

St Mark's Parish Church, Shelfield & High Heath

12th After Trinity

23rd August, 2026



St Mark's is part of
Inclusive Church

Lichfield
Diocese LGBT+
Chaplaincy
BIBLE STUDY

TODAY,
Sunday, 23rd
August
4:00 p.m.

Currently
Studying:
"God Didn't Make
Us to Hate Us" by
Rev. Lizzie
McManus-Dail

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Bishop Michael's Pilgrimage — 4th Sept

To celebrate the *Feast of Creation in Christ*
Bishop Michael will be undertaking a
pilgrimage on Friday 4th September following
a number of churches who have committed to
eco church. **Bishop Michael will be visiting
St Mark's at approximately 10:25 a.m.**

If possible it would be lovely if you could be
here to greet the Bishop when he arrives.

Intercession Rota

The PCC would like to set up a rota again for
the leading of intercessions during services.

**Please could you let a member of the
Ministry Team know if you are interested
in volunteering?**

*Volunteers would need to be happy to make
the prayers not too long.*

Rev. Jenny can offer a workshop to discuss
different styles and tips & tricks, if people are
interested.

Please pray for... Sue J., Tash & girls, Mandy, Sita, Myra, Joy,
Colin W., Nicola, Marilyn & David, Paddy & Family, Lianne,
Andy's Father-in-Law, Young Andrew, Chris, Matthew, Pat,
Cisne & Andre & Caleel & Dajshon & Yahkhushi & Shakudo &
Shakeba & Christilyn & Chandra & Melissa, Steven, Martin L., Ann,
Margaret, Bridget, Trevor & Susan, Anne J., Elena, Alice, Andrew,
Samantha, Wayne, Michael, Jonathon, Little Anna, Elaine M.,
Alice, Samuel, Winnie, Julia, Pamela, Pete, Adam, Kyle & family,
Martin, Julie, Mavis, Tina & Paul, Ann, Maurice & Margaret,
George & June, Pat, Mandy, Mike, Alainea, Tanya & Ian.

And those whose illness is more long term...

Carol & Malcom C., Ron W., Connie, Kitty, Gill, Wyn,
Natalie, Marion C., Bettie, Alan, Chris, Karen, Steph,
Jackie, Evelyn & Peter, Revd. Mike.



Lord we remember those we have loved but see no longer.
We Pray for All Those Who Grieve the Loss of Their Loved Ones.

*If you have an update on the situation of anyone we have been praying
for please contact a member of the ministry team, a Church Warden or
Louise (email address on back of this sheet). **Thank you.***



Lord we pray for these organisations:

Walsall North Foodbank,
Shelfield & High Heath Youth Support Group

Our Prayer for Today . . .

Timeless God, thank you for the encouragement of Peter,
whose journey of faith embraced failure and favour;
who journeyed from powerlessness to great responsibility;
who was both bound by his limitations
and loosed by your grace to be your rock.

May I not sink under the weight of all I get wrong but go on, in
humility and trust, to become the disciple you have made me to
be. **Amen.**





Vacancy-in-See — Consultation Forms

Your views are sought on 100th Bishop of Lichfield.

There are forms at the back of Church, or you can fill in the form online at the Diocesan Website

(<https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/about-us/vacancy-in-see/vacancy-in-see-consultations/>).

The consultation process is running until the end of August.

Service times for next Sunday	Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	Sung Communion	10.00 a.m.

Daily Readings for next week...

Monday Bartholomew the Apostle	Isaiah 43: 8-13, Acts 5: 12-16 1 Corinthians 4: 9-15 Luke 22: 24-30	2Samuel 11 Acts 8: 26-end
Tuesday		2Samuel 12: 1-25 Acts 9: 1-19a
Wednesday		2Samuel 15: 1-12 Acts 9: 19b-31
Thursday Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387		2Samuel 15: 13-end Acts 9: 32-end
Friday Augustine, bishop, teacher of the faith, 430		2Samuel 16: 1-14 Acts 10: 1-16
Saturday Beheading of John the Baptist		2Samuel 17: 1-23 Acts 10: 17-33
SUNDAY 13 th Sunday After Trinity	Exodus 3: 1-15b/ Jeremiah 15: 15-21	
	Romans 12: 9-end	
	Matthew 16: 21-end	

A word for the week

Parents cringe when children ask seemingly simple questions like "Where do babies come from?" or "Where did Grandma go when she died?" They answer with an age-appropriate response and breathe a sigh of relief if the child is satisfied with what they say. Some questions, however, have no age-appropriate answer, nor can any answer ever leave us completely satisfied. Jesus asks just such a question in this gospel. "Who do you say that I am?" is not a question that can be answered easily because it really asks about the very mystery of God and salvation. Further, Jesus' response to Peter's answer reveals another mystery: that of his church built upon us, an imperfect people, yet a church that will prevail. This gospel intrigues us with the mystery of our own identity as church built of a community of believers. If the identity of the church and its saving mission fell on our shoulders as individuals, we would be crushed under its weight. But this is a shared identity: we rely on one another in our strengths and our weaknesses, in our failures and our victories, in our gifts and our limitations. In all, Christ is the centre who assures our continued growth in our faithfulness to him and constantly helps us as we take up his saving mission and journey to fullness of life.

Please pray for the people of Venezuela, Gaza, Ukraine, Iran & The Middle East, Sudan, Yemen & all war zones.

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