

Bishop's Lent Appeal. Could any final envelopes please be returned with your donations. Thank you.

AGM's

The Annual General Meetings for

- All Saints is on Tuesday 25th April at 2.00 pm
- Stoke Minster Sunday 23rd April at 11.30 am
- The Parish AGM for the whole Team will be on Wednesday 26th April at St Paul's Church 7.30 pm

Contemplative Prayer Group resumes every two weeks from Tuesday 25th of April at 18:15

The Bishop of Lichfield invites people to 'Come follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad' when he launches the new Direction of Travel for the Diocese at a special celebration.

The event on 20 May at Lichfield Cathedral will lay out the Diocese's vision for the next five years, building on the existing five mission themes with a recommitment to discipleship, evangelism and vocation.

Everyone will gather at 11am to worship before being encouraged to spend time at five different stations in and around the cathedral.

It will finish at 2pm with a picnic lunch together.

If you would like to attend the Civic Prayer Breakfast on Friday the 5th May, please speak to Fr Andrew. Tickets are £5.00 each. 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, 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.

For the departed:

Pat Broadhurst.

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23rd April Easter 1

8.00 a.m. Said Eucharist

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

AGM will be held during the service

Hymns: 103, 9, 475, 433, 173.

12.30—1.00 p.m. Church Office

12.30—3.30 p.m. Scouts St Georges Day Service

Monday 24th

Fr Tommy is not normally available Mondays.

5.15 p.m. Evening Prayer

Tuesday 25th

2.00 p.m. All Saints AGM

5.15 p.m. Evening Prayer

6.15 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Group

7.45 p.m. Bell practice

Wednesday 26th

10.00 a.m. Eucharist at Christ Church

10.30 a.m. Eucharist + Coffee

5.15 p.m. Evening Prayer

7.30 p.m. Parish AGM at St Paul's

Thursday 27th

10.00 a.m. Eucharist at St Paul's

6.30 p.m. Choir Practice

5.15 p.m. Evening Prayer

Friday 28th

Fr Andrew is not normally available Fridays.

Fr Geoff is not normally available Fridays.

30th April Easter 2

8.00 a.m. Said Eucharist

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

12.30—1.00 p.m. Church Office

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23rd April 2017 Easter 2

Collect of the Day

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father. **Amen.**

First Reading Acts 2.14a,22-32

On the day of Pentecost, ¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ²²You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – ²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him, *"I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."*

²⁹Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

"He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption."

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

All: In your presence O Lord is the fullness of joy.

The Lord himself is my portion and my cup; in your hands alone is my fortune. My share has fallen in a fair land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage. **R**

I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel, and in the night watches he instructs my heart. I have set the Lord always before me; he is at my right hand; I shall not fall. **R**

Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my flesh also shall rest secure. Nor you will not abandon my soul to Death, nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit. **R**

You will show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. **R**

Second Reading 1 Peter 1.3-5

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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 20.19-31

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

¹⁹When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

