

Building Community in the Mid Trent Villages

Compass

OCTOBER 2025



Sunday Worship in October

*There is more
information about
local church
services on the
village pages.
Five congregations
are celebrating
HARVEST at the
start of
this month.*

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8.00am	Hixon	Harvest
9.30am	Salt	Harvest
10.00am	Fradswell	Harvest
10.00am	Milwich	
10.30am	Weston Methodist	Harvest
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	Weston Methodist	
	Milwich	
	Sandon	



A letter from Viv



I am often asked which is my *favourite* season, and I can never give a sensible answer, as I love them all for different reasons. Spring is full of hope and new life, and summer makes me think of warm long summer evenings in the garden, not to mention the summer holidays! Winter has of course my favourite day in it on December 25th (I'm not allowed to mention the word as I get too excited!!!) but Autumn I love for the colours. I love the burnt oranges, the golds and the rich deep reds of the leaves, the mist over the fields in the morning, the silkiness of a freshly picked conker, and the sight of the pumpkins all lined up by the front door.

It is our Autumns and Winters that give us our beautiful Springs and Summers

The truth is, I love the fact we have such well defined seasons in this country. I would hate to live in a hot country where there are just two - dry and rainy.

There is a very famous poem in the bible about seasons, in the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes 3

*For everything there is a season, and a time for
every matter under heaven*

There follows a beautiful list of contrasts that happen in life, - a time to be born a time to die,..... a time to weep and a time to laugh, and so forth. We can all relate to that. Some chapters of our life just seem full of laughter and hope, but at other times everything seems to be dark and we really struggle with our lives. But this is the nature of things.

Just as there has to be a winter before we can experience spring, life never stands still but takes us from chapter to chapter. And the unwelcome truth is, we have very little control of these seasons.

(continued...)



Everything on earth
has its own time
and its own season.

There is a time
for birth and death,
planting and reaping,
for killing and healing,
destroying and building,

for crying and laughing,
weeping and dancing,

for throwing stones
and gathering stones,
embracing and parting.

There is a time
for finding and losing,
keeping and giving,
for tearing and sewing,
listening and speaking.

There is also a time
for love and hate,
for war and peace.

The message in Ecclesiastes is that **all** are within God's ambit, not ours. We know that ultimately God is only working for our good and we have to have faith and trust him.

It is in fact our Autumns and our Winters that give us our beautiful Springs and Summers. The Earth needs its rest to die down and seek the nutrients to grow back again. Everything in God's world is done for a reason.

And even the wrong things that we do can be transformed through His love.

We just have to trust Him and know that He loves us and is always there at our side, even through the worst Winter storm.



HarVEST WORD

THANKFULNESS

GRATITUDE

APPRECIATION

GENEROSITY

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Fradswell



October worship

Sunday 5th 10.00^{am} Harvest Festival

Harvest is more than just the gathering of *food*; it's about the gathering of *people*. It is a celebration of community, of our common life together, and the way we depend on one another for so much more than just our daily bread. Harvest Festival is a time-honoured tradition, rooted in the words of the old hymn, "*All is safely gathered in.*"

Harvest Festival in Fradswell reminds us of the cycles of nature, the rhythm of the seasons, and the great gift of God's creation.

As the fields yield their crops and the gardens offer up their produce, we pause to give thanks.

Our Harvest Festival service provides a balance of tradition, gratitude, and rural life, making it relevant to our community celebrating this harvest season.



St James the Less, Fradswell
Harvest Festival
5 October 2025 10:00am



Milwich and Fradswell Toddlers Tuesday mornings from 10.00^{am}-12^{noon}
Please ring Kate Kite on 07958473023

Dementia-friendly coffee morning **October 1st** 10.00^{am}-12^{noon}
All welcome. Ring Laura on 07834 388140 for details

Whist will be on **Tuesday 7th** October 2.00^{pm}- 4.00^{pm}
Please ring Christina Rushton on 07989 057467 for details.

Lunch Club **October 29th** 12^{noon} -2.00^{pm} £6 for a 2-course home-cooked lunch with tea or coffee. Booking essential. Please ring Irene 07770 780078

Get Waisted -every Thursday morning 10.00^{am}-11.00^{am}. Gentle exercise for mind and body. Ring Jan Griffin on 07891 140166 for details.

Bar Night & Bingo! Friday **October 3rd** Bar open from 6.00^{pm}.
Eyes down at 7.00^{pm}. £5 for an evening of bingo fun. *Hot Stuff Catering* will be with us from 6.00-9.00^{pm} serving delicious, freshly cooked food.

Dates for your diary

Friday November 14th - Quiz night! £5 per team of 6. Bar open at 6.00^{pm}
quiz starts at 7pm. *Hot Stuff Catering* will be on site for yummy food.

Saturday November 29th

Christmas Wreath Workshop

with Bel and Bloom.

10.30^{am}- 2.30^{pm}

at Fradswell Village Hall.

Refreshments available

£40 *includes tuition & all materials.*

Please ring Irene on

07770 780078 to book.

Places are limited.



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Gayton



October worship

Sunday 26th 9.30^{am}

Holy Communion

Thank You

Pat Murgatroyd writes...

The Murgatroyd family of Gayton would like to thank you for the support and care shown to us on the loss of Richard (Rick) my husband in August. Your kindness supported us through tough times and I personally will never forget our 50 years of being part of this caring community. Long may it last! Our villages and villagers are the mainstay of this caring and beautiful home.

80's HALLOWEEN DISCO on **Friday October 31st** for a **THRILLER** evening at Gayton Village Hall! Step back in time for *a taste of the 80's* from 6.00^{pm} - *Chicken in a basket or Scampi & Chips*, with retro treats to follow. Josh returns with his **Disco** from 8.00^{pm} playing all the best 80's power ballads, disco hits, and Halloween classics. *Dressing up is positively encouraged, so dust off those leg warmers and shoulder pads and come and join the fun!* **Prizes** for the best homemade and best 80's pun costumes! Booking not essential, but please register your interest so we have an idea of numbers. **Who YOU GONNA CALL**, Christine or Sue! **Sue Hill** 01889 270273 rsshill08@aol.com **Christine Taylor** 01889 624867

Hixon



October worship

Sunday

5th

8.00am

Harvest Communion

19th

10.00am

Sunday Breakfast (in the Guide Hall)



One inflatable dummy on a stretcher, three members of the Mid Trent Open the Book team and some very talented children from Hixon. Now we are ready to begin another assembly at St. Peter's Primary School.

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Hixon Parish Council meet on
Tuesday November 18th 2025
7.15^{pm} in Hixon Memorial Hall.



Hixon CHEF Christmas Party

*Hixon residents please
see the tear - out form
and details on pages
19 & 20 in this magazine*

What 's on at hixon MeMorial h all



Slimming World

079186 77783

Core and Curves

Karen Corbett 07989 704478

Tai Chi

Dave Llewellyn

Cafe

Karen Appleton 01889 270 751

Yoga

Victoria Barton 07375 610889

History Society

Tim Moss 07813 531146

Village Hall Committee

Mark Farrington 01889 270151

Parish Council

Catherine Gill 01889 272679

Slow Flow Yoga

Victoria Barton 07375 610889

Full Body Fit

Emma Cowell

Pilates

Victoria Barton 07375 610889

Circuits

Mark Farrington 07814453326

Luncheon Club

Jane Garner 01889 270151

Sound Bath *(just monthly)*

Lisa Smith 07814453326

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Alt. Fridays 12^{noon} - 3.00^{pm}

Sunday 6.00^{pm} - 8.00^{pm}

sacredsoulechoes@gmail.com

HIRE CHARGES

£13.00 per hour. Friday Evening £55 (£60 deposit)

Saturday evenings £110 (£80 deposit) *(5pm till Midnight)*

For bookings please contact Karen Appleton at
hixonmemorialhall@gmail.com



Chartley was a settlement recorded in the Domesday Book in *the Hundred of Pirehill and the county of Staffordshire*.

Owned by Earl Algar, it had a recorded population of **9** villagers and **6** smallholders. The area was *eight and a half plough teams* (A "ploughland" was the unit of area that could be cultivated by a single eight-oxen plough team in a year). Other resources were a 10 acre meadow and 1 x ½ league woodland.

There were once two watermills on the estate, for grinding corn, which were served by two lakes and was originally a deer park. Today it is home for the Chartley cattle, which have been brought back from Scotland.



The Castle, motte and double bailey, (*similar to Stafford Castle*) was built by one of the Earls of Chester, about 1100, as a safe stop-over for their journeys to places such as Tutbury. It was rebuilt in 1220 by Ranulph de Blondville, 4th Earl of Chester, who died in 1232. It then passed by marriage to *William de Ferrers*, 5th Earl of Derby. It remained in the Ferrers family until 1453, when it was passed to Walter Devereux, through his wife Anne de Ferrers.

Through his wife, Walter also became Baron Ferrers of Chartley in 1461. Walter Devereux, 8th Barron Ferrers of Chartley, died at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485 fighting for the Yorkist Army (under Richard III) and his lands were confiscated by the Crown.

Chartley Manor: Walter Devereux's son, Walter(!) successfully appealed against attainment of his father's lands, but in 1489, he decided to abandon the castle as a place of residence, and build a new moated mansion nearby. The ownership passes down the generations through Viscounts, Earls and Barons. (continued...)





Walter Devereux, 10th Baron Ferrers of Chartley, 1st Viscount Hereford, and Lieutenant of Stafford, died in 1558. He is buried at St. John's Church, Stowe. Washington Shirley, the 5th Earl Ferrers and Deputy Lieutenant of Staffordshire died childless in 1778. Just a few years later, in 1781, the old manor house was destroyed by fire.

Hixon History Society meet again at 8.00^{pm} in Hixon Memorial Hall on Tuesday 7th October. The meeting will feature a talk by *John Turnock* on **The History of glass making in Eccleshall and glass blowing in Stone.** The fee is £2 per person. All welcome.

John Egginton



The Hixon Community Association committee invite pensioners of Hixon to the ...



CHEF Christmas Party 2025

13th December 2025 at Hixon Memorial Hall

Arrival prompt at 2.00^{pm}



Please return this slip to **The Chop Shop Barbers** by **Friday 21st November 2025**

Name/s:

Number of People:

Dietary Requirements: *(It is important to advise of any food allergies.)*

Address:

Telephone:

Email:



Please ensure you meet the required criteria to attend – see above



CHEF Christmas Party Acceptance Criteria REPLY SLIP

Due to the size of Hixon Memorial Hall, we are only able to safely seat 96 diners for the CHEF Christmas Party.

Please note that seat allocation is completed on a first come, first served basis. Before submitting your form to

The Chop Shop, Hixon, please ensure that:

1. All persons asking to attend the party reside and live within the Parish Boundary of Hixon.
2. At least one person per pair (or the individual) is in receipt of a Government State Pension.

Whilst we acknowledge that these criteria may prohibit some individuals who have previously attended from joining their friends at the party, we must ensure that those who live in Hixon and are in receipt of a Government Pension are given priority, and that the safety of all in attendance is paramount.

Hopton



October worship

Sunday 26th 9.30^{am} Morning Praise



All Welcome

for tea/coffee & biscuits at Hopton Village Hall on
Tuesday October 28th from 10.30^{am}-12^{noon}. Only £2.50!
Also a bookstall and lots of chatter!

For more information contact Jan Bennett: 01785 242446

Hopton Village Hall can be booked through the Hopton & Coton Parish Council website. The cost is just £10 per hour.

Hopton & District Garden Guild Our new membership year started at the meeting in September with a good attendance enjoying a talk and slide show by Marc Brimble describing some of the beautiful gardens of Italy. The speaker at our meeting on October 7th will be *Jeff Bates* returning with another of his great gardening talks. Looking further forward to November we have *Kath Reynolds* with a talk entitled **Sweet Memories**, recalling trips to the sweet shop for your favourite treats.

Membership of the guild is only **£15 per year**. We are always pleased to encourage visitors (*£2.50 each per night*) to our monthly meetings, where you will be made very welcome and be entertained by speakers covering a wide variety of interests. We also have a light hearted competition each meeting for flowers or craft. Tea/coffee and biscuits are included followed by a raffle to round off the evening.

We normally meet at **7:30^{pm}** on the **first Tuesday each month** in Hopton village hall. For further information please contact *Jill Buss* on **01785 259808** or look out for our yellow monthly newsletter on local village notice boards.



Wood Turners Want to improve or share your skills? Come along on the second Monday of the month in Hopton Village Hall: 7.30^{pm}-10.00^{pm}

Hopton Knit and Natter We meet **every Monday** (*except Bank Holidays*) 2.00^{pm} - 4.00^{pm} at Hopton Village Hall. Each session is just £3 to include tea & cake. We invite you to join us whether you can knit, crochet or have any other talents you would like to pass on to others. Lessons can be given whether you are left-handed or right-handed. You may like to pop along just for a natter & tea. You'll be made very welcome.
Contact Jan 01785 255313

Milwich



October worship

Sunday	5th	10.00^{am}	Morning Praise
19	th	11.15^{am}	Holy Communion
26	th	11.15^{am}	Holy Communion

What's on in Milwich Village Hall

Warm Welcome Group We meet again on Wednesday 8th October from 10.00^{am} – 1.00^{pm} For more details, contact Elaine 07702 865011

Breakfast Club The new monthly club at Milwich Village Hall is serving cooked breakfast, pastries and drinks on Saturday 25th October from 8.00^{am}-11.30^{am}. *Sounds delicious – come and find out for yourself!*

Yin Yoga Every Monday 7-8pm Contact Anita 07948 351789

Quiz Night at the Green Man Tuesday October 21st The Quiz starts at 8.00^{pm}. It is a fun night with refreshments. £3pp, 4 in a team. All proceeds to Marie Curie. *New teams welcomed.*

Milwich Produce Guild

This month sees the beginning of the new year at the *Milwich & District Produce Guild* when we hold our AGM and social evening on

Thursday October 23rd.

We are always hopeful that each year will bring new members to support the club and secure its future!

Our talks are wide and varied, covering all subjects (*not just gardening*) and local history, with demonstrations and visits to local gardens when they are open. *(continued...)*



Milwich and District Produce Guild

(continued from previous page) To attract even more interest we are making changes to **The Bulb Show** in February 2026 . This is an OPEN SHOW which means **everyone** is welcome to take part, and it will be held on a Saturday afternoon in Milwich Village Hall. We are adding *two* new classes to the usual Bulb classes: a **house plant** class & a **succulent** class. The schedule will be posted on the local website and Facebook and will be available from any member of the committee. ***This month or early in November is the time to get planting those bulbs in readiness for the show!!*** Visitors are always welcome to our meetings (£2.50) on the 4th Thursday each month except December and January. Contact Ruth 07495 185579.

*When there is work to be done or a service that you need...
remember to look in **Compass** first. Please do tell our
advertisers that you have found them here!*

YOU ARE INVITED TO

15TH

ANNIVERSARY

CHARITY DINNER

Join us as House of Bread celebrates 15 years of serving
God through our work with the vulnerable and homeless

21ST NOVEMBER 2025

HOUSE
BREAD



THE MOAT HOUSE

Lower Penkridge Road, Acton Trussell, ST17 0RJ

6pm £45 per person (includes 3
course meal and entertainment)

Email jan@hobstafford.co.uk for
tickets and information

*'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy
and the poor, in your land' Deuteronomy 15:11*



October worship

Sunday	5th	9.30^{am}	Harvest Communion
	12th	10.00^{am}	Praise Together
1st	11th	11.15^{am}	Holy Communion



Salt Harvest Lunch

Saturday 4th October

12.30 for 1.00^{pm}

Everyone Welcome! Tickets available from
Margaret 01889 508412 Janet 01785 213868
saltandhoptonchurches@gmail.com

All proceeds to Salt & Hopton Churches

Salt & District Friendship Club will meet on Wednesdays

October 1st & 15th & 29th from 2.30^{pm}- 4.00^{pm} in Salt Village Hall for bingo,
a cup of tea & chat. New members always welcome.

A new season of Winter Quiz Nights at Salt Village Hall

Begins on Friday 10th October at 7.30pm Teams of 4.

£3.50 per head. Bring your own drinks & nibbles.

Salt & Enson Parish Council The next meeting will take place on
Wednesday 5th November in Salt Village Hall at 7.00^{pm} The general public
is entitled to attend. clerk@saltandensonparishcouncil.co.uk
Parish Council website: www.saltandensonparishcouncil.co.uk

House of Bread Non-perishable groceries/cleaning products are collected
from Salt Church porch every Wednesday morning. All contributions are
welcome & can be placed in the HOB box in the porch
on any day of the week.

The Community Amenity Vehicle

will visit Salt on **October 25th**

It will be in The Holly Bush car park
from 10.30^{am} -11.30^{am}





Date for your diary
Christmas Craft Fair

& Soup Lunch

Salt Village Hall

Saturday November 22nd

Proceeds to Salt & Hopton Churches

Salt Christian Fellowship Interdenominational Group

All welcome. Tuesdays 7.30-9.30 pm for worship songs, bible study & prayers. Contact: Paul Stubbs 07899916092

pauljstubbs@aol.com

Jane Mitchell 01889 508284

Salt & Hopton Churches Easyfundraising

In order to maintain our lovely buildings, we need extra income and every little helps! Please support us if you can and sign up at:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/salthoptonchurches/

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saltvillagehall.chessck.co.uk



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-CMD Dog Grooming



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clips!

Sandon & Burston

October worship

Sunday	5th	11.15^{am}	Holy Communion
19	th	9.30^{am}	Holy Communion at BURSTON
26	th	11.15^{am}	Matins

The Birthday Bell

On Sunday September 7th the 400th Anniversary of *Number 5 bell* was celebrated at All Saint's church. During the service the bell was rung for the congregation to hear and then Rose Pemberton, tower captain, outlined the history of the bell.

It was cast in 1625 by Robert or Richard Purdue of Bristol.

The bell was returned to Loughborough to have a crack repaired following restoration work by John Taylor Foundry in 1963.

This historic bell (*that first sounded in the year Charles 1 became King !*) weighs 300^{kg} (47.24^{stones}) and has a diameter of 77.47^{cm} (2 ft 6½ inches).

The restoration work had been funded by the 6th Earl of Harrowby for bells 4,5 and 6, the only ones existing at the time.

In the afternoon a quarter peal of 50 minutes continuous ringing added to the celebrations. The enthusiastic ringers of Sandon church, (the youngest being 8) hope to be ringing this bell for many years to come!



Ryan with R^{ev} Viv - at his Baptism in August

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms	27-08-2025	Ryan Hart
	07-09-2025	Clara Charlotte James
Weddings	01-09-2025	Mark Baseley & Jasmine Oliver
	13-09-2025	James Hobson & Lucy Crayston
	14-09-2025	James Tiley & Cheyenne Lake



Staffordshire Police, Sandon sub-section



Many police stations were built throughout the county during the 1940s, 50s & 60s with Sandon police station being built

1960 on what was a garden that had been tended by the local school children decades earlier. Originally Sandon station was issued with a police motorcycle (PC Gordon Love was the first officer to take up the the post within the new station) Following a serious police motorcycle accident PC Love was moved to Stone police station & Sandon station was thereafter issued with a patrol car. Duty officers, PC Gordon Love 1960-1963, PC Mick Geraghty 1963-1968, PC Max Shelley 1968 until his retirement in 1989. Following PC Shelley's retirement the police authority closed Sandon station (Simon Shelley Collection)

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Sandon WI would like to thank everyone who baked cakes, bought cakes or who attended the Sandon Fete. All money raised on our cake stall was donated to the Fete.



The topic for the meeting on October 15th is

Defibrillator Confidence. The speakers are *Stuart & Lisa*. Did you know that October 16th is **Restart a Healthy Heart Day**? This is an Open Meeting so do please come along. You never know when you might need to use a defibrillator!

If you are new to the area or would just like to meet new people in an inclusive, relaxed and friendly atmosphere, please do come and visit us at any of our meetings. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month in Sandon Parish Rooms, Lichfield Road at 7.30 pm.

Contact Judy Goodson, President on 01785 613966 or email sandonsecretary@gmail.com to find out more

Stowe-by-chartley



October worship

Sunday

19th

11.15^{am}

Morning Praise

26

th

11.15^{am}

Holy Communion



All Souls Sunday On November 2nd we shall hold our traditional service to remember those we love but no longer see. To pray for a person by name please put their details on the list at the west end of church or phone 01889 270596. At this special service you can bring a flower to offer in church and you can also light a candle to remember your loved one.

Tea/coffee will be served after the service.

Coffee mornings at Stowe Village Hall in 2025 are on the fourth Thursday of the month, the next one is October 23rd between 10.00^{am} -12^{noon}.

Anybody can drop by for a hot drink, a biscuit, chat and time to work on your craft if you wish.

Village Produce & Garden Guild

At our September meeting the Village Hall was colourfully decorated by the high number of geraniums which we had all grown during the summer and now presented for competition. The tiny pug plants we were given in March were all identical so there was a blast of pretty pink on one side of the room, on the other side were excellent flower arrangements, flowering pot plants and vegetables for our monthly contest. The venue was set for a relaxed and enjoyable evening with plenty of food (each member had brought one plate for sharing), entertainment and music.

At our next meeting : 7.30^{pm} Wednesday October 15th Steve Booth will talk about **The Fauld Explosion in 1944**

October rota

Altar Flowers

5th & 12th Sarah Allen 19th & 26th Barbara Hurdle

Brass Cleaning

Maggie Rawson

50's CLUB

September:

53 Ian Griffiths

Congratulations!



The ladies of **Stowe WI** had their monthly meeting on **Tuesday September 9th** and after a brief formal meeting, they had a talk by *Gill Sykes* on

Two Powerful Ladies of Staffordshire & Derbyshire

To begin, Gill spoke about **Bess Of Hardwick**

1527 - 1608 who was a clever businesswoman and architect. She married very young and was widowed shortly afterwards. Her second husband, Sir William Cavendish, was 20 years her senior and he had built Chatsworth. On his death he left his entire estate to Bess. She built Hardwick Hall with more glass than wall - to emphasise her wealth!

Gill then spoke about **Emily Meynell** 1840 - 1904, and the similarities in her life to Bess of Hardwick and how they progressed in a Man's World.

Emily married Hugo Meynell Ingram who was 18 years her senior. He had Hoar Cross Hall built. They had no children and on his death she became an obsessive and neurotic widow who spent many years in mourning. She had the church near Hoar Cross Hall built in memory of her husband. Emily wanted this Anglo-Catholic Church to look like a cathedral.

It was a most fascinating talk about these 2 women who had been so successful in what was a very much a man's world. Alison gave the vote of thanks. Meetings are held in the Village Hall at 7.30 on the second Tuesday of the month. *Guests and new members are always welcome.*



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Weston



October worship

Sunday	5th	11.15^{am}	Harvest Communion
19	th	9.30^{am}	Holy Communion
26	th	9.30^{am}	Sunday Breakfast

Harvest Festival & Lunch Come along on **Sunday 5th October at 11.15^{am}**

This service is always full of cheer and of course, followed by a **Harvest Lunch** to which everybody is welcome. (*No charge - donations invited*) For catering purposes, please let any church member know if you would like to join us for lunch. **St Andrew's Church Autumn Raffle** will be drawn at this event. Many thanks to everyone who has bought a ticket! 1st prize - £100 2nd prize - Afternoon Tea 3rd prize - Harvest Hamper *If you haven't got your tickets and you would like to support us please see Hazel Evans 07792 844012, Angela Martin, Pat Hopkin or Gill Titley.*

Gardening Day/Cleaning Day Hopefully you will have already joined us for the Gardening Day in September but another plea is that you join us again from 10.30am on Saturday 11th October, when we will be cleaning out the church cellar. It is full of everything you can think of, especially lots of wood. A light lunch will be provided, so please come and help!

Sunday Breakfast Service Please come along on **Sunday October 26th** for a very informal and relaxed service, led by Kate Tague. We serve breakfast from 9.30^{am}, followed by a short service at 10.00am. Everyone is welcome - children especially!

Place of Welcome St Andrew's Church is offering a place of welcome on the first Friday of every month and this month it will be on **October 3rd 10.00^{am}-12^{noon}**. Please come along for tea/coffee and a friendly chat.

Cake Sale A huge **Thank You** to all those who supported the cake sale on the green last month. Your generosity and sweet tooth helped us raise £374.00 for church funds!





Looking after our Heritage

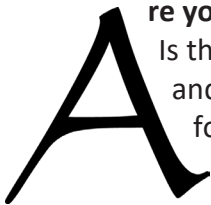
Parts of the present church of St Andrew in Weston have been standing since the twelfth century! There has been a church of some kind on this site even longer than that, since its recording in the Domesday book of 1086.

Apart from being a place of worship, the church building is the most fascinating place of history in our village - and it is open to all.

Events like the Cake Sale, Quiz Night, Open Gardens and many more events organized by the Church Council throughout the year, raise vital funds to keep our village church building open as a place of worship, community and care, offering weddings, baptisms and funerals too.

Fundraising and donations help us cover essential weekly costs such as heating/lighting, cleaning, maintenance and Insurance all of which equate to £515.00 per week ! Fundraising events, with your continuing support, help us to bridge the gap and ensure St Andrew's church remains open and active for everyone in our community, both now and in the future.

Are you (or could you be) a Calligrapher?



Is there anybody out there who has a passion for calligraphy and is willing to insert names in the **Book of Remembrance** for our village? To find out more, please contact Pat Hopkin 07419 128 317 or Gill 01889 270594



Date for your Diary

Remembrance Day service at the Village Memorial on The Green.

This year our annual ceremony will take place on **Sunday 9th November** starting at 10.45^{am}.



**Is your child
due to start school
in September 2026?**

Come and join us for an
open morning on

Tuesday 18th November
9:30^{am} – 11:30^{am}

Applications
for school places open on
1st November 2025

St. Andrew's Primary School
Ferrers Road, Weston
Stafford, ST18 0JN
01889 228769



The Mobile Library

will visit our villages
this month Monday
October 13th & 27th

Weston 11.35-12.05 The Woolpack
Salt 12.45-13.15 The Holly Bush
Stowe 14.20-14.40 Stowe Church
Hixon 14.45-15.15 Village Hall
Hopton 16.00-16.15 Battle Ridge



Quiz Night
at the Village Hall
Friday 14 November
7.00pm
Quiz Master Clive O'Donnel
£7.50 per person
Pie & Pea Supper

No more than 6 per team

Tickets from:
Gill Titley 01889 270594
Pat Hopkin 07419 128317



Whats on at Weston Village Hall

Coffee Mornings & Book & Puzzle exchange

Mondays, **October 6 & 20**
10.00 - 12.00^{noon} *Just turn up !*

Healing Voices Choir

The Secretary 07936683904

Monday 19.30 - 21.30^{am}
thehealingvoiceschoir@gmail.com

FSD Dance

Olivia Falsone 07931503901

Tuesday 5.45 – 7.15^{pm}
Friday 4.30 – 6.00^{pm}
falsoneschoolofdance@hotmail.com
Monday 2.00 – 4.00^{pm}
ianangmartin@gmail.com

Ladies Badminton

Angela Martin 07968638170

Indoor Bowls

Gail Wray 07443 601258

Thursday (*Sept. to May*) 2.00 - 4.00^{pm}
gail.stubbswray@tiscali.co.uk

New places still available to join the Indoor Bowls club this month

Mixed Badminton

June Munden
Players with experience welcome -first session free

Thursday 7.30 – 9.00^{pm}
jamunden@yahoo.co.uk

Pilates

Lucy Lainton

Wednesday 6.15 – 7.15^{pm}
lucy@strengtheninmovement.co.uk

Table Tennis

practice sessions
Stephen Gadsby 01785 248039

Tuesday 7.30 – 9.15^{pm}

U3A Table Tennis

Carol Burnett

Monday 10.00 – 11.00^{am}
carolbur99@gmail.com (waiting list)

Wombats Pre School Playgroup

Tina Blackman 07958591277
tina.blackman@hotmail.com

Tuesday 9.15 – 2.45pm
Wednesday 9.15 – 2.45pm
Thursday 9.15 – 1.15pm

Yoga

Elena Leoncelli 07428504503

Monday & Thursday 6 – 7.15pm
elenacelli@hotmail.com



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westonvillagehallbookings@outlook.com
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Weston Methodist Church



You can stay for tea
coffee & chat after
every Sunday service

10.30^{am} Sunday Services in October



5th HARVEST *led by Mark Timothy*
12th *led by Bob Johnson*
19th *led by David Hemmingway*
26th *led by Ian Mason*

TUESDAYS in the chapel

**BIBLE
STUDY**
14 October
10.30^{am}

**PRAYER
MEETING**
28 October
10.30^{am}

For more information please visit
www.westonmethodistchurch.org.uk

Our Recycling Project continues...

Please keep postage stamps, leave the stamps stuck to the envelope and cut a 1cm margin around them. Empty tablet blister packs are being collected to be recycled, as are old spectacles and used batteries. We are continuing to support Tools with a Mission by collecting old sewing machines, hand tools, haberdashery items including knitting wool and fabric. The items are sorted and refurbished and sent to Africa to support people in work. If you have any items to donate, please contact Rachel on 07974567819.

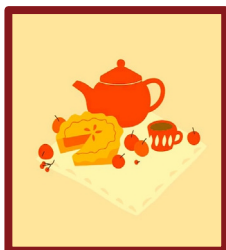
A date for your Diary...

Advent Fayre Saturday November 29th 2025

from 10.00^{am} to 12 noon.

We will have craft and bring & buy stalls
for you to browse.

Come and join us to do some Christmas shopping and
enjoy a cuppa and a mince pie while you do it!



Rev David Bintliff 01785 229973

Church Council Secretary	Dr Susan McCready-Shea	01889 271488
Hall Bookings Secretary	Mrs Margie Egginton	01889 207040



As the leaves turn golden and the evenings draw in, it's that time again when we ask ourselves, *"Do the clocks go forward or back this weekend?"*

If you've ever found yourself bleary-eyed on a Sunday morning, wondering why your phone says one thing and the oven says another, you're not alone. Welcome to the twice-yearly ritual of British Summer Time! (BST).

The Summer Time Act was passed in 1916, during World War I, when saving coal and making the most of daylight hours became a national priority. Over a century later we still debate about whether we should scrap the whole thing and stick to one time year-round.

Many people like the longer summer evenings for gardening, cycling, or just enjoying a bit of sunshine after work. Others think that it is good to avoid dark mornings in autumn and winter as we shift back to GMT. But as with so many issues - not everyone's a fan! Every October we hear voices saying we should scrap the whole thing and stick to one time year-round. But for now, the tradition continues—and so does our autumnal routine of confused pets, blinking ovens, and sleepy Sunday mornings.

Don't forget...before you go to bed on Saturday October 25th set your clocks *BACK* one hour.

Phones, tablets and computers, digital assistants and radios usually update automatically. You may have a house full of devices that are not at all fazed by the challenge of adjusting the time later this month - BUT it's worth checking your car clock, microwave or oven, central heating programmer and any grandfather clocks or other vintage timepieces you've got ticking away!

So this year, 2025, BST ends on Sunday October 26th.

At 2.00^{am} the clocks go back to 1.00^{am}—giving us an extra hour in bed or at least a chance to pretend we're early for once !

BARBARA's Words of Wisdom



**Prayer should be
the key to the day
and the lock of
the night.**



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*Have you checked your
website!*

www.westongayton-pc.gov.uk

Contact Beth, the Parish Clerk
07594 002590

clerk@westongayton-pc.gov.uk
or write to

The Parish Clerk
Weston Village Hall
Green Road, Stafford
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Tuesday October 7th

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3 rd Prize Chris Arblaster	£28	(69)



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