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Verse for 2025

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4 v 13

Welcome to our Services

This Week Sunday 7th December 2025 Second Sunday of Advent

9.30am - All Age Service at Stafford

11.15am - Holy Communion at Tixall

Bible Readings:

Romans 15 v 4 to 13 Matthew 3 v 1 to 12

Monday 8th December

8.00am - Morning Prayer at Stafford

Wednesday 10th December

2.00pm - Holy Communion at Stafford

Bible Readings:

Psalm 86

Matthew 15 v 29 to 39

Next Week

Sunday 14th December 2025 Third Sunday of Advent

9.30am - Holy Communion at Stafford

11.15am - Holy Communion at Tixall

Bible Readings:

James 5 v 7 to 10 Matthew 11 v 2 to 11

Monday 8th December

8.00am - Morning Prayer at Stafford

Wednesday 17th December

2.00pm - Carol Service at Stafford Bible Readings:

Isaiah Ch 7 v 14 & Ch 9 v 6 & 7 Matthew 1 v 18 to 25

MEMORY VERSE

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15 v 13

BENEFICE NOTICES AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Memories - Our next meeting for anyone living with dementia or Alzheimer's and their carers will be a Dementia Friendly Carol Service on Tuesday 9th December 2025 from 2.00pm at St Johns, Stafford.

Home Groups - are now on their Christmas Break until the New Year.

Christmas Gifts - We will be collecting items for **Women's Aid** again this year. A list of items required for their hampers is on the Charity Noticeboard in the foyer and on the box in church. Many thanks, WFG.

Tixall Coffee Morning - come and join us this Saturday, 13th December, at 10.30am. There will be craft stalls for those special Christmas Gifts as well as homemade cakes for sale.

Stafford Sinfonia - this Saturday 13th December 2025. Please could I have volunteers to serve refreshments during the concert interval. The audience will be served in the hall and the musicians probably self service in the Lady Chapel. Preparation will start at about 2pm for tea, coffee & mince pies. The concert begins at 3pm. Tickets are £10.00 and can be purchased online through Stafford Sinfonia, click on 'Concerts' then scroll to Dec 13th

(accompanied school age children are free). Anne Scott

Christmas Services - please look out for posters and fliers with dates and times for all of the services taking place in December at Stafford and in the villages.

Eco-Church at St John's, Stafford - Volunteers are needed to join the new Eco Church group which will be starting to work on gaining Bronze Eco Church status for our church. We particularly need people with knowledge of gardening and anyone who is enthusiastic about sustainability and climate change issues.

See https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/ or the attached flier with the QR code for further details. Please speak to Pete Fryatt or Marianne Parkes after the service or email the office to have your details passed on if you would like to join us.

Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us.

your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please pray we may be united as the people of God carrying each others burdens so we may all walk in freedom.

If you would like to request prayer then please email our church office.

For church members in the benefice there is a prayer list available as part of the emailed notice sheet. If you are not already on the mailing list please let Jackie know that you would like to have your name added.