

"Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46

MAIN SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 11th January

9.15am St John's Holy Communion
9.45am Holy Trinity Holy Communion
11.00am St Mary's Holy Communion
11.15am St Leonard's Holy Communion

Sunday 18th January

9.15am St John's Holy Communion
9.45am Holy Trinity Holy Communion
11.00am St Mary's Holy Communion
11.15am St Leonard's Holy Communion
4.00pm Holy Trinity BCP Holy Communion

Sunday 25th January

9.15am St John's Holy Communion
9.45am Holy Trinity Holy Communion
11.00am St Mary's Holy Communion
11.15am St Leonard's Holy Communion

Sunday 1st February

10.30am St Mary's United Parish Service with Bishop Michael (with Confirmations)

"Walking the good way"

Revd Jo writes....

Happy New Year! I hope that this coming year is full of blessings for you and for our parish.



You may have picked up that a verse from Psalm 46 has been very significant for me in the last year. 'Be still and know that I am God' (Psalm 46 verse 10) has spoken to me in many ways in recent months, and we've also been using it to guide us in some of our church decisions this last year. It's a helpful reminder that we have an ever faithful God who calls us to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, guided by the Holy Spirit. When we can't decide what to do, the answer is not to frantically rush around in our own strength trying to come up with the way forward. Instead, success lies in pausing, reflecting and looking for where God is in the situation and then, and only then, working out the best course of action. This is as true for us in our personal lives and in our families, friendship groups and communities, as it is in our

churches. For us to flourish, we need to walk in the way of God, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus. This involves both taking time to 'be still' as well as time spent being active.

Our church council has agreed that the verse 'Be still and know that I am God' will be our Bible verse for the 2026, to rest in our hearts and minds and guide all of our decision making. However, this isn't saying that we will spend the year doing nothing! It means that we will make sure that we checkout where God is in each situation we face and then make decisions to walk in his good way.

I've been enjoying walking in the recent heavy snow - an excellent way after the excesses of Christmas to stretch my legs and blow away the cobwebs. However, in places, it was hard to see where the well-trodden paths were and several times I found that I'd strayed from the usual tracks and it was much harder to walk. This reminded me of some words from the prophet Jeremiah 'Stand at the crossroads and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies, and walk in it.' In order to walk in the good way, there is a need to be still and look for God's guidance, even if just for a moment'. When we make this our regular practice, we will find ourselves naturally walking along the good ways, the ways of faith, hope, peace and love.

This New Year, may we all be inspired to look for the good ways where God is guiding us and receive God's richest blessings.

Wednesday mornings at St Leonard's Church, Malinslee

A new weekly event called 'Healthy bodies, healthy minds' is starting at St Leonard's on Wednesday mornings from 10.45 - 11.45am. All are welcome to our community drop in where there will be free refreshments, a friendly welcome and people to chat to.

Also present will be representatives from local organisations to give advice about your health, wellbeing and any other needs. We are working with Telford & Wrekin Healthy Lifestyles, among others, to support local people, particularly to improve their wellbeing.

This will be launched on 21st January, so do drop in and say hello, enjoy some free hospitality and see what's going on. Please do spread the word, particularly to those who live in Malinslee.

The weekly Wednesday morning exercise class is also being promoted as part of this project, so if you would like to improve your fitness do come along to Malinslee Movers from 10.00am to 10.45am

Please do pray for this new venture. The district church council senses that this has very much come out of a time of being still and seeing where God is at work in Malinslee, and then responding by joining in with likeminded people who want people to flourish and experience life in all its fullness.

Pilgrim Course:

Monday Evenings at 7.30pm at 12 Bartholomew Road, Lawley Village, Telford. TF4 2PW.

Monday 12th January, 19th January, 26th January, 2nd February, 9th February & 16th February.

We shall be exploring 'The Beatitudes' and how we can build our lives on the teachings and example of Jesus - with an openness to God, thirsting for what's right, seeking to be peace makers and living as citizens of God's Kingdom.

For more information, contact Revd Scott
tel: 01952 504917 email: scott@telfordchurch.co.uk

Parish Confirmation Service - Sunday 1st February 2026

Bishop Michael will be coming to St Mary, Ketley for our next Confirmation Service in the parish on Sunday 1st February at 10.30am.

Confirmation in the Church of England is a service where an individual, having been baptized, publicly affirms their Christian faith and the promises made on their behalf at baptism. Led by a bishop, the service involves the candidate renewing baptismal vows, the bishop laying hands on their head and anointing them with oil, and the congregation promising to support them. The ceremony marks a personal commitment to Christ and is often followed by receiving Holy Communion for the first time. So if you would like to start receiving the bread and wine at Holy Communion, or would like to confirm your faith, or just want to know more about Confirmation, please contact Revd Jo.

Baptisms in December: "May they shine as a light in the world to the glory of God" Jodeci Alford, Ezra Pallett

Funerals/burial of ashes in December: "May they rest in peace and rise in glory" **Funerals:** Clara Billingham, Doreen Royden, Alan Brice, Jan Norman, Winifred Corbett (Aunty Bett) **Burial of ashes:** Winifred Corbett, Raymond James

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St Leonard's Valentine Afternoon Tea

14th February 2026 at 2.00pm

£5 for adults, £2.50 for children.

Please contact Lorraine for more information and tickets by 12th February (07805 841824)



All Friends Together

Wednesday 28th January at 2.00pm at Holy Trinity Church.

All are very welcome to attend the AGM followed by Bingo. Come and join us for a lovely afternoon of friendship and fun!



January 2026

Tues 6th 7pm Epiphany Service (online)

Thurs 15th 7pm Joint PCC/DCC meeting at St Leonard's

Sat 17th 10.00 – 12.00 Messy Church at Holy Trinity.

Sun 18th 6.30pm Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at All Saints, Wellington. Revd Jo is preaching.

Wed 28th 2.00pm All Friends Together AGM and Bingo at Holy Trinity



Weekly Activities in the Parish

Holy Trinity

Wednesdays: Trinity Tots 9.30 - 11.00 doors open at 9.00am (term times only)

Thursdays: Trinity Tots 9.30 - 11.00 (term times only)
For more information please contact [Glenis 07513 202282](tel:07513202282)

St Leonard's

Mondays: 11.00 - 12.00 Drop in food bank - available for people struggling financially or for anyone who wants to help reduce food waste. Tea and coffee served
Wednesdays:

10.00 - 10.45am Malinslee Movers Exercise Class £3

10.45 - 11.45 Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies Coffee Morning/Drop in.

Last Tuesday of the month (Usually)

9.30 - 11.30am Chatty Club 1.30 - 2.30pm Baby Babble.

For more information, contact Jo 01952 416370

A Safe Church

The parish of Central Telford is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and adults. We follow the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer and Safeguarding Links for each church. More information about safeguarding can be found at www.lichfield.anglican.org/safeguarding

If you have any concerns in the parish, please contact Revd Jo (07562 739683) or our Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator Hannah Yapp (07752 192175)