



Parish of St. Mary's Swynnerton & St. James' Cotes Heath
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The sun shone on local couple Stewart Pemberton and Emma Drew last Saturday when they were married at St. Mary's church. Emma says that they had a magnificent day and sends thanks to the team who made it special. In the absence of church bells, Terry did a great job providing a "virtual peal" which could be heard around the village thanks to the wonders of digital technology.

A recent inspection identified a number of jobs to be done in the bell tower and volunteers are undertaking preparatory cleaning and clearing before Taylors of Loughborough begin refurbishment work. More details will follow – if you would like to help in any way or are

interested to learn more of the project, please let us know. It would be good to have the bells overhauled ready to ring in the Christmas season.

- Residents of Swynnerton will be pleased to hear the chimes of the clock again after its recent "time out". Thankfully the bill was somewhat smaller than the £80 million spent on Big Ben's facelift!

A donation point has been set up on Stone High Street for people wishing to donate items to Afghan refugees arriving in the UK.

It's at 6 High St, Stone, ST15 8AW – The collection point is located on the intersection with Stafford Street at the bottom of the High Street. There will be a large A-Frame outside indicating the location of the donation point.

Donations can be made Monday-Friday between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm, please contact Steve Walley by email to drop off donations outside the normal opening hours: steve.walley@stonetowncouncil.gov.uk

WHAT IS NEEDED: Clothes, Shoes, Blankets, Toys, Rice, Lentils, Beans, Dried Food, Cutlery and other household essentials.

- The Church of England has published a 'toolkit' of resources for parishes seeking to help refugees and asylum seekers from Afghanistan in the wake of the Taliban takeover of the country. The material, [available online](#), brings together links and information on how churches can welcome people arriving from Afghanistan through giving, longer-term practical support such as community sponsorship, prayer and advocacy.

In a foreword to the toolkit, the Bishop of Durham, Paul Butler, the Church of England's lead bishop for Refugees and Asylum, said: "The challenge for the whole nation is to welcome these families and help them build new lives here in the United Kingdom....God's call on God's people has always been to welcome the stranger and help provide for them. So here is a fresh opportunity to live out this calling...

It is not a quick short-term response that is most needed but a willingness to befriend families and support them for the long haul... It is also a call to stand up for justice and advocate for the most vulnerable."



On 17th September, the church celebrates the twelfth century saint and mystic, Hildegard of Bingen. A Benedictine abbess, she was renowned for remarkable visions, acknowledged to be from God, which were recorded in several volumes. Suffering much illness, she nevertheless produced extensive works of theology, sermons and collections of letters. Her musical compositions, used in the liturgy, survive to this day. Her shrine is at Eibingen Abbey on the Rhine in Germany where nuns live out a similar monastic existence almost a thousand years on.

You can hear her haunting music on youtube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v6qFCYRQKVA>

Collect for 15th Sunday after Trinity:
God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
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.
Readings: Mark 8:27-38, James 3:1-12

Please pray for the situation in Afghanistan.
More locally, for Rev. Preb. Roger Vaughan and for
Jean and Ken Frearson as they settle into their new home with Geoff and Linda.
Please also remember Yvonne Pynenburg, and our HeBrews friends, many with health challenges.
We think of those who have chronic problems and we include
Fr. Paul Chavasse, Elaine Dulson, Helen Ladell,
Margaret McKnight, June Steed, Richard Wenger and Nick Goacher.
There are those we don't see so often -Pat Lawrence, Carol and Martyn Turner,
Tom and Barbara Ewart, Margaret and David Farr, Heather Eyre, Dot Sergeant and Doreen Green.
We thank God that Nicola's friend Jessica is doing well and continue to pray for Jonathan's girlfriend Maddie
and Ann Ramsey's daughter-in-law, Carol.
We hold before God the Climate Change Conference which will take place in Glasgow later this year.

- It was good to see Dot Sergeant in church last Sunday. Dot now lives at Oulton Abbey nursing home. Another resident there is Doreen Green who sends good wishes to all her friends in Swynnerton. She has a phone line so if you would like to give her a call, ask one of those listed at the top of the news sheet for her number.
- Rev Noreen Russell is starting a new Bible Study course on "Zoom" for the Autumn term. The group will be looking at 1 Corinthians. If you'd like to join in, here's the link for the first 2 weeks:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3558390555?pwd=ZlNvRVcxbHZlVWRaUzhGS1Vqcy9QZz09>
- Don't forget the C of E "Daily Hope" with messages, prayers, hymns and reflections to encourage and bring comfort, especially for those who can't get to church. "Holiday at Home on the phone" is the summertime offering which includes a poem, a Bible verse and music and invites listeners to relax and enjoy a few moments of peace and quiet.