

This Week

Sunday 21st December 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent

4.00pm - Carol Service at Stafford6.00pm - Carol Service at Tixall

Monday 22nd December

8.00am - Morning Prayer at Stafford

Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve

4.00pm - Christingle Service at Stafford

Bible Readings:

Luke 2 v 1 to 7 Luke 2 v 8 to 16

8.00pm - Christmas Communion at Stafford

11.30pm - Midnight Communion at Ingestre

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 52 v 7 to 10 John 1 v 1 to 14

Thursday 25th December Christmas Day

9.00am - Holy Communion at Tixall 10.30am - Holy Communion at Stafford

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 9 v 2 to 7 Iohn 1 v 1 to 14

Sunday 28th December 2025 Christmas 1

9.30am - Holy Communion at Stafford

11.15am - Holy Communion at Ingestre

Bible Readings:

1 Corinthians 1 v 26 to 29 Matthew 2 v 13 to 18

Wednesday 31st December New Year's Eve

9.00pm - Party at Stafford with service at 11.30pm

Sunday 4th January 2026 Christmas 2 & Epiphany

9.30am - All Age Worship at Stafford11.15am - Holy Communion at Tixall

Bible Readings:

Ephesians 3 v 1 to 12 Matthew 2 v 1 to 12

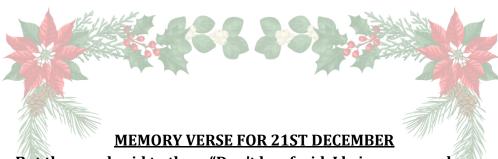
Monday

8.00am - Morning Prayer at Stafford Wednesday

2.00pm - Holy Communion at Stafford

Bible Readings:

Psalm 148 Matthew 20 v 29 to 34



But the angel said to them "Don't be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

Luke 2 v 10

MEMORY VERSE FOR 28TH DECEMBER

"but God choose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

1 Corinthians 1 v 27

MEMORY VERSE FOR 4TH JANUARY

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I summoned you by name; you are mine." Isaiah 43 v 1

BENEFICE NOTICES AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Christmas and New Year Services - all of the services are on the front page up to Wednesday 7th January 2026.

Home Groups - will return on Tuesday 6th January at 7.00pm and Wednesday 7th January at 3.15pm. The new topic will be John's Gospel. New members are welcome.

Children's Groups - Megan will be back on;
Sunday 4th January with All Age Worship at 9.30am
Monday 5th with Sunbeams at 9.15am
Tuesday 6th with TnT at 5.00pm
Wednesday 7th with Zone at 6.00pm

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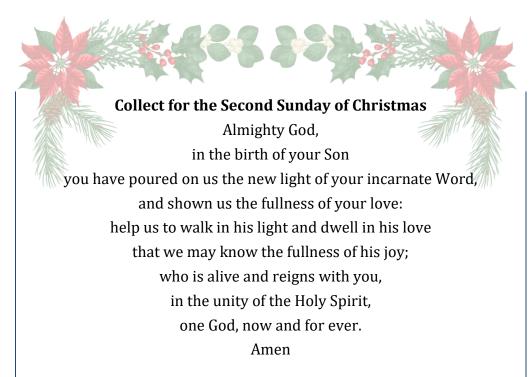
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stjohnsstafford Tixall and Ingestre News and Events

Tixall and Ingestre Village Hall



Carl, Sue and the Team
would like to wish you
a Blessed Christmas
and
Joyous New Year



Memories - Our next meeting for anyone living with dementia or Alzheimer's and their carers will be on Tuesday 13th January 2026 from 2.00pm at St Johns, Stafford.

Tixall Coffee Morning - there is no coffee morning in January 2026 but we will be back on Saturday, 14th February, at 10.30am so come and join us. There will be craft stalls for those special gifts as well as homemade cakes for sale.

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.

Women's Aid Christmas Gifts - A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone for their donations. They were gratefully received and will go to let the women and children know that they are being thought of at this time.

Office Closed for Christmas and New Year - Jackie will be back in on Tuesday 6th January 2026.



God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Collect for Christmas Night

Amen

Eternal God,
who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;
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 for Christmas Day

Almighty God,
you have given us your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that we, who have been born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
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.

Collect for the First Sunday of Christmas

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.