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Newsletter

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28th</b> <i>The First Sunday of Christmas</i> <b>8.30 Eucharist S Chad's</b> C&P Revd John Davis <i>followed by Prayer During the Day</i> <b>10.00 Sung Eucharist S Mary's</b> C Preb Michael Newman P Revd John Davis	<b>29th</b> <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	<b>30th</b> <b>NO EUCHARIST TODAY</b>	<b>31st</b> <i>John Wyclif, 1384</i> <b>NO EUCHARIST TODAY</b>  7.00pm Ringers Practice S Mary's	<b>1st Jan</b> <i>The naming and circumcision of Jesus</i>  4.00pm Visiting bell ringers S Mary's	<b>2nd Jan</b> <i>Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, 379 and 389; Seraphim, 1833; Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, 1945</i> <b>NO EUCHARIST TODAY</b>  NO CHILDREN'S CHOIR 7.30pm Choir practice S Mary's	<b>3rd Jan</b>
<b>4th</b> <i>The Epiphany</i> <b>8.30 Eucharist S Chad's</b> C P Revd John Davis <i>followed by Prayer During the Day</i> <b>10.00 Sung Eucharist S Mary's</b> C P Revd John Davis <b>10.00 Morning Prayer S Leonard's</b> Philip Taylor	<b>5th</b> 9.00am Morning Prayer (Zoom)	<b>6th</b> 9.00am Morning Prayer (Zoom) <b>Noon Eucharist S Mary's</b>	<b>7th</b> 9.00am Morning Prayer (Zoom) <b>11.00am Eucharist S Chad's</b>  7.00pm Ringers Practice S Mary's 7.30pm Festival Committee meeting S Mary's	<b>8th</b>	<b>9th</b> 9.00am Morning Prayer (Zoom) <b>Noon Eucharist S Chad's</b>  4.45pm Children's Choir practice 7.30pm Choir practice S Mary's	<b>10th</b> <i>William Laud, 1645 Archbishop of Canterbury,</i> 11.00am Coffee Concert S Mary's <i>Yun-Jou Lin (Piano)</i> 2.00pm Bible Course Session 3 S Mary's 3.00pm Peal to mark the 50th Anniversary of Selwyn's First Peal
<b>11th</b> <i>The Baptism of Christ</i> <b>8.30 Eucharist S Chad's</b> C Revd Preb Michael Newman P Philip Taylor <i>followed by Prayer During the Day</i> <b>10.00 Sung Eucharist S Mary's</b> C Revd Preb Michael Newman P Philip Taylor	<b>12th</b> <i>Aelred of Hexham, 1167; Benedict Biscop, 689</i> 9.00am Morning Prayer (Zoom)	<b>13th</b> <i>Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, 367; Kentigern, 603; George Fox, 1691</i> 9.00am Morning Prayer (Zoom) <b>Noon Eucharist S Mary's</b>  7.00pm PCC meeting S Mary's	<b>14th</b> 9.00am Morning Prayer (Zoom) <b>11.00am Eucharist S Chad's</b>  7.00pm Ringers Practice S Mary's	<b>15th</b> 9.00am Morning Prayer (Zoom)  7.00pm- 12 Bell practice S Mary's	<b>16th</b> 9.00am Morning Prayer (Zoom) <b>Noon Eucharist S Chad's</b>  4.45pm Children's Choir practice 7.30pm Choir practice S Mary's	<b>17th</b> <i>Antony of Egypt, 356; Charles Gore, 1932</i>
<b>18th</b> <i>The Second Sunday of Epiphany</i> <b>8.30 Eucharist S Chad's</b> C P Revd John Davis <i>followed by Prayer During the Day</i> <b>10.00 Family Eucharist S Mary's</b> C Revd Pam Merriott P Preb Michael Newman <b>6.30 Epiphany Carol Service S Mary's</b>	<b>19th</b> <i>Wulfstan, 1095</i> 9.00am Morning Prayer (Zoom) 10.15am Court Service S Mary's	<b>20th</b> <i>Richard Rolle of Hampole, 1349</i> 9.00am Morning Prayer (Zoom) <b>Noon Eucharist S Mary's</b>	<b>21st</b> <i>Agnes, 304</i> 9.00am Morning Prayer (Zoom) <b>11.00am Eucharist S Chad's</b>  7.00pm Ringers Practice S Mary's	<b>22nd</b> <i>Vincent of Saragossa, 304</i> 9.00am Morning Prayer (Zoom)  Noon-4.00pm Afternoon Tea for Christmas Tree Festival volunteers S Mary's 7.00pm- 12 Bell practice S Mary's	<b>23rd</b> 9.00am Morning Prayer (Zoom) <b>Noon Eucharist S Chad's</b>  4.45pm Children's Choir practice 7.30pm Choir practice S Mary's	<b>24th</b> <i>Frances de Sales, 1622</i> 11.00 Coffee Concert S Mary's <i>Manchester Reed Trio</i>
<b>25th</b> <i>The Conversion of St Paul</i> <b>8.30 Eucharist S Chad's</b> C&P Preb Michael Newman <i>followed by Prayer During the Day</i> <b>10.00 Sung Eucharist S Mary's</b> C&P Preb Michael Newman 11.30 Baptism S Chad's <b>6.30pm Holocaust Memorial Service S Mary's</b>	<b>26th</b> 9.00am Morning Prayer (Zoom)	<b>27th</b> 9.00am Morning Prayer (Zoom) <b>Noon Eucharist S Mary's</b>	<b>28th</b> <i>Thomas Aquinas, 1274</i> 9.00am Morning Prayer (Zoom) <b>11.00am Eucharist S Chad's</b>  7.00pm Ringers Practice S Mary's	<b>29th</b> 9.00am Morning Prayer (Zoom)	<b>30th</b> <i>Charles, King and Martyr , 1649</i> 9.00am Morning Prayer (Zoom) <b>Noon Eucharist S Chad's</b>  4.45pm Children's Choir practice 7.30pm Choir practice S Mary's	<b>31st</b> <i>John Bosco, 1888</i>

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**COFFEE CONCERTS**

**January 2026**

**11am**

**Saturday 10th**  
 Yun-Jou Lin (piano)

**Saturday 24th**  
 Manchester Reed Trio

*Doors open at 10.30am*  
*Admission free, donations gratefully received*

The One World Group sends a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their generosity and support for Hospice Care Kenya, House of Bread and Christian Food Help during 2025.

**Hospice Care Kenya**

We have received 5 copies of the HCK newsletter for winter 2025-2026. They are located at the back of the church. Feel free to browse or borrow and explore how your generous donations help those with life-limiting conditions and their families.

**Stafford Food Banks.**

The One World Group would like to thank everyone who donated at the collection points in St Chad's and St Mary's churches for House of bread and Christian food help. CFH has delivered over 200,000 meals since 2012. The One World Group sponsored a Christmas tree on behalf of Christian Food Help, Stafford at the Christmas Tree Festival this year, to raise awareness of food poverty families and individuals experience here in Stafford.

Thank you all, through your kindness, compassionate care, and food can reach those most in need. Wishing everyone a happy 2026.'

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**Epiphany 2026**

**Morning Prayer**  
 Sunday 4th January 2026, 10.00am  
 at Saint Leonard's Marston

**Carols for Epiphany**  
 Sunday 18th January 2026, 6.30pm  
 at Saint Mary's Stafford

The choir and musicians of the Collegiate Church

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**StaffordChurches.uk** Sunday 25th January 6.30pm,  
 at St Mary's Stafford

**A Service for Holocaust Memorial Day 2026**  
**BRIDGING GENERATIONS**



**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 27/1**

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**Please take this newsletter away with you.**  
 StaffordChurches in February will come out on January 25th. If you have something to go into the calendar, please tell Samantha in the Parish Office before January 20th.

**Key Dates for 2026**

18th January: Epiphany Carol Service

17th-22nd February: There is no planet B  
 Environmental arts at Saint Chad's

17th February: Shrove Tuesday

18th February: Ash Wednesday, Lent begins

8th March: Confirmation Service Saint Mary's

15th March: Mothering Sunday

29th March: Palm Sunday

5th April: Easter Sunday

24th May: Pentecost, Eastertide ends

31st May: Trinity Sunday

20th June-5th July: Saint Mary's Summer Festival

8th November: Remembrance Sunday

22nd November: Christ the King

29th November: Advent Sunday

*The Clergy &  
 Churchwardens  
 of the parishes of  
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 wish our readers  
 every blessing in 2026*