



Parish of St. Mary's Swynnerton & St. James' Cotes Heath
August 15th 2021 (Eleventh Sunday after Trinity)



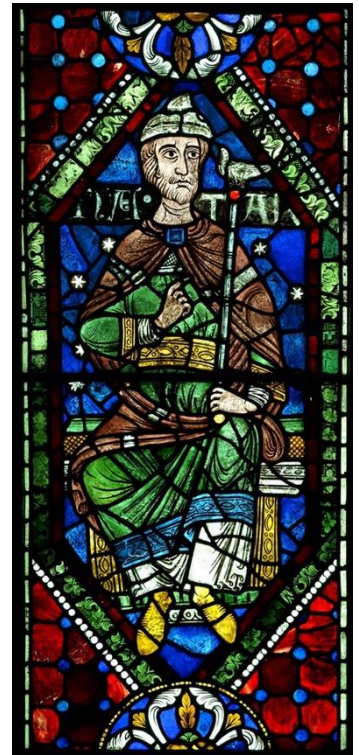
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The Reverend Prebendary Roger Vaughan will be at St. Mary's at 10.00 on Sunday to lead a Holy Communion service or you can join in from home using the link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82172796502?pwd=dm9PamdVL1I6YTQzOFFTQzQ1L0NqQT09>



SCIENTISTS have dated some of Britain's oldest stained-glass works of art in [Canterbury Cathedral](#), England's most important ecclesiastical building. Their tests show that figures portraying four ancestors of Christ have been in the cathedral since the first half of the C12. They originally formed part of a series of about 40, most of which were destroyed in a fire in 1174. The panels have six different colours but there were no natural sources of cobalt available to European glass-makers in Norman times so amazingly the blue glass was probably made of re-melted ancient Roman glass, manufactured about 1000 years earlier! The Romans may have sourced their cobalt from mines in the Balkans or the Middle East, and the soda they used as a flux came from salt lakes in northern Egypt.



Pictured are two of the 4 remaining ancestor figures – King David and his son Nathan.

- YARNFIELD VILLAGE PICNIC: Join in this community event on 14th August, 1-4 pm on the Green. Anna and her team will be organising games and crafts for the children so bring some sandwiches and a chair and catch up with friends and neighbours.



- The Bishop of Lichfield, the Rt Revd Dr Michael Igrave, is part of a new team created to strengthen chaplaincy work in prisons and work across the criminal justice system. Pictured here together with the Bishops of Gloucester and Derby and the Anglican chaplaincy advisor for the prison service, the new team marked the beginning of their work together last month with a visit to a number of establishments in the Diocese of Lichfield, including HMYOI Werrington in North Staffordshire.



- Best wishes and many happy returns to Heather Eyre who will celebrate her 85th birthday on 18th August.

- This year’s Heritage Open Days will be between 10th and 19th September. If you are having a “staycation” you may be interested in all the good things on offer close to home. Tours of churches and their surrounds, walks

to see heritage buildings, organised cycle tours around the bottle banks of the Potteries: there’s something for everyone and you can find out more and make bookings [here](#)

COLLECT FOR 11TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
 God of glory,
 the end of our searching,
 help us to lay aside
 all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
 and to give all that we have
 to gain the pearl beyond all price,
 through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
AMEN.
 Today’s Gospel Reading:
 John 6:51-58

- “NEW HABITS FOR A NEW WORLD”

This week Joy and Ken Marchant share how they’re doing things differently since the start of the pandemic. They resolved to keep in touch in new ways. From the beginning they learned how to master “Zoom” and now have a weekly “virtual” meet-up. Friends join in from Corfe Castle, Newbury, Stafford, Liverpool and Leeds but also from Australasia - Melbourne, Perth and Christchurch. Every fortnight they chat with another group, this time from London, Stafford and Australia.



- MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MARGARET CHERRY.

Please pray for Margaret’s friends and family as they gather at St. James’ church on Monday August 16th at 11.30. Burial of ashes to follow.

This week we pray for Yvonne Pynenburg, Tom Ewart and Ann Ramsey.
 We continue to remember Doreen Green, George Edwards, Richard Wenger,
 Sylvia Loughhead and Nick Goacher,
 We think of friends who have chronic problems and live with anxiety or pain and we include
 Fr. Paul Chavasse, Elaine Dulson, Geoff and Linda Foster, Helen Ladell,
 Margaret McKnight and June Steed.
 There are friends we are not able to see so often -Pat Lawrence, Carol and Martyn Turner, Margaret and
 David Farr and Heather Eyre.
 Please continue to pray for Nicola’s friend Jessica, Jonathan’s girlfriend Maddie
 and Ann Ramsey’s daughter-in-law, Carol.
 We also hold before God Lynne Williams whose father John has died and Chris Stokes who has lost his
 mother Valerie.