

Sunday 20th September 2026

16th 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 20th September

Holy Trinity Oakengates

9.30am Morning Worship

St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy

No Service

St Georges Telford

9.30am Harvest Holy Communion & Baptism

Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood

3.00pm Afternoon Worship ***note time change**
& Baptism

St Matthew's Donnington Wood

11.00am Patronal Festival with Eucharist
for St Matthews Day

St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge

11.00am Morning Worship

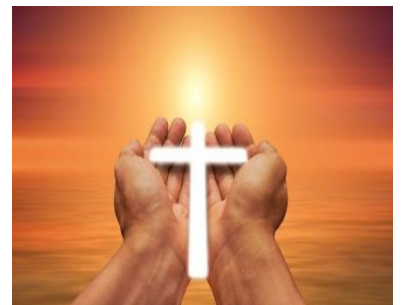
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Collect – 16th Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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	105.1-6, 37-end
1 st Reading	Exodus 16.2-15
2 nd Reading	Philippians 1.21-end
Gospel	Matthew 20.1-16



Harvest Readings

Psalm	65
1 st Reading	Deuteronomy 8.7-18 or 28.1-14
2 nd Reading	2 Corinthians 9.6-end
Gospel	Luke 12.16-30 or 17.11-19



Collect – Harvest

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wombridge 1st Sunday service has a new time of 3pm

Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood 3rd Sunday service has a new time of 3pm

St Peter's 3rd Sunday – no morning service going forward

To gain access to Holy Trinity Academy, please use the side entrance of the building by the electric car charging points which are to the right-hand side of the main entrance.

Once inside the building, go straight ahead following the corridor towards the refectory then through the doors and use either the stairs or lift to the 1st floor. The Chapel can be seen from the balcony.

Services Sunday 27th September

Holy Trinity Oakengates

9.30am Holy Communion

St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy

3.00pm Harvest Holy Communion

St Georges Telford

9.30am Morning Worship

6.00pm Battle of Britain Commemoration Service

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 Harvest Family Service

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Services Sunday 4th October

Holy Trinity Oakengates

9.30am Harvest Praise

St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy

No service

St Georges Telford

9.30am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood

11.00am Holy Communion

St Matthew's Donnington Wood

11.00am Harvest Praise

St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge

3.00pm Holy Communion *note time change

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Services Sunday 11th October

Holy Trinity Oakengates

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

8.00am Holy Communion BCP

11.00am Family Praise

St Matthew's Donnington Wood

11.00am Holy Communion

St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge

11.00am Morning Worship

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Services Sunday 18th October

Holy Trinity Oakengates

9.30am Morning Worship

St Peter's Priorslee at Holy Trinity Academy

No Service

St Georges Telford

9.30am Holy Communion

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 & Baptism

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Services Sunday 25th October

Holy Trinity Oakengates

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

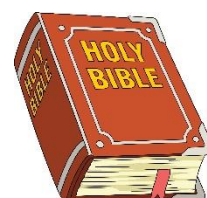
St Mary & St Leonard's Wombridge

11.00am Family Service

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Daily Readings

		Morning	Evening
Monday	21/09	2 Timothy 3.14-end	Matthew 19.16-end
Tuesday	22/09	Acts 19.21-end	Mark 12.35-end
Wednesday	23/09	Acts 20.1-16	Mark 13.1-13
Thursday	24/09	Acts 20.17-end	Mark 13.14-23
Friday	25/09	Acts 21.1-16	Mark 13.24-31
Saturday	26/09	Acts 21.17-36	Mark 13.32-end
Monday	28/09	Acts 21.37—22.21	Mark 14 1-11
Tuesday	29/09	Acts 12.1-11	Revelation 5
Wednesday	30/09	Acts 23.12-end	Mark 14.26-42
Thursday	01/10	Acts 24.1-23	Mark 14.43-52
Friday	02/10	Acts 24.24—25.12	Mark 14.53-65
Saturday	03/10	Acts 25.13-end	Mark 14.66-end
Monday	05/10	Acts 26.1-23	Mark 15.1-15
Tuesday	06/10	Acts 26.24-end	Mark 15.16-32
Wednesday	07/10	Acts 27.1-26	Mark 15.33-41
Thursday	08/10	Acts 27.27-end	Mark 15.42-end
Friday	09/10	Acts 28.1-16	Mark 16.1-8
Saturday	10/10	Acts 28.17-end	Mark 16.9-end
Monday	12/10	Philippians 1.1-11	John 13.1-11
Tuesday	13/10	Philippians 1.12-end	John 13.12-20
Wednesday	14/10	Philippians 2.1-13	John 13.21-30
Thursday	15/10	Philippians 2.14-end	John 13.31-end
Friday	16/10	Philippians 3.1—4.1	John 14.1-14
Saturday	17/10	Philippians 4.2-end	John 14.15-end
Monday	19/10	1 Timothy 1.1-17	John 15.1-11
Tuesday	20/10	1 Timothy 1.18—end 2	John 15.12-17
Wednesday	21/10	1 Timothy 3	John 15.18-end
Thursday	22/10	1 Timothy 4	John 16.1-15
Friday	23/10	1 Timothy 5.1-16	John 16.16-22
Saturday	24/10	1 Timothy 5.17-end	John 15.1-11
Monday	26/10	1 Timothy 6.1-10	John 17.1-5
Tuesday	27/10	1 Timothy 6.11-end	John 17.6-19
Wednesday	28/10	Luke 6.12-16	Jude 1-4, 17-end
Thursday	29/10	2 Timothy 1.15-2.13	John 18.1-11
Friday	30/10	2 Timothy 2.14-end	John 18.12-27
Saturday	31/10	2 Timothy 3	Revelation 19.6-10



Sunday Readings	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Gospel
27 Sep <i>Trinity 17</i>	Exodus 17.1-7	Philippians 2.1-13	Matthew 21.23-32
04 Oct <i>Trinity 18</i>	Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Philippians 3.4b-14	Matthew 21.33-end
11 Oct <i>Trinity 19</i>	Exodus 32.1-14	Philippians 4.1-9	Matthew 22.1-14
18 Oct <i>Trinity 20</i>	Exodus 33.12-end	1 Thessalonians 1.1-10	Matthew 22.15-22
25 Oct <i>Bible Sunday</i>	Nehemiah 8.1-4a [5-6] 8-12	Colossians 3.12-17	Matthew 24.30-35

Those in need of our prayers

Please pray for the families of Jane Dawson and 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.

At this time please pray for:

- For all working in the agricultural business and helping to provide us with food.
- All who are seeking educational guidance
- Those now deciding their future following the A Level, GCSE & vocational course results
- 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

- 20 Sep** Miles Watkiss, Florence Houlston, Gwendoline Adams, Percy Evans, Gwendoline Rigby, Thomas Morgan
- 27 Sep** Robert (Bob) Evans, Arthur Palfrey, Mark Jones, Margaret Kinghorn, Frederick Millington, Carol Burgess, Ruby Evans, Marlene Jones
- 04 Oct** Richard Bailey, Iris Avery, Evelyn Goode, Linda James, Denis Warrender

Oakengates

- 20 Sep** Tom Evenden, Lena Lillevik, Peter Wallbanks, Edith Lowe, Ernest Bailey, Norman Dabbs, Enoch Mansell, Ethel Lane, Harriet Bolas, Elizabeth Robinson, Annie Tranter, Edith Broughton
- 27 Sep** Harold Taylor, Kathleen Lloyd, Vera Twinsberrow Leslie Duce, Frances Jones, Harold Tipton, Dennis Smith, Ann Lewis-Cartwright
- 04 Oct** Ian Gregory, Christopher George, Letitia Pidgeon, Arthur Speed, Doris Elkes, Vera Jones, Robert Jones, Howard Harper, George Lineton, Elizabeth Mottershaw, Julie Williams

Wrockwardine Wood

- 20 Sep** Andrew Hood, Phyllis Steventon, Thomas Binsley, Beatrice Austin, Reginald Jones, Lionel D France, Francis Howells, Doreen Williams, Philip (Phil) Oliver, Joy Thomson
- 27 Sep** Frank Austin, Stanley Jones, Bob Hodson, Esther Stephan, Malcolm Williams, Elizabeth Caldwell, Ada Hindley
- 04 Oct** William (Bill) Allen, Vera Cooper, Hanna Jones, Paul Cartwright, Robert Jones, William (Bill) Wootton, Muriel Green, Thomas Evans, Lou Prescott

Donnington Wood

- 20 Sep** Wilfred Bridge, Herbert Barber, Barbara Molineaux, Margaret Davies, Edith Harper, Malcolm Griffiths, Albert Dodd, Florence Jones
- 27 Sep** Minnie Norton, Cissie Stones, Ruth Stephens
- 04 Oct** Phillip Husbands (priest), George Brown, John Pick, Dorothy Lea

Regular Dates for Diaries (For participation or prayer)

- Mon** 8.00pm Compline via Zoom
- Tue** 9.00am Weekly Prayer Group at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood
7.00pm Whist in aid of Holy Trinity Oakengates (1st 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 1st Wednesday)
11.00am Bible Chat session at St Matthew's Donnington Wood
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 (4th 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 10th September)
- Fri** 10-11.00am St Georges Church open for chat & refreshments
12.30-2.00pm First Friday Free Lunch at Wombridge Parish Centre (1st Friday)
8.00pm Compline via Zoom
- Sat** 11.00-1.00pm Welcome Saturday at St Matthews Donnington Wood (3rd Saturday of month)

Additional Dates for Diaries

- Thur** 24/09 2.00pm Macmillan Coffee Afternoon at Stallard Court Oakengates
- Fri** 25/09 11.00am Funeral of Jane Dawson at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood
- Fri** 25/09 7.00pm Stir Gathering at Telford Lighthouse Church
- Sat** 03/10 6.00pm St Peter's Harvest Supper at Priorslee Scout HQ
- Sat** 03/10 Harvest Supper & Quiz at Holy Trinity Church Oakengates
- Mon** 05/10 1.00pm Ecumenical Service at Our Lady of the Rosary
- Mon** 05/10 5.45pm Youth & Children's Leaders Gathering at Telford Minster
- Fri** 09/10 2.30pm Burial of Ashes of Michael Maiden at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood
- Fri** 09/10 7.00pm Telford Sleep Out for Stay Charity at Madeley Cricket Club
- Tue** 03/10 TBC Wombridge Church Outing to Tong Church & Lunch
- Fri** 16/10 12.00pm Burial of Ashes of Sidney Rutherford at Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood
- Sat** 17/10 6.00pm Wombridge Church Harvest Supper & Hadley & District MVC Concert

Future dates for the Year

Wombbridge Church: 2026 Plan

Sat 14 th Nov	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Beetle and Fish 'n' chips
Sat 28 th Nov	Times tbc	Oakengates Christmas Lights
Sat 5 th Dec	8.30am - 11.00am	Christmas Breakfast Bazaar
Sat 19 th Dec	4.00pm - 6.00pm	Christmas party
	During Advent	Tree of Light in Church

St Peters Priorslee: 2026 Plan

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

Sun 13 th Dec	Concert by the Ronnies
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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 newsletter4etb@outlook.com requesting you would like to receive it.

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 Nigelcollins8561@gmail.com

LATEST UPDATE FROM HOLY TRINITY WROCKWARDINE WOOD

Prayer group at Wrockwardine Wood is paused for now, praying continues please do email or call the office admin@easttelfordbenefice.co.uk 01952 615367 if you have a prayer request 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.

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 EMAIL ADDRESS

Kerry can be contacted on the new email – easttelfordbenefice@outlook.com (The old email address will cease on 21st September 2026) and her phone number – 01952 615367. She will respond to you promptly. The hours where Kerry can be contacted in the office are 9.00am – 2.00pm Monday and Tuesday. 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.

NEW BENEFICE NEWSLETTER EMAIL ADDRESS

By the 21st September 2026 the newsletter email address will change due to a different service provider. The new email address will be: newsletter4etb@btinternet.com
Please save this new address into your contacts to help stop the newsletter going into your junk/spam folder.

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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.

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.



the next Service will be
Monday 5th October at 1.00pm
at Our Lady of the Rosary
The theme will be Justic & Peace

*For more information about Ecumenical events
please contact Sue Rawlings.
07715173634suerawlings12@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 23rd Sept
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.

Looking ahead.....ECUMENICAL QUIET MORNING

The ecumenical group will be holding a uiet Morning on Friday 6th November 9am-12noon at St. Mary's Church, Red Lake. Theme will be the changing nature of gifts through life's seasons.

World Day of Prayer 2027:

Friday 5th March. A planning meeting will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary on Monday 28th September at 7.00pm. Women's World Day of Prayer was established in 1927: 2027 celebrates 100 years of prayerful action. If you'd like to be involved or find out more but cannot attend the meeting, please contact Sue Rawlings on *suerawlings12@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.*



Battle of Britain Commemoration Service

St Georges Parish Church
Sunday 27th September
6.00pm

Harvest Supper Quiz Night



Holy Trinity Church
Oakengates



Fish 'n' Chip Supper
Tickets £10

Saturday 3rd October

Tickets available from Peter
07359 952733

Compline via Zoom

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



Join us on 24th September

Holy Trinity Church, Oakengates
Knit & Natter Group

Are holding a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
On Thursday 24th September at 2pm

Do come along and enjoy
the company, coffee & cake
at Stallard Court, Oakengates
Tickets £5.00 from Gill Hardman

J.A.M CLUB
Jesus And Me

A fun new youth group for children, parents and carers

Fun, friendship and faith for all ages!

Snacks • Crafts • Games • Worship • Bible Story

15 October • 19 November • 17 December

3:00pm – 5:00pm

Holy Trinity Church
Wrockwardine Wood, Telford TF2 7AH

All Ages Welcome

A relaxed, friendly space to enjoy time together, make friends and learn more about Jesus.

"Let the little children come to me..."
Matthew 19:14

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Learning, Growing and Sharing God's Love Together!

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!

WOMBRIDGE PARISH CENTRE
COMMUNITY LUNCH

ON THE FIRST
FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

12.30PM TO 2PM

UPCOMING DATES

- FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER
- FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
- FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER
- FRIDAY 8TH JANUARY
- FRIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

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BUT DONATIONS ARE WELCOME

All welcome to join us for a **LIGHT LUNCH, DESSERT and HOT DRINK** - FOLLOWED BY A QUIZ -
POP IN OR STAY FOR AS LONG AS YOU WISH
everyone welcome

New class for Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood

Decades Reloaded
 exercise to music from across the decades
 - low impact - high fun
6.30pm begins Sept 9th

From - Amanda's Community fun fitness classes

Hello SEPTEMBER
 New Month • New Energy • New You!

TIMETABLE

MONDAY 6-7PM
 clubbercise
 ANSTICE BALLROOM MADELEY
 £7

TUESDAY 6-6.45PM
 NEW! **MOTOWN SOUL**
 & NORTHERN SOUL
 LOW IMPACT - EASY-TO-FOLLOW DANCE CLASS
 £6 OR 5 X CLASSES ONLY £25

TUESDAY 7-8PM
 clubbercise
 CASEY'S CONINGSLY HALL
 £7

WED 9TH SEPT 6.30-7.15PM
 NEW! **DECADES RELOADED**
 DANCE CLASS
 HOLY TRINITY PARISH CHURCH HALL WROCKWARDINE WOOD
 £6 OR 5 X CLASSES £25

WED 11.30AM
 BEGINNER'S STEP IN LINE DANCING
 ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL MUTTON
 £5.50 PAYE OR 5 X CLASSES ONLY £25

THURSDAY 7-8PM
 BEGINNER'S STEP IN LINE DANCING
 ST GEORGE'S SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB
 £5.50 PAYE OR 5 X CLASSES ONLY £25

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St Peter's Harvest Supper and BINGO

will be held this year at
Priorslee Scout Hut
Saturday 3rd October, 6.00pm

Tickets £8.00

available from Fiona Barraclough
 phone 07873 343008,
 or at St Peters Place of Welcome
 or email
 speterspriorslee@btinternet.com

MENU:
 Lasagne with Salads
 or
 Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans
 Apple Crumble/Pie with Custard

Please let us know of any dietary requirements when you book.
 (Vegetarian & Gluten Free available).

You are invited to bring your own drinks & glasses.

BINGO

AUTUMN OUTING TO TONG CHURCH
 followed by **LUNCH**

TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER

COST OF GUIDED TOUR £10

LIFTS ARE AVAILABLE

This Grade 1 listed building was called the Westminster Abbey of the Midlands by John Betjeman.
 It has a Golden Chapel built in 1510.
 A monument with an inscription believed to have been written by William Shakespeare.
 Charles Dickens chose Tong Church as the final resting place for Little Nell.

If you would like to join us,
CONTACT CHRIS ON 07930245773

EVERYONE WELCOME TO COME ALONG!

WOMBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH HARVEST Supper
 WITH CONCERT BY THE HADLEY & DISTRICT ORPHEUS MALE VOICE CHOIR

SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER 6PM TO 8PM

SUPPER OF Jacket Potato
 WITH A CHOICE OF FILLINGS,
 FOLLOWED BY **Coffee & Cake**

TICKETS £8 £4 FOR CHILDREN

CONTACT CHRIS ON 07930245773

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!

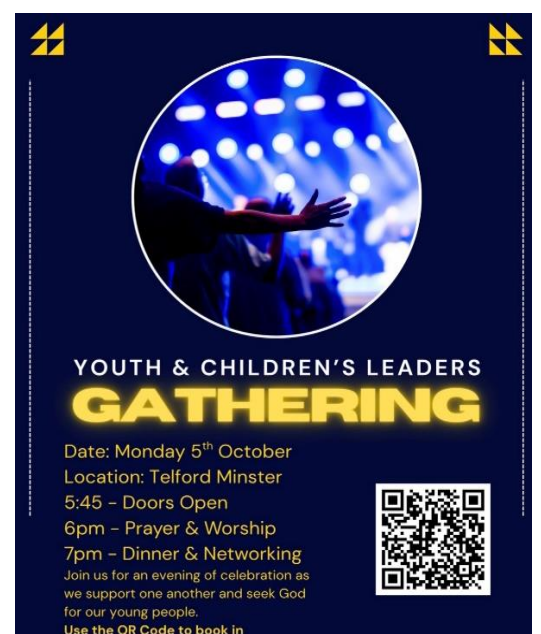
Please note St Peters meets at: Priorslee Scout HQ, Snedshill Way, TF2 9QQ



Wednesday
12 - 2 pm



From the Deanery & Lichfield Diocese





**Lichfield Diocese Community of Evangelists
Presents**

"Ponderings on Prayer and Pilgrimage"

Presented by Richard Barrett

Supported by Laura Lenander



**Monday 12th
October 2026**

12:00 noon – 3:30 pm

**followed by
a walk for the more
energetic!**

Telford Minster

Meeting Point House, Southwater Square, Telford, TF3 4HS

Telford Minster is located centrally with several car parks in close vicinity

[Meeting Point House, 61 Southwater Way, Telford TF3 4LN Google Maps](#)

Nearest railway station: Telford Central station, Euston Way, Telford, Shropshire, TF3 4LZ

[Telford Central Station | National Rail](#)

To book your place contact Warden, Lynne Mills, at lynne@fpe-network.org

Free refreshments are provided – please state your specific dietary requirements

If you are not a member of the Community of Evangelists, you can still come to 'try us out' - all welcome!

Richard Barrett

Richard Barrett first started working for the diocese in January 2008, but after 18½ years he still questions whether he's a grown-up yet! Until earlier this year he was part of the Mission Team and is now part of the Programme Team. He often forgets what his job title is (currently Programme Office Data Support Officer, apparently), but since late 2024 he's often described himself as the diocese's 'Stats and Prayer guy' – while much of his time continues to be spent in collecting and trying to make use of our attendance figures and other nerdy numbers, since at that point he had the pleasure of taking on coordinating the diocese's weekly prayer diary and biannual days of prayer.

If Richard's love for nerdy numbers and using spreadsheets for more tasks than are strictly practicable goes back a long way, then his love for maps and gawping over them to plot interesting routes between places goes back to when he was a small child. In recent years he has had the privilege of doing much the same as part of his job, in trying to plot the route of various pilgrimages and prayer walks around the diocese and beyond – only some of which have come to fruition! Another thing he's been doing since before his time working for the diocese was creating prayer stations and especially prayer labyrinths, something he's found a positive way of gently encouraging people towards ways of creative prayer.

In talking about Prayer and Pilgrimage, Richard will try to restrain himself from talking too much about the practicalities and instead more about the opportunities. Who may this be for, either planned or otherwise? How might this become a Jesus encounter?

But also – how might we be able to do similar in our own settings?



Laura Lenander



Laura Lenander has now been at Telford Minster for over 5 years, first as Curate, then as Interim Leader, and now with a richly deserved removal of the 'Interim'. As well as many other qualities, Laura is a fantastically gifted artist and regularly uses that skill for setting up Creative Prayer Stations of which Richard is deeply envious! We hope the day will include some interactive prayer stations from both Richard, Laura, and more – we hope you enjoy the chance of using them while at the Gathering – and don't try to compare them too closely!

As well as Richard and Laura, Richard has promised at least a couple of other special guests to share their experiences of pilgrimage, creative prayer – or both!

SAYING FAREWELL TO BISHOP MICHAEL

All are welcome to:

Evensong with Thanksgiving for the Ministry of
The Rt Revd Dr Michael Igrave,
99th Bishop of Lichfield,
in Lichfield Cathedral
on Sunday 27 September: 15:30

- To aid the cathedral with arrangements please email RSVP@lichfield-cathedral.org with the number in your party.
- Bishop Michael will also celebrate the Eucharist for the last time in his Cathedral at 10.30am on 27 September to which all are also welcome.
- Bishop Michael will leave straight after Evensong, so if you would like an opportunity to speak to him, why not bring a picnic to eat on the West Lawn of the cathedral where he will be meeting people between the morning Eucharist and Evensong.
- If you'd like to, there is an [opportunity to contribute to a retirement gift](#) for Bishop Michael and Julia.

<https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/about-us/bishops-archdeacons/saying-farewell-to-bishop-michael.php>

Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 335

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 20th September:

(John Coleridge Patteson, First Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871)

Today we lift before you celebrations for Mission and Ministry old and new. We pray for today's [Heritage Open Day](#) at All Saints Sandon, as they celebrate 1000 years of worship just north-east of Stafford. Please bless them as head into their next millennium.

Today, we also pray for another All Saints Church in Hanley as they celebrate [Reopening for Worship](#) after six years without services. We lift before you the team there, and pray you may bless and guide them towards creative ways in engaging with their local community as they turn the page to a new future.

Monday 21st: *(Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist)*

On St Matthew's Day we pray for all the churches in the diocese dedicated to him, in Birches Head, Chilcote, Criftings, Derrington, Donnington Wood, Harlaston, Meerbrook, Tipton, Walsall, Wolverhampton. We pray for your hand of blessing to rest on each of these churches and the communities they serve.

Tuesday 22nd:

Lord, we pray for tonight and tomorrow's play from Lichfield Cathedral School in the neighbouring building of the cathedral itself. We pray that as '[What a Difference a Day Makes](#)' explores the impact of the war in Ukraine and the impact on ordinary lives as a result of it, it may grant fresh insight into what has happened and continues to happen. And Lord, we humbly pray again that you may soften hard hearts and guide a way to just and lasting peace.

Wednesday 23rd:

We pray for this afternoon's Diocesan Advisory Committee, please grant them wisdom in the decisions that they take today. Please guide each of us in creative ways that we can use your church buildings for your mission, and help us with the practicalities of how best to make it happen.

We also pray for tonight's Discipleship Enablers session as they explore developing a healthy discipleship environment. Lord, we pray that you may guide all of our churches in how they can help all in their congregations get to know you better.

Thursday 24th:

We lift before you today's [SIAMS training for Church School Leaders](#). We pray for all those serving in leadership in our church schools, that you may help them find balance in all their different responsibilities. Today we especially pray for all those trying to learn more about the process of SIAMS, and that its inspections may indeed help all of our church schools more strongly tie themselves to their Christian foundations.

Lord, we also pray for wisdom for today's gathering of the Assessors for Walsall Archdeaconry, for your wisdom and guidance over any decisions they take, and your compassion and inspiration in their dealings with all our churches.

Friday 25th: *(Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626. Sergei of Radonezh, Russian Monastic Reformer, Teacher of the Faith, 1392)*

A prayer of Lancelot Andrewes:

Open my eyes and I shall see, incline my heart and I shall desire, order my steps and I shall walk in the path of your commandments. O Lord God, be my God, and beside you let there be no other, none else, nothing else with you. Let me adore and worship you and serve you in truth of spirit, in reverence of body, in blessing of lips, in private and in public.

Saturday 26th: *(Wilson Carlile, Founder of the Church Army, 1942)*

We continue our prayers for Oswestry Deanery by praying for the churches currently in vacancy. We pray for the Border Parish churches of Llanyblodwel St Michael, Llanymynech St Agatha, Morton St Philip and St James, and Trefonen All Saints. We pray for Oswestry St Oswald and Rhydygroesau Christ Church. We pray for Whittington St John the Baptist, West Felton St Michael, and Haughton St Chad. Lord, we pray you will help all these churches currently without a vicar, and pray you may guide them how best they may prepare for a new one. We thank you for all those currently helping them to survive and thrive at this time. And we pray that you may help the people you want to be their next vicars start to feel the call towards them.

To get these prayer points delivered to your mobile automatically via the free PrayerMate app on iOS & Android [click here](#)

For prayer resources for the worldwide church see the Anglican cycle of prayer: anglicancommunion.org/resources/prayer.aspx