many schools in our Benefice are close neighbours in our community and we want to show God's love to them by serving them in a practical way. It really is that simple.

If you are interested please speak to Julia Ayers, or contact newsletter@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk and your details will be passed to the organiser.

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, Churchwardens or the Benefice Admin office 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.

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 breakfast/lunch (toast, 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



Tea & Toast Warm space Food bank & Clothes bank

Open each Wednesday
9.00 - 11.00

We would love to make you welcome at our Warm space Tea & Toast each Wednesday. Come in have a cuppa chat with our volunteers.

get to know some new people, browse the clothing and request a food parcel. just ask one of the volunteers.



Tea & Toast



we are grateful for the support of our local parish councillors who support our warm space





Wednesday
12 - 2 pm



St. Peter's Priorslee Community

Every Thursday

at Priorslee Scout HQ, Snedshill Way, TF2 9QQ
1.00pm - 3.00pm

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

5. Open questions can be hard: 'What did you do this morning?'

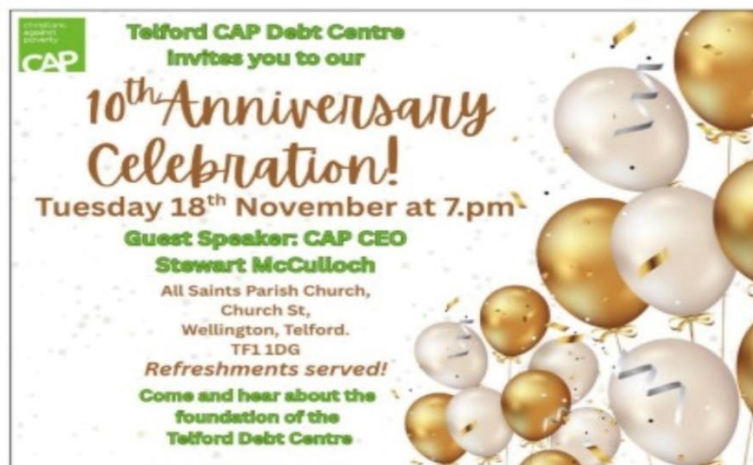
Avoid asking too many open-ended questions about the past, as it could be stressful for a person with dementia if they can't remember the answer. While it might seem polite to ask somebody about their day, it's better to focus on what's happening in the present.

Try this instead:

Instead of asking them about their day, speak briefly about your day and give them time to ask you questions about it.

They might then offer information about what they have done. Talk to them about the present and use items in the environment such as photos or ornaments to stimulate conversation.

From the Deanery & Diocese



SING ALOUD! HYMN WRITING COMPETITION

As part of their Organ Restoration Project, All Saints Church Wellington are running a hymn writing competition, 'Sing Aloud 2025' to find new hymns and new hymn tunes to use when the restoration is complete. With four different categories including one specifically for under-18s, it is hoped this will be of interest to a wide range of musicians and writers.

Deadline for entries: 31 January 2026

For more information see website

– www.allsaints-wellington.org.uk





Lichfield Cathedral Christmas Lights Show 2025

Monday 15 - Sunday 21 December from 17:30

Join us for a light spectacular by the acclaimed animation team: Illuminos. New for 2025 at Lichfield Cathedral: The Robin's Reward – enjoy spectacular projections and beautiful lights around The Close and on the iconic West Front of the Cathedral. Enjoy popular carols and take a moment inside to reflect and celebrate this special time of year.

New for 2025: The Robin's Reward - Journey with us through the story of one little robin.

Includes after-hours access to the Christmas Tree Festival, Gift Shop and Crib. A perfect evening out for family and friends of all ages.

We usually advise visitors to allow around an hour for the full experience.

Tickets

Monday 15 - Wednesday 17 December

£11.50 per adult (Aged 16+)

£8 per child (Aged 2-16 years)

£35 family ticket (2 adults & 2 Children)

Under 2's go free.

Thursday 18 - Sunday 21 December

£14 per adult (Aged 16+)

£11 per child (Aged 2-16 years)

£48 family ticket (2 adults & 2 Children)

Under 2's go free.

To book tickets - <https://www.lichfield-cathedral.org/what-s-on/lightshow>

Installation of the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury

The Installation of the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally, will take place at Canterbury Cathedral on Wednesday 25 March 2026, the Feast of the Annunciation.

Historically known as an enthronement, the Installation marks the symbolic start of the Archbishop of Canterbury's public ministry in the Church of England and across the Anglican Communion.

Rooted in centuries of tradition, the service will look forward with the hope of Jesus Christ - and celebrate the diversity of the Church of England, the nation and the Anglican Communion today.

Archbishop Sarah will be installed on the Cathedral Chair (Cathedra) as the Diocesan Bishop of the See of Canterbury, the oldest diocese in the English church. Following this, she will be installed on the Chair of St Augustine (St Augustine Cathedra) as Primate of All England, which also symbolises her ministry in the Anglican Communion.

The Feast of the Annunciation celebrates the day the Angel Gabriel told Mary she would be the mother of Jesus.

Details about the Installation service will be shared in the lead up to the service.

Bishop Sarah remains Bishop of London until her Confirmation of Election at St Paul's Cathedral on 28 January 2026, at which she will legally become the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Until then, as well as preparing to begin her ministry as Archbishop, Bishop Sarah is fulfilling her remaining commitments as Bishop of London.



Article taken from:

<https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/news/news-and-statements/installation-106th-archbishop-canterbury>



Leave your lights on

With the darker night's drawing in we are sharing simple ways to protect your home. It is much easier for burglars to operate using the cover of night and they embrace the longer hours of darkness, but you can help yourself from being a victim of crime.

When the evenings are dark, this gives burglars a clearer understanding if a property is unoccupied. They are more likely to pick one that seems empty without lights on than one that has. If you leave a light on, or even have a light set on a timer, you will reduce the risk of an opportunist burglar targeting your home.

More crime prevention advice can be found here:

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>



Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 289

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, Israel and the wider Middle East.

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Sunday 2nd November: (*Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)*)

We commence a series of prayers for Uttoxeter deanery by lifting before you all of our church schools there. We pray for the two All Saints schools in both Church Leigh and Denstone and for the two St Peter's in both Alton and Marchington. We pray for Dove and Ryecroft schools in Rocester and for Hutchinson Memorial in Checkley. In Uttoxeter itself we pray for three schools, St Mary's, Tynsel Parkes, and Windsor Park. May your hand rest upon the staff and volunteers who work in each of these schools in whatever role; and for all the children and their families who are part of them.

Monday 3rd: (*Richard Hooker, Priest, Anglican Apologist, Teacher of the Faith, 1600. Martin of Porres, Friar, 1639*)

Dear Lord, on St Winifrede's Day we pray for Shrewsbury Abbey, where her remains reside, and so too their sister church of St Peter's Monkmoor. We thank you for the leaders both lay and ordained that have been serving these churches through a period of Vacancy. We lift the future of these churches before you.

Tuesday 4th:

Lord, we bring before you today's latest twilight session of SIAMS training from the education team, this time around '[The school curriculum and spiritual development](#)'. May it indeed help towards its goal of 'enabling spiritual flourishing through collective worship'. We also pray for a positive experience for all concerned at the next '[Coffee, Cake, and Chat](#)' gathering at St Chad's House.

Wednesday 5th:

Lord, we humbly ask for your wisdom and guidance for two different meetings as they take place this morning. We pray for the Shrewsbury Area Mission and Pastoral Committee, and for the Trusts Projects, Loans and Grants Team. Lord, please with all those involved in these meetings, both involved behind the scenes, or affected by the decisions they take; please guide those decisions to further your mission in this place.

Thursday 6th: (*Leonard, Hermit, 6th century. William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1944*)

Dear Lord, we bring before you three different events all happening this morning. We pray for this year's Selwyn Lecture taking place at Lichfield Cathedral, and for Bishop Michael and the Speakers as they explore the theme of '[Where is Trust, Truth and Transparency Today?](#)'. Lord, please encourage each of us to value and better demonstrate those three virtues. We also pray for two different events from our education team, exploring '[Spirituality and Creating a Culture of Justice and Responsibility](#)' and '[Dharmic religions and world views](#)', both further north in Staffordshire. We pray that delegates and speakers alike may leave inspired, informed, and encouraged from the sessions.

Finally Lord, on St Leonard's day we pray for each of the churches in the diocese dedicated to him; for each of the churches in Bilston, Blithfield, Bradley le Moors, Dunston, Ipstones, Malinslee, Marston, Wigginton, Wombridge, and Woore. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on all of these churches and each of the communities they serve.

Friday 7th: (*Willibrord of York, Bishop, Apostle of Frisia, 739*)

We continue our prayers for Uttoxeter deanery by lifting before you the Vacancies there, and we pray for the right appointments to soon be made to lead both the Uttoxeter Team and also the Dove and Churnet Benefice. We pray for the churches that are directly affected and thank you for all those people leading and serving in them; for each of those churches in Croxden, Denstone, Hollington, Kingstone, Leigh, Marchington, and Rocester.

Saturday 8th: (*The Saints and Martyrs of England*)

Today we pray for different events taking place in Shropshire. We pray for the [Study Day on the Gospel of Matthew](#) taking place at Telford Minster, please bless and guide the Speaker Dave Allen so that all those who come may discover more about the gospel - and more about the person that it's about.

So too we pray for the [Dementia-Friendly Church Training](#) taking place at Oxon in Shrewsbury, that it may help more of our churches to better support the vulnerable people that they encounter.

Finally, a collect from '[Exciting Holiness](#)' both remembering those Saints from the past that we recall today, and offering a challenge for us all in the present and future;

God, whom the glorious company of the redeemed adore, assembled from all times and places of your dominion: we praise you for the saints of our own land and for the many lamps their holiness has lit; and we pray that we also may be numbered at last with those who have done your will and declared your righteousness; 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.

To get these prayer points delivered to your mobile automatically via the free PrayerMate app on iOS & Android [click here](#)

For prayer resources for the worldwide church see the Anglican cycle of prayer: anglicancommunion.org/resources/prayer.aspx