

Our Summer Fayre is set to happen on Saturday 12th August 11.00—2.00 pm. In preparation for the fayre we would really appreciate any donations of the following items, which we aim to collect each week :-
 2nd July - Tins (chocolates, sweets, soup, biscuits etc)
 9th July - Toiletries
 16th July - Bric-a-Brac
 23rd July - Toys & Teddies
 30th July - Sweets & Confectionary
 6th August—Hamper items (crackers, pickles, cake, biscuits, tinned meat/fish, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, jams etc).
 If you are able to help out on the day ie running a stall etc, please speak to Fiona for further details.
 Thank you for your continued support.

We'll be celebrating our Patronal Festival at Stoke Minster on Tuesday 1 August. Why not join us for the eucharist at 12.30 pm followed by lunch in town - details to follow. Speak to Fr Andrew if you're interested in joining us.

Encourage Festival 2017

A mini music and arts festival is being held at Shallowford House, Stone on 23rd July 2017—1pm onwards. Featuring Kate Bottley, Long for the coast and Born Again Beatles, plus talks, bands, poetry, arts & crafts. Tickets are priced: advance bookings adults £10/under 14s free and on the day adults £15/under 14s £5. Available online at encouragefestival.co.uk.
 Our reader Roger Brammer, has been invited to do a poetry reading at the festival (copies of his current book will also be on sale).

Called to be me 23rd September (10.00 am to 4.00 pm)
 A guided quiet day designed to help you to discover and reflect on God's unique call to you. The day will include peaceful worship, introductory meditations, and suggestions for individual reflection. Information about opportunities and training for ministry and service will be available and there will be time for private conversations about your own vocational journey (at The Reeve Room, St Mary's House, The Close, Lichfield, WS13 7LD).

Sanctus St Mark's—appeal

Sanctus (at St Mark's Shelton) continues to value the support shown to asylum seekers and refugees. As well as food items, the following various toiletries are especially helpful: nappies (especially size 5 & 6), shampoo, shower gel, men's and women's deodorant, sanitary towels, razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, tooth brushes (for adults and kids) and soap.

Food Bank: Donations are urgently needed especially of tins of Tomatoes, Potatoes, Soup, Longlife milk and Fruit cordials eg orange squash etc. There is a bag for your gifts in the Foyer. Thank you.

Newsletters

If there are items to include in the weekly newsletter either email Mandy our administrator, on: StokeMinster@yahoo.co.uk or contact her directly. Mandy is usually working in the office at Stoke Minster on a Tuesday morning. Either pop in with the information or ring her then on 01782 747785.

Names on the sick list will be remembered for 8 weeks. They can be added for a further 8 weeks by contacting Mandy at the Minster Office.

Please pray for

For all who are ill:

Ken and Audrey Jodrell, Leon, Georgia Cotton, Ann Adam, Baby Oscar, Kashmir Singh, Phil Hassall, Margaret Taylor, Jill Spooner, Christopher Kelsall, John Bradbury, Baby Nancy, Rachel Corbett, Beverley, Stewart Tyler, Irene Cox, Mavis Davies, Michaela, Susan Malkin, Vera Sargeant, Ann Elsmore.

For the departed:

Lillian Chalmers, Ian Swift, Gladys Price, Kenneth Lewis

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16th July Trinity 5

8.00 a.m. Said Eucharist

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Hymns: 184, 114, 622, 156, 238

Anthem: Fairest Lord Jesus *arr. How*

12.30—1.00 p.m. Church Office

12.30 p.m. Baptisms

Monday 17th

Fr Tommy is not normally available Mondays.

5.15 p.m. Evening Prayer

Tuesday 18th

5.15 p.m. Evening Prayer

7.45 p.m. Bell practice

Wednesday 19th *Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa & Macrina, Deaconess, c394 & c379*

10.00 a.m. Eucharist at Christ Church

10.30 a.m. Eucharist + Coffee

5.15 p.m. Evening Prayer

7.30 p.m. PCC Meeting at St Paul's

7.30 p.m. Young Organists' Recital

Thursday 20th

10.00 a.m. Eucharist at St Paul's

6.30 p.m. Choir Practice

5.15 p.m. Evening Prayer

Friday 21st

Fr Andrew is not normally available Fridays.

Fr Geoff is not normally available Fridays.

Saturday 22nd

5.30 p.m. Wedding Blessing

23rd July Trinity 6

8.00 a.m. Said Eucharist

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

12.30—1.00 p.m. Church Office

3.00 p.m. Peace Walk

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16th July 2017 Trinity 5

Collect

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

First Reading *Isaiah 55.10-13*

Thus says the LORD: ¹⁰For as the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the
earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my
mouth;

it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm or Canticle *Psalms 65.8-13*

Response: **Happy are they whom you choose to dwell in your courts**

You visit the earth and water it; you make it very plenteous. The river of God is full of water; you prepare grain for your people, for so you provide for the earth. **R**

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase. You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. **R**

May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness and the hills be girded with joy.
May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep and the valleys stand so thick with corn that they shall laugh and sing. **R**

Second Reading *Romans 8.1-11*

¹There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised

Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.
I know them, and they follow me.

All **Alleluia.**

Gospel *Matthew 13.1-9,18-23*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. + **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.

³And he told them many things in parables, saying:

'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!

¹⁸Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,

that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance,

that your Church may joyfully serve you
in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

