

We welcome the Lord Mayor of Stoke-on-Trent, Cllr. Ross Irving, and his consort, Miss Christine Warren, to Stoke Minster this morning for the Civic Service.

Andrew and Caroline want to thank all who came from churches in the Team to the Rectory last week. In all, £53.40 was raised for Christian Aid.

The next **DCC meeting** takes place on Wednesday 24th May at 7.30 pm at Stoke Minster.

DCC members are:

Paul Adams, Andrea Badland, Pauline Clayton, Wendy Daw, Fiona Fowler, Donna Hilditch, Jonathan Hill, Marion Parkes, Mike Shaw.

**The AGM of the Friends of Stoke Minster** will be held on Wednesday 31st May at 7.30pm (in church).

This is a very important meeting. We desperately need more support. We must attract some new Committee Members because some of the existing committee are due for retirement & if the Friends of Stoke Minster is going to survive, we need to find replacements to carry on the good work of raising funds for the Minster Fabric by organising events such as the Annual Auctions in March, the Heritage Open Day in September & any other similar occasions. If anyone would like to help us & cannot come to the meeting, we would ask that they contact either Peter Chell, (Chairman) or Ray Daw (Secretary) or Rev Bill Durose or one of the Parish Wardens.

### Thy Kingdom Come.

Marking the 10 days between Ascension Day (25th May) and Pentecost (4th June), Stoke Minster is hosting prayer stations on the Lord's Prayer each day. These are self-guided around the church; you're welcome to drop by at any time (between 3 pm and 6 pm).

Thy Kingdom Come ends with a Beacon event at Lichfield Cathedral on 4 June from 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm.

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

#### For the departed:

Elizabeth Taylor, John Barry Moore, Arnold Maxwell, Frank Viggars.

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## 21st May Easter 6

8.00 a.m. Said Eucharist

**10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist & Civic Celebration Service**

**Hymns: included in Order of Service.**

12.30—1.00 p.m. Church Office

12.30 p.m. Baptisms

### Monday 22nd

*Fr Tommy is not normally available Mondays.*

5.15 p.m. Evening Prayer

### Tuesday 23rd

5.15 p.m. Evening Prayer

6.15 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Group

7.45 p.m. Bell practice

### Wednesday 24th *John & Charles Wesley, Evangelists, 1791 & 1788*

10.00 a.m. Eucharist at Christ Church

10.30 a.m. Eucharist + Coffee

5.15 p.m. Evening Prayer

7.30 p.m. DCC Meeting

### Thursday 25th Ascension Day

10.00 a.m. Eucharist at St Paul's

11.00 a.m. Funeral of Estella Cartlidge RIP

6.30 p.m. Choir Practice

5.15 p.m. Evening Prayer

### Friday 26th *Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, 605*

*Fr Andrew is not normally available Fridays.*

*Fr Geoff is not normally available Fridays.*

## 28th May Easter 7

8.00 a.m. Said Eucharist

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12.30—1.00 p.m. Church Office

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**21st May 2017 Easter 6**

**Collect of the Day**

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to  
your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your  
love,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**First Reading Acts 17.22-31**

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and  
said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely  
religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I  
went through the city and looked carefully  
at the objects of your worship, I found  
among them an altar with the inscription,  
"To an unknown god." What therefore you  
worship as unknown, this I proclaim to  
you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and  
everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven  
and earth, does not live in shrines made  
by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by  
human hands, as though he needed  
anything, since he himself gives to all  
mortals life and breath and all things.  
<sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to  
inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted  
the times of their existence and the  
boundaries of the places where they would  
live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God  
and perhaps grope for him and find him -  
though indeed he is not far from each one  
of us. <sup>28</sup>For "In him we live and move and  
have our being"; as even some of your  
own poets have said,

*"For we too are his offspring."*

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God's offspring, we ought  
not to think that the deity is like gold, or  
silver, or stone, an image formed by the  
art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While  
God has overlooked the times of human  
ignorance, now he commands all people  
everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has  
fixed a day on which he will have the world  
judged in righteousness by a man whom  
he has appointed, and of this he has given  
assurance to all by raising him from the  
dead.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

I am the first and the last, says the Lord,  
and the living one;  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for  
evermore.

**All Alleluia.**

**Gospel John 14.15-21**

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

Jesus said to his disciples: <sup>15</sup>If you love  
me, you will keep my commandments.  
<sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will  
give you another Advocate, to be with you  
for ever. <sup>17</sup>This is  
the Spirit of truth,  
whom the world  
cannot receive,  
because it neither  
sees him nor knows  
him. You know him,  
because he abides  
with you, and he  
will be in you. <sup>18</sup>I  
will not leave you  
orphaned; I am  
coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In  
a little while the world will no longer see  
me, but you will see me; because I live,  
you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will  
know that I am in my Father, and you in  
me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my  
commandments and keep them are those  
who love me; and those who love me will  
be loved by my Father, and I will love  
them and reveal myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



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**Post Communion Prayer**

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of  
eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now  
and for ever. **Amen.**