

**Lent Appeal.** We are supporting the Bishop's Lent Appeal themed 'I was a stranger....'. Half will go to the Transforming Communities Together partnership which helps to support projects working with asylum seekers in our own region. Half will go to USPG to support the immediate plight of refugees arriving in Greece. Please take a leaflet and envelope. Please bring back the envelope with your donation at the end of Lent.

**Institution of Rev Andrew Wickens.**

Andrew's installation is taking place on Saturday 25th March at 3.00 pm. The congregations from all 4 churches will be most welcome to join Andrew on this joyous occasion.

Please note there will be **NO** Evening Prayers from 20th March to 25th March as Roger is on holiday. Evening Prayer will resume on Monday 27th March and will be for 6 nights a week for the duration of Lent.

**Church's Electoral Roll:** If you are a regular member of this church, you should be on the Electoral Roll. Please check. If not please see Donna Hilditch for a form during church office 12.30 pm—1.00 pm.

**Food Bank:** The amount of food donated for the month of January was 127.35kg. Many thanks to everyone at West End Methodist Church, residents of the West End Village and members of the congregation at Stoke Minster for providing so much and continuing to support hungry people in the City.

Donations are still 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 Wednesday 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, Jean Barbrook, Leon, Georgia Cotton, Ann Adam, Baby Oscar, Kashmir Singh, Phil Hassall, Margaret Taylor, Jill Spooner, Roy Parker, Christopher Kelsall, Pat Broadhurst, John Bradbury, Ann Ramsey, Baby Nancy, Josh Hackney, Rachel Corbett, Beverley.

**For the departed:**

Barbara Jones.

# STOKE TEAM MINISTRY

*Sharing God's love in  
The City of Stoke-on-Trent*



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### 19th March 3rd Sunday of Lent

8.00 a.m. Said Eucharist

**10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist**

**Hymns: 723, 310, 161, 45, 673.**

**Anthem: God so loved the word Stainer**

12.30—1.00 p.m. Church Office

12.30 p.m. Baptism

### Monday 20th

*Fr Tommy is not normally available Mondays.*

5.15 p.m. NO Evening Prayer

**Tuesday 21st** *Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556*

2.00 p.m. Funeral of Barbara Jones RIP

5.15 p.m. NO Evening Prayer

7.00 p.m. Installation rehearsal

7.45 p.m. Bell practice

### Wednesday 22nd

10.00 a.m. Eucharist at Christ Church

10.30 a.m. Eucharist + Coffee

5.15 p.m. NO Evening Prayer

### Thursday 23rd

10.00 a.m. Eucharist at St Paul's

5.15 p.m. NO Evening Prayer

6.30 p.m. Choir Practice

7.00 p.m. Lent Course at St Paul's

**Friday 24th** *Walter Hilton of Thurgarton, Augustinian Canon, 1396*

*Fr Geoff is not normally available Fridays.*

5.15 p.m. NO Evening Prayer

### Saturday 25th

3.00 p.m. Institution of Rev Andrew Wickens

5.15 p.m. NO Evening Prayer

### 26th March 4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday

8.00 a.m. Said Eucharist

**10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist**

12.30—1.00 p.m. Church Office

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Lay Minister John Walley

Wardens Mike Shaw & Marion Parkes

**19th March 2017 Lent 3**

**Collect**

Eternal God,  
give us insight  
to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**First Reading Exodus 17.3-7**

<sup>3</sup>The people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm or Canticle Psalm 95**

**O come let us worship and bow down and kneel before our Maker.**

O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with  
thanksgiving and be glad in him with psalms. **R**

For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land. **R**

Come, let us worship and bow down and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God; we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. **R**

**Second Reading Romans 5:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even

boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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**Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**  
*The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts.*  
**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

**Gospel John 4.5-42**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

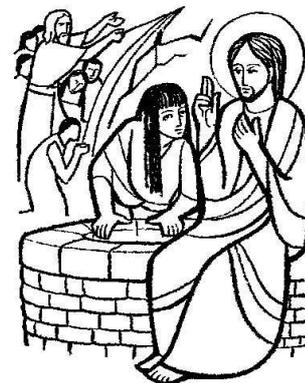
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup>Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**



**Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**