

Picnic time! Put Sunday lunchtime, **19th Sep**, in your diaries for a get-together for EVERYONE. Our churches, and our friends in other denominations, will be gathering on “the moor” in Aspull – more details soon!



Our new Priest! On Saturday 12th June I had the great privilege and pleasure of being ordained priest at Liverpool Cathedral. Sadly, due to covid restrictions I was not able to invite you all along to the service. Hopefully we will all be able to get together soon and celebrate. In the meantime, I look forward to continuing my ministry in the Northeast Hub where I will now be able to lead communion, and take baptisms and weddings (with a bit more training!). Please continue to pray for me as I continue to seek God’s will. Thank you for all the support you have shown me in my deacon year. Blessings. Sandra

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*Worshipping
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**Our summer 2021
news update:**
*St David’s, St Stephen’s,
St John’s, St Elizabeth’s*

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New All Age Services So, what's an “all age service”, you may ask? Well, it's simply enabling all ages (not just children!) to worship God, learn from the Bible, sing and pray together, so that each person grows in their faith.

We're planning to have all age services once a month at St Stephen's and St Elizabeth's. We want to connect children, youth, adults and older people to God, one another and the world around them. It could include a single theme, e.g. God's creation, which can be unpacked at various levels to include, action songs, games, craft, refreshments, etc. Or it could be multi-layered with a choice of workshops to be involved in. Hope to see you there!



Hub Food Pantry We're planning to open a food pantry in September. This will be based in St Stephens, with its flexible building, and the greater need for support in this area. Most of the funding is coming from Together Liverpool, with additional support from Wigan's Brighter Borough

and Wigan Deanery Trust. Eventually, we wish to open simple cafe facilities and opportunities for people to talk. Anyone can become a member of the pantry, and shop up to twice a week. Anyone can volunteer to help - you don't have to belong to the church! If you have any time to volunteer and help us, please contact Revd Sandra, our Curate.



Our new trainee Vicar After 18 months of discernment Andrew Turton attended a “Bishops Advisory Panel” Zoom interview on 27th May. We're delighted that he was successful, and will begin Ordination training in September 2021 for 3 years, to become a SSM (Self Supporting Minister) – that's an unpaid Rev!



Great is his faithfulness! The past 16 months have been hard on all of us in different ways. But we were reminded on a recent Sunday, in a reading from Lamentations, of God's presence in all of it. So whether you're weeping or celebrating, hopeful or anxious, or all 4!, we pray that you will know God's compassions, for they are new every morning. **Blessings to you all.**

A new pattern of Worshipping Together in the autumn Over the summer, with many of us, whether clergy, lay leaders or church members, taking much-needed time away, we'll be carrying on our fortnightly 9am/11am services. We do hope some restrictions on how we meet will ease soon – we wait to hear!

Then in September we'll be launching our new Sunday service pattern. This has been approved by the PCC and was shared at the Annual Meeting. The key aims are:

- Space and time for us all to connect and re-connect – whether we're new or been members for decades;
- Creating new All Age Worship for St Elizabeth's and St Stephen's, where we can welcome families and others we've been connecting with over the past years;
- Avoiding clergy rushing to finish a service, or dashing across the Parish and arriving late for the next service;
- Supporting other Hubs and Parishes who have clergy vacancies (both short term and long term).

Morning Worship services (MW) will use a brand new booklet we've prepared.

This new pattern is for a 6 month trial and will be reviewed early in 2022.

Sunday of month:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
8am @ St Elizabeth	HC	-	HC	-	
9.15 @ St David	Joint worship (usually HC)	HC	MW	HC	TBA
9.15 @ St John		HC	HC	MW	
11am @ St Elizabeth		AA	HC	HC	
11am @ St Stephen		HC	AA	HC	
Online (TBC)		MW	-	MW	