



Sunday 19th July 2026

7th Sunday after Trinity



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Come follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad



Becoming
Dementia
Friendly
Church
2024-5

"We believe in **inclusive church** – a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate."

**** Please note: Due to availability of Ministers there are some changes to service times and frequency of Holy Communion services within the Benefice**

Services Sunday 19th July

Holy Trinity Oakengates

9.30am Morning Worship

St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy

No Service

St Georges Telford

9.30am Holy Communion & Baptism

Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood

3.00pm Holy Communion ***note time change**

St Matthew's Donnington Wood

11.00am Morning Worship

St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge

11.00am Holy Communion

Please note: Dates and times are correct at time of going to print but are subject to change.

Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood 3rd Sunday service has a new time of 3pm. This will allow for Tom to lead a 3rd Sunday Family Communion service - everyone is welcome to join, and it would be lovely to welcome any who might be looking for a later communion service.

Collect – 7th Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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.

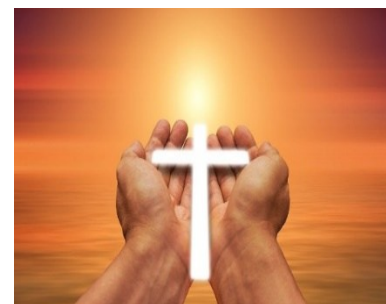
Sunday Readings

Psalm 139.1-11, 23-24

1st Reading Genesis 28.10-19a

2nd Reading Romans 8.12-25

Gospel Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43



Services Sunday 26th July

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9.30am Holy Communion

St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy

3.00pm Holy Communion

St Georges Telford

9.30am Morning Worship

Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood

11.00am Morning Worship

St Matthew's Donnington Wood

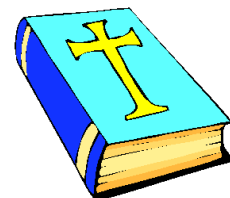
11.00am Holy Communion

St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge

11.00am Morning Worship

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Daily Readings		Morning	Evening
Monday	20/07	Luke 22.24-30	2 Corinthians 11.1-15
Tuesday	21/07	Luke 22.31-38	2 Corinthians 11.16-end
Wednesday	22/07	Luke 8.1-3	Mark 15.40—16.7
Thursday	23/07	Luke 22.47-62	2 Corinthians 13
Friday	24/07	Luke 22.63-end	James 1.1-11
Saturday	25/07	Luke 9.46-56	Mark 1.14-20
Monday	27/07	Luke 23.13-25	James 2.1-13
Tuesday	28/07	Luke 23.26-43	James 2.14-end
Wednesday	29/07	Luke 23.44-56a	James 3
Thursday	30/07	Luke 23.56b—24.12	James 4.1-12
Friday	31/07	Luke 24.13-35	James 4.13—5.6
Saturday	01/08	Luke 24.36-end	James 5.7-end
Monday	03/08	Acts 1.1-14	Mark 1.1-13
Tuesday	04/08	Acts 1.15-end	Mark 1.14-20
Wednesday	05/08	Acts 2.1-21	Mark 1.21-28
Thursday	06/08	1 John 3.1-3	2 Corinthians 3
Friday	07/08	Acts 2.37-end	Mark 2.1-12
Saturday	08/08	Acts 3.1-10	Mark 2.13-22
Monday	10/08	Acts 3.11-end	Mark 2.23—3.6
Tuesday	11/08	Acts 4.1-12	Mark 3.7-19a
Wednesday	12/08	Acts 4.13-31	Mark 3.19b-end
Thursday	13/08	Acts 4.32—5.11	Mark 4.1-20
Friday	14/08	Acts 5.12-26	Mark 4.21-34
Saturday	15/08	Luke 11.27-28	Acts 1.6-14



Sunday Readings	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Gospel
19 July <i>Trinity 7</i>	Genesis 28.10-19a	Romans 8.12-25	Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43
26 July <i>Trinity 8</i>	Genesis 29.15-28	Romans 8.26-end	Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52
02 Aug <i>Trinity 9</i>	Genesis 32.22-31	Romans 9.1-5	Matthew 14.13-21
09 Aug <i>Trinity 10</i>	Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28	Romans 10.5-15	Matthew 14.22-33
16 Aug <i>Trinity 11</i>	Genesis 45.1-15	Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15.[10-20] 21-28

Those in need of our prayers

Please pray for the families of all who are grieving.

Merciful God, be close to all who mourn.

May they know the hope of your promises
and the comfort of your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



In our prayers we remember the Church, its members and our community. We pray for those who are unwell, either at home or in hospital and those who are adjusting to changes in their lives and those who can no longer join us physically in our church buildings for worship or fellowship. We offer prayers for people of countries affected by conflict, persecution and natural disaster.

We pray for Rev Tom as he goes on his summer break with his Family may it be a time of rest and renewal and for all the church leaders, wardens and volunteers may they take this quiet time over the summer to be refreshed ready for the new term.

At this time please pray for:

- Safety for those who travel for work or holiday at this busy time
- Those suffering in the extremes of the weather across this country and the world.
- Those leaving school, college and university this year
- Children's clubs across Telford
- We offer prayers for people of countries affected by conflict, persecution and natural disaster.
- The unrest across the world and that peace will prevail over all
- Peace in our lives, our country and our world
- All those who find themselves living on the streets
- Those living with Mental illness
- Pastoral care within the Benefice
- Our Church PCC's as they plan for the future
- Our Bishops Michael & Sarah and Archdeacon Nick

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen*

Those whose years mind we keep

Priorslee

- 19 July** Joyce Cummings, Adam Cattell, Arthur Bucknall, Kenneth Handley, Robert Rose, Percy Dean
- 26 July** Kathleen Lowe, John Owen, Demi Martin, Hubert Biddulph
- 02 Aug** Hannah Lowe, Violet Rowley, Michelle Lloyd, Edna Pritchard, Bertie Oliver, Loraine Sproson, Hilda Biddulph, William Williams
- 09 Aug** Irene Fieldhouse, Lily Palin, Gladys Dodd, Percival Davies, Clifford Pascall, Annie Hampton, Emily Jones
- 16 Aug** Richard Morgan, Winifred Leyland-Jones, Walter Cadman
- 23 Aug** Brian Ainsworth, Gladys Taylor, Albert Eagleton, Andrew McGillivray
- 30 Aug** Gillian Hodson, Lorna Chetwood, George Moscrop, Vincent Holmes, Charles Luter, Leslie Phillips

Oakengates

- 19 July** Ruby Mellor, Eileen Williams, Sylvia Rushton, Peter Thomas, Cliff Briggs, John Sheffield, Muriel Medicott, Vernon Cheshire, Janet Evelyn, Jon Dawson, Eber Wilkes, Anthony Alexander, Frederick Parton, Florence Wright
- 26 July** Abigail Taylor, Ronald Adams, Amy Taylor, Martin Saunders, Annie Scott, Alice Hedges, John Gibson, Horace Merrington, Arthur Tranter
- 02 Aug** William Pearce, David Poole, Elizabeth Wilkes, Douglas Hills, Margaret Ingham, Cedric Ingham, Eric Davies, Stephen Jones, Angeline Calsey, Elsie Rowley, Mary Hoof, Peter Elendon, Selby and Olive Cope, Georgina Billington, Albert Taylor, Frederick Harper, Hayley Evans
- 09 Aug** Francis McKay, Violet Allen, Edward Harvey, Barrie Southall, Kenneth Nelson, Frances Pagett, Charles Philips, Gladys Jaundrell, Eric Lonnon, Doreen Evendon, Joan Miller, Robin Dixon
- 16 Aug** Keith Lawton, Sid Talbot, Colin Tonks, Walter Mullinder, David Ghost, Dorothy Lowe, James Thompson, Alan Millward, John Mountney, Peter Jeffries, Martina Luscott
- 23 Aug** Ethel Roberts, Marion Cadwallader, Derrick Thompson, Henry Wassall, Herbert Mellor, Grace Tonks, Margaret Riley, Annie Mansell, Lucy Barrow, Eileen Harris
- 30 Aug** Roy Lea, Gwen Phillips, Sydney Massey, Mabel Spencer, Sue Bailey, Alec Leech

Wrockwardine Wood

- 19 July** Esmeralda Latham, Alan Nicholls, Brian Benting, Edna Moody, Phyllis Williams, Norman Pickering, Austin (Bram) Dawes
- 26 July** Edith (Nora) Stanworth, Harold Pickering, Frederick Evans, Lilian Bailey, William (Bill) Wright, Jessie Perry, Derek Latham, Eric Addison
- 02 Aug** Albert Hyde, Lily Addison, Arnold Dawson, Pauline Johns (Tay), William Bourne, Anne Heenan, Joan Roden
- 09 Aug** Peter Downes, Beryl Mansell, Gary (Garf) Coles, Stuart Russell, Arthur Pitchford, Marjorie Harding, Gertrude (Betty) Hodson, Lynda Hancox, Gerald (Tom) Brown
- 16 Aug** Geoffrey Mann, Kenneth Steadman, David Pagett, Malcolm Lee, Maureen Weston, Ada Ruscoe, Mona Buckley, Robert (Rob) Stones, Benjamin Mansell, Albert (Tommy) Atkins, Derek Odell, Ethel Luter
- 23 Aug** Gordon Beardsmore, Barbara Worrall, Michael Griffiths, Dorothy Martin, Albert Steventon, Nathalie Parton, Geoffrey Edwards
- 30 Aug** Douglas Boothman, Muriel Gillam, John James, Rodwell Woodward, Howard (H) Hope, Enid Steventon, Paul Evans, Rose Price

Donnington Wood

- 19 July** Gordon Pascoe, Harold Jones, John Frost, James (Jim) Norton (Priest)
- 26 July** Betty Stephens, Pam Corbett, Florence Pascoe, Gwendoline Howells
- 02 Aug** Edwina Hayward, James Millington, Millicent Smith, Francis Johnson, Mary Wakeley
- 09 Aug** Brian Green, Ethel Handley
- 16 Aug** Raymond Churm, William Sylverster, Cliff Humble, George Mapp, David Sedgwick
- 23 Aug** Ernest Weston, Margaret Best
- 30 Aug** Ethel Wallace, John Gorvin, Joseph Sandall, James Price, William Kitching, Graham Chapman

EMAIL NEWSLETTER

The weekly Newsletter is produced and edited by Christopher Harris and if you would like to receive this newsletter via email regularly please contact newsletter@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk requesting you would like to receive it, or it can be found on our Website at

www.easttelfordbenefice.co.uk

Regular Dates for Diaries (For participation or prayer)

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| Mon | 8.00pm | Compline via Zoom |
| Tue | 7.00pm | Whist in aid of Holy Trinity Oakengates (1 st Tue of month) at Maddocks Club |
| Wed | 8.45-10.30am | Tea & Toast (Place of Welcome) at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood |
| | 9.00-11.00am | Food Bank & Clothes Bank at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood |
| | 9.15am | Morning Prayer at Wombridge Church |
| | 10.00am | Midweek Service at St Matthew's Donnington Wood (Eucharist 1 st Wednesday) |
| | 11.00am | Bible Chat session at St Matthew's Donnington Wood (suspended during August) |
| | 11.00am | Midweek Service at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood |
| | 12.00-2.00pm | Place of Welcome at Holy Trinity Oakengates |
| | 7.00-8.00pm | Prayer Group meeting at St Georges (4 th Wed each month) |
| Thu | 1.00-3.00pm | Pray Bake Read at Lantern Academy Ketley Bank (Only during School Term) |
| | 1.00-3.00pm | Place of Welcome at Priorslee Scout HQ |
| | 3.15-4.30pm | Youth Drop-in at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood (next one 10 th September) |
| Fri | 10-11.00am | St Georges Church open for chat & refreshments |
| | 12.30-2.00pm | First Friday Free Lunch at Wombridge Parish Centre (1 st Friday) |
| | 8.00pm | Compline via Zoom |
| Sat | 11.00-1.00pm | Welcome Saturday at St Matthews Donnington Wood (3 rd Saturday of month) |

Additional Dates for Diaries

Wed	22/07	7.00pm	Prayer Group at St Georges Church
Tue	04/08		Wombridge Church Summer Outing to Molverley Church
Thu	06/08	9.30am	Messy Church planning meeting at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood
Fri	07/08	12.30pm	First Friday Free Lunch at Wombridge Parish Centre
Sat	08/08		Sponsored Walk with lunch at the Sutherland
Tue	25/08	10.30am	Burial of Ashes of Peter Brown at St Matthews Donnington Wood
Mon	07/09	1.00pm	Ecumenical Service (venue tbc)
Thur	10/09	3.15pm	Youth Drop-in at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood
Thur	17/09	7.30pm	Concert - Key Change Choir (Re-scheduled from June due to weather)

Future dates for the Year

Wombridge Church: 2026 Plan

Tue 4 th Aug		Summer Outing to Molverley Church & lunch
Sat 19 th Sep	8.30am - 11.00am	Autumn Breakfast Bazaar
Sat 17 th Oct	6.00pm	Harvest Supper & Hadley & District MVC Concert
Sat 14 th Nov	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Beetle and Fish 'n' chips
Sat 5 th Dec	8.30am - 11.00am	Christmas Breakfast Bazaar
Sat 19 th Dec	4.00pm - 6.00pm	Christmas party

St Peters Priorslee: 2026 Plan

Sun 27 th Sept	3.00pm	Harvest Festival Service at Holy Trinity Academy
Sat 3 rd Oct	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Harvest Supper at Priorslee Scout HQ
Sat 28 th Nov	2.00pm - 4.00pm	Christmas Craft Fair at Priorslee Scout HQ
Thu 24 th Dec	1.00pm - 2.00pm	Christmas Bring & Share Lunch at Place of Welcome
	2.30pm - 3.30pm	followed by Christmas Eve Service at Priorslee Scout HQ

Holy Trinity Oakengates: 2026 Plan

Sat 8 th Sept		Sponsored Walk & Lunch
Sat 12 th Sept		Ride & Stride
Thur 17 th Sept	7.30pm	Concert - Key Change Choir (Re-scheduled from June)
Sat 3 rd Oct		Harvest Supper & Quiz
Sun 13 th Dec		Concert by the Ronnies

SAFEGUARDING

For all the churches in our benefice, the safeguarding, safety and security of each person is of the upmost importance. We have across all our churches committed to safeguarding and have adopted the national and diocesan safeguarding policies.

Please do not hesitate to contact one of the Coordinators, Churchwardens or the Benefice Admin office if you have any questions and concerns and understand that everyone has a role to play to ensure we achieve our aim of being a benefice who cares and protects all who visit.

For more information: <https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/safeguarding/safeguarding.php>
<https://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding/national-safeguarding-standards>

To report a Benefice concern please contact admin@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk and Kerry will direct you to the relevant safeguarding officer.

ST PETER'S CHURCH BUILDING – FORSALE

NOTICE: *It has been brought to the attention of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Peter's Church, Priorslee, that St Peter's Church building has been listed for sale by the Diocese.*

Following the closure of the church in June 2025, responsibility for the building passed to the Diocese of Lichfield. At no point has the Diocese contacted either the PCC or the Benefice of East Telford to discuss the future of the building. Nor did it extend the courtesy of informing us before the property was listed for sale. We became aware of the sale through a social media post on Wednesday, 8 July 2026.

As a result, we have no further information to share at this time.

Please direct any comments or questions regarding the sale of the building to the Diocese of Lichfield. Contact details can be found on its website.

We would, however, like to reassure everyone that the churchyard remains open and continues to be managed by St Peter's PCC. We are grateful to the teams of volunteers who gave their time last week to help clear and maintain the churchyard.

The St Peter's worshipping community continues to hold services on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month at 3.00 pm in the chapel at Holy Trinity Academy, Priorslee. Our Places of Welcome group also continues to meet every Thursday from 1.00pm to 3.00pm, Priorslee and St George's Scout Hall. Everyone is warmly welcome to join us.

Any further information regarding the sale of the church building, contact the Diocese of Lichfield.

PRAYING AT HOME

As a Benefice we are grateful to Nigel who hosts Compline (Evening Prayer) via Zoom (extremely easy to join on a mobile phone with internet access) at 8pm on Monday and Friday evenings. For more information please contact Nigel at Nigellcollins8561@gmail.com

LATEST UPDATE FROM HOLY TRINITY WROCKWARDINE WOOD

Prayer group at Wrockwardine Wood is paused for now, but the praying continues please do email or call the office admin@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk 01952 615367 if you have a prayer request and this will be sent to the churches for inclusion in the prayers groups which are happening elsewhere across the benefice and of course in our Sunday services

Tea and Toast - the places of Welcome at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood will be closed for two weeks to let our wonderful volunteers have a break - so no Tea & Toast on 22nd & 29th July, we will be back revitalised on 5th of August. Somewhere to stop by and have a chat with the volunteers or regulars; food bank will also return, although if you know anyone who needs a parcel do not hesitate to contact Kerry admin@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk or 01952 615367 and leave a message and she will arrange the parcels for collection.

The Step in Line class is suspended for the summer with a new class being started on the second week of September. Look out for the details which will follow soon.

Pattern of mid-week services:

Wed 5th Aug – Holy Communion & 12th, 19th, 26th – lay led.

Sept 2nd & 9th - lay led, 16th & 23rd – Holy Communion, 30th lay led.

CHANGES DURING AUGUST

- The Wednesday morning service at Donnington Wood Church continues during August although the Bible Chat group is suspended for the summer holidays and will re-commence on Wednesday 2nd September.

- The Wednesday Prayer Group which normally meets at St Georges Church on 4th Wednesday in the month is cancelled in August and will meet again 23rd September.

BAPTISMS WEDDINGS & FUNERALS IN CHURCH

We are always excited to be able to celebrate Baptisms, welcome you for your Wedding or help you through a difficult time arranging a Funeral within our Churches. Funerals are welcomed in Church or at the Graveside and Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood are able to livestream funerals. Please telephone Kerry, Benefice Administrator to discuss arrangements. Our Ministers are also available for Services at the Crematorium, contact your Funeral Directors for arrangements.

NEW BENEFICE ADMIN OFFICE OPENING TIMES

There will be a change to the hours where Kerry can be contacted in the office. The new hours will be 9.00am – 2.00pm Monday and Tuesday.

Kerry can be contacted by email – admin@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk and phone – 01952 615367. She will respond to you promptly. Should you require printing or office help just give her a call or email and she will arrange to meet you at the office during these times.

EVERYDAY FAITH APP

Everyday Faith is a Church of England app offering daily readings, reflections, responses and prayers under various themes; with each theme looking at where and how we meet God as we go about our lives. Faith is found in our joys and cares, in our challenges and conflicts as we lean into God's presence and guidance. You can download Everyday Faith from your app store.

PRAY BAKE READ

PRAY....INTENTIONALLY FOR YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL
BAKE....A CAKE FOR STAFF EVERY HALF TERM
READ....1:1 WITH A STUDENT ONCE A WEEK



Would you like to support children at The Lantern Academy, Ketley Bank by spending 1-2 hours a week with pupils listening to them read on a 1:1 (Thursday afternoons 1-3pm, Years 1 & 2 infants). If you are interested please speak to Julia Ayers, or contact newsletter@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk and your details will be passed to the organiser.

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Wombridge summer trip to Molverley Church followed by lunch - everyone welcome!

On Tuesday 4th August we will be visiting the beautiful timber-framed St Peter's Church in the village of Molverley, Shropshire. The current church was constructed in 1406 and is one of the oldest of its type in the UK.

After the visit we will enjoy lunch together at a local venue. Lifts are available for this visit. If you are interested, please contact Chris G on 07930245773.



The next Service will be
Monday 7th September at 1.00pm
following the summer break.
Venue to be confirmed

For more information about Ecumenical events
please contact Sue Rawlings.
07715173634 suerawlings12@gmail.com

ST GEORGE'S PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets on
the fourth Wednesday of
each month between
7pm & 8pm
at St George's Church.



The next meeting is on Wednesday 22nd July and is open for all to attend. During the time together there may be a brief discussion about issues of the day and/or individual concerns and then there is a time of prayer.

Free Community Lunch
On the first Friday of each month

12.30pm to 2.00pm

Wombridge Parish Centre

Thanks to sponsorship by the co-op

All welcome to join us for a light lunch, dessert and hot drink – followed by a short game – pop in or stay for as long as you wish - everyone welcome 😊

MIDWEEK WORSHIP AND BIBLE CHAT

• EVERY WEDNESDAY •

• WORSHIP 10.00 A.M.
REFRESHMENTS 10.45 A.M.
BIBLE CHAT GROUP 11.00 A.M. •

• ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH
DONNINGTON WOOD •

Rev Dr Tom Atfield will lead a short Eucharist service and begin each new bible focus on 1st Wednesday of the month
If you would like to share in this newly revised act of worship, please come along on 3rd June, a warm, friendly welcome awaits you!

Compline via Zoom

As a Benefice we are grateful to Nigel who hosts Compline via Zoom at 8pm on Monday and Friday evenings.

For more information please contact Nigel at Nigelcollins8561@gmail.com

TOMBOLA STALLS

Each of the churches in the Benefice are always in need of small quality items suitable for use on Tombola Stalls.

If you can offer items for these stalls then please pass them to churchwardens who will forward them to the events coordinators for each of the churches. *Thank You.*



PLACES of WELCOME at HTO, HTWW & St PETERS



This outreach is something which has helped bring our community together and we are always pleased when new people attend. The format is simple – a short service, a shared breakfast/lunch (toast, soup and roll or sandwiches), chat/board games/puzzles/craft etc.

Please do let your friends and neighbours know about these Places of Welcome especially those who live alone or those who are looking for a place to meet new people. You will find a warm welcome at each of these Places of Welcome. We look forward to meeting you!

Please note St Peters meets at: Priorslee Scout HQ, Snedshill Way, TF2 9QQ

Tea & Toast Warm space
Food bank & Clothes bank

Open each Wednesday
9.00 - 11.00

We would love to make you welcome at our Warm space Tea & Toast each Wednesday. Come in have a cuppa chat with our volunteers.

get to know some new people, browse the clothing and request a food parcel. just ask one of the volunteers.

we are grateful for the support of our local parish members who support our warm space

PLACE OF WELCOME

Holy Trinity Church
Oakengates

Wednesday
12 - 2 pm

PLACE OF WELCOME

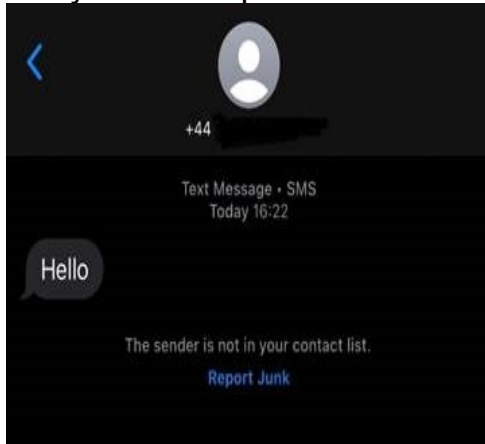
St. Peter's Priorslee Community

Every Thursday
at Priorslee Scout HQ, Snedshill Way, TF2 9QQ
1.00pm - 3.00pm

It started with Hello.....

People are used to receiving messages from unknown numbers, but this "Hello" could be the start of a scam.

Any response, from "?????" "Wrong number" or another simple "hello" verifies to the scammer that your phone number is active. From here the scam could go on to impersonate Police or the Bank, inform you owe a parking fine, be the start of a romance fraud, to name just a few of the many, many other ways of manipulating you into giving away sensitive personal or banking information.



And as a bonus if you do reply, expect more text messages from random numbers in the future.

So what should you do?

- Do not reply.
- Do not click on any links.
- Forward the message to 7726 along with the number the text came from.
- Delete and block the number.
- If you have given any personal information report the incident to Action Fraud via their website or by calling 0300 123 2040 and if you have given any financial information inform your bank immediately.

Please share this information with friends and family.



OPEN GARDENS IN SHROPSHIRE

Do you enjoy gardens? Over the next few weeks there are some beautiful ones to visit.

SHROPSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST www.shropshirehct.org.uk/

Heath House 26th July – The Heath, Clungunford SY7 0QB 11.00-4.00pm

Beautiful designed 14-acre garden. Tours by the head gardener. Church: St Edward's £10

Sambrook & Ellerton Garden Trail Sunday 30 August 2026 - Sambrook, Newport TF10 8AL

11am-4pm - The trail begins at early 18th century Sambrook Manor with waterfall and Japanese garden. The trail includes two stunning mill gardens in Ellerton. Church: St. Luke's Entry: £7

From the Deanery & Lichfield Diocese

Telford Deanery : Shaping for Mission



FOLLOWING JESUS : LOVING TELFORD : RENEWING CHURCH : GROWING YOUNGER



Diocese of Lichfield CofE

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The process for identifying the next Bishop of Lichfield is under way, and there are myriad opportunities to be part of that conversation.

There are four in-person events scheduled around the diocese starting this Wednesday in Penkridge, and a dozen others online each with slightly different focus.

Details of the events are at www.lichfield.anglican.org/ViSevents and more about the whole process at www.lichfield.anglican.org/ViS26



Further information: <https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/about-us/vacancy-in-see/vacancy-in-see-consultations/>

Please support the Christian Bookshop
in Shrewsbury!



Our new website - same address – new look. Log on to www.illuminatebooks.org.uk and you will see the difference. It is still a work in progress and there will be changes to the text and some of the format, but the GREAT news is that you can find second hand books more easily and pay for them online – just like other on line booksellers. You can either opt to have your purchases posted to you or collect them in the shop. Do spread the word as we now have over 6,000 books in stock.

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LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL



Thursday 23 July - Monday 31 August 2026

This summer, Lichfield Cathedral invites you to dive deep into a season of wonder, reflection and creativity with A Whale of a Summer.

From soaring whale sculptures suspended in the Cathedral's Nave to award-winning ocean photography, hands-on family activities and thoughtful conversations, the Cathedral becomes a space to explore our shared connection to the oceans, and to one another.

WHALES by Tessa Campbell Fraser
Ocean Photographer of the Year
The Whale! Circus Show with Puppets
Fin-Tastic Families
Jonah and the Whale: Family Trail & Activities
Wisdom from the Waves: Reframing Menopause

The Beach

Returning for its fifth year, The Beach at Lichfield Cathedral has become a much-loved summer tradition, welcoming thousands of visitors to enjoy free family fun in the heart of the city. Bring your buckets and spades, build sandcastles, sit back and relax, and enjoy a taste of the seaside ...at Lichfield Cathedral!

For more information: <https://www.lichfield-cathedral.org/what-s-on/summer-1>

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 326

We pray for the implementation of our diocesan strategy 'Seeking the Kingdom', within the context of the varied roles and ministries across the Diocese. As 'People of Hope,' we remember those impacted by natural disasters; those in Ukraine suffering grievously and we pray for the people & leaders of Russia; and for a lasting peace for the people of Palestine, Israel, Iran and the wider Middle East.



Seeking the
Kingdom

Sunday 19th July:

(Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, and his sister Macrina, Deaconess, Teachers of the Faith, c.394 and c.379)

Lord, we pray for Wem and Whitchurch Deanery and especially for Chris Precious as he is licensed to serve as their new Rural Dean. We pray for all those churches in north Shropshire and the people that worship in them, and for closer and productive links between them. As well as the two market towns, we pray for the many villages, and that in each one of them your name may be known and that your hand of blessing will rest upon them.

Monday 20th:

(Margaret of Antioch, Martyr, 4th century. Bartolomé de las Casas, Apostle to the Indies, 1566)

On the day we remember St Margaret we pray for all the churches in the diocese dedicated to her, in Betley, Draycott le Moors, Great Barr, Moreton Say, Wetton, and Wolstanton. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on each of these churches, and the communities they serve.

Lord, we also pray for '[Creative](#)', and the start of a 3-day Craft Retreat at Shallowford House. We pray for inspiration and encouragement for all those taking part, and we thank you for the ongoing blessing of how you may often guide us through creative means that we perhaps never expect.

Tuesday 21st:

We pray for this evening's consultation in Stoke Archdeaconry for the forthcoming Vacancy in See, and again lift this process before you. We pray for everyone on the Vacancy in See Committee, for wisdom and guidance on how they can best contribute. Lord, please send us who you want to lead us next.

Tonight we pray for Andrew Walmley as he is licensed to serve at St George's Glascote in Tamworth. Please bless growing relationships between him and his new church, as they get to know each other better and work together to serve the local community.

Wednesday 22nd:

(Mary Magdalene)

On the day we remember St Mary Magdalene we pray for the three churches in the diocese dedicated to her, in Albrighton, Hadnall, and West Bromwich. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on all of these churches, and the communities they serve.

Thursday 23rd:

(Bridget of Sweden, Abbess of Vadstena, 1373)

Lord, we pray for this evening's online workshop offering an [Introduction to the Church of England](#). We pray for inspiration through our CEO Sam Rushton who will lead the session. We thank you for this institution as a whole, for its strengths as well as its foibles and failings, and pray that you may inspire us in how we can positively contribute to it.

Friday 24th:

Today we remember both St Wulfad and St Rufin and we pray for the two churches dedicated to them in the diocese, for St Michael and St Wulfad's in Stone, and for the nearby St Rufin's Burston. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on both of these churches, and the communities they serve.

Saturday 25th:

(James the Apostle)

On the day we remember St James the Great we pray for the four churches in the diocese specifically dedicated to him, in Audley, Clayton, Newchapel, and Salt. So too we pray for the other churches more generally dedicated to 'St James', in Acton Trussell, Barton under Needwood, Cotes Heath, Fordhouses, Longdon, Norton Canes, Waterfall, West Bromwich, and Wigginton. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on all of these churches, and the communities they serve.

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