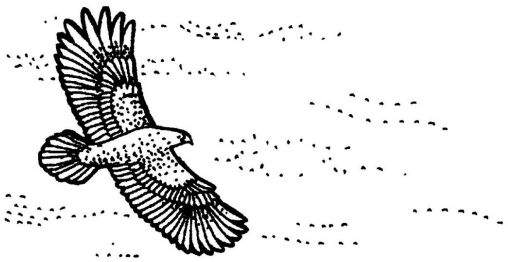
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## A letter from our Vicar - Revd Phillip Johnson



Dear friends,

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Harvest is, at its heart, a celebration of abundance. We give thanks for the fruits of the earth, for the labour of hands and the generosity of creation. But it is also a moment to remember our calling as stewards - not only of the land but of the relationships, resources and rhythms entrusted to us by God.

This year our Harvest celebrations will be shaped by the theme of Creationcare - a reminder that our thanksgiving must also lead to action. As we gather to worship, share meal and offer gifts, we'll be exploring how our choices - individually and as a parish - can honour the earth, protect its beauty and sustain its bounty for generations to come.

Whether it's through reducing waste, supporting local growers, planting for pollinators or simply spending more time in nature, each small act of care becomes a prayer of gratitude and hope. Together we can cultivate a deeper reverence for creation and a more intentional way of living.

So as the leaves begin to turn and the air grows crisp, may we enter this season with open hands and attentive hearts—ready to receive, ready to give and ready to grow.

With every blessing,

*Revd Phillip*

## Deacon James Butter

James was ordained Deacon by Rt Revd Dr Michael Ipgrave, Bishop of Lichfield on 28th June this year. The ordination took place at Lichfield Cathedral and the next day James was welcomed to our Parish when he began his ordained ministry as a Curate.

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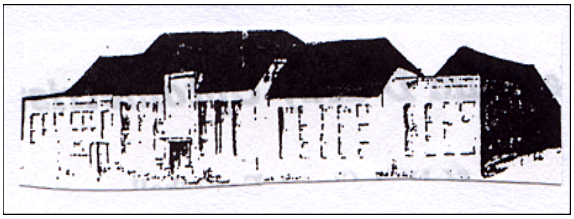
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*James writes - on upon becoming Curate of Holy Trinity and St Chads -*

Dear friends

It is a privilege to become your Curate God willing for the next three years. I feel a real joy for Christ within the leadership team of our two churches which has transcended into the congregations. It feels like we are entering exciting times for church growth which I am glad to be a part of now and pray the experience will help shape my future ministry.

The journey that has led me to your church has not been straight and it has taken a very long time. I have been twisting and turning for a decade before God has placed me where God desires me to be. I thought lay Readership would have been enough to satisfy God's calling but I soon realised that it wasn't and I needed to go forward to Ordination. This process has taken four years and now for the first time in a long time I am at peace with the "calling" within.

It is a peculiar experience being ordained, for you are physically the same person, yet there has been a seismic shift within. I think the late Ozzy Osbourne summed up the feeling "I'm going through changes" and with your support friends I pray to fulfil God's purpose for my life.

Thank you for reading this and may God hold you in the palm of His hand until we meet again. Amen.

God Bless
*James*

## Observations on our Christian pilgrimage...

Because of God's grace, failure is never final. – *Anon*

We never do anything so secretly but that it is in the presence of two witnesses: God and our own conscience. – *Anon*

Christ promises to save His people from their sins, not in their sins. – *C H Spurgeon*

Hope is the foundation of patience. – *John Calvin*

I believe every Christian man has a choice between being humble and being humbled. – *C H Spurgeon*

We play the game; God keeps the score. – *Erwin W Lutzer*

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*help us to discern in them the Light that lightens every man,*
*and to love them with a love like yours,*
*that as we may join with them*
*In service to others we may be drawn close to you,*
*the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.*

*Canon Basil Naylor of Liverpool*

A century ago this prayer would have felt less compelling than it does today. Nearly all *"those of other faiths"* lived in "heathen lands afar" (as the old hymn puts it). How things have changed during these decades since! Members of many diverse religions are now an integral part of our society, with their temples and festivals and distinctive religious dress. We have truly become a multi-faith country. This makes a prayer such as this both topical and relevant.

The prayer begins by asking God to bless people of faiths other than our own, particularly any who we know personally. Then it offers two important insights into our relationship with other religious groups. First we should be prepared to acknowledge whatever authentic truths they have to teach us. Although many of their beliefs are very different from ours they may still show us some aspect of "*the light that lightens every man".* Secondly it is worthwhile, if the opportunity arises, to "*join with them in the service of others".* There must be many voluntary acts of service to the community in which all can participate, regardless of our religion. Food Banks come to mind. Willingness to serve others is an authentic impulse in most world religions.

The prayer does <u>not</u> ask us to compromise in any way at all our own beliefs and convictions. We should bear witness to our Christian faith in every situation. It simply invites us to include in our prayers those whose beliefs differ from our own. Maybe they will do the same for us.

*Revd Stephen Cooke*

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# St Chad's News



A lakeside setting and glimpses of summer sun added to a most successful July afternoon of Strawberries and Fizz hosted by Claire and David Lockett at Brockton Farm. Thank you both from everybody.

St Chad's Ensemble delighted us with their music and a background of horses and sheep in the surrounding fields and waterfowl in the lake gave a real countryside atmosphere and everyone enjoyed the succulent strawberries and glasses of bubbles. A stand for additional drinks and great raffle prizes all helped to make the event go with a swing and over £820 was raised for St Chad's funds.






During the afternoon Warden John Treanor welcomed James Butter, the new Parish Curate, who was accompanied by his wife Louise. James was recently ordained as Deacon in a special service at Lichfield Cathedral. They both hold a great affection for St Chad's as they were the first couple to be married there in October 1996.



The following day James assisted Vicar Revd Phillip for Holy Eucharist, his first official visit to St Chad's. Louise and her sister Judith also joined the congregation.

Diary Dates:

Harvest Supper and Quiz Friday 26th September in the Parish Room 7pm - *see page 39*

Harvest Festival Sunday 28th September 11.30am

(See next page for "Ride and Stride" event)

*Anthea Treanor*

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Both St Chad's and Holy Trinity will be listed as churches to visit by participants in the NNUl Ride and Stride event this year.

The Staffordshire Historic Churches Trust was founded in 1953 with the aim of helping churches with the cost of repairs. Ride and Stride is the annual sponsored event in aid of county Historic Churches Trusts all over England and takes place this year on **Saturday 13th September**.

Cyclists, walkers, drivers and public transport users are sponsored by family and friends to visit as many churches as they can between 10am and 6pm. It really is a great day out, travelling around our lovely county and meeting friends old & new! In 2024, 93 churches welcomed participants and sponsored cyclists/walkers/drivers raised just over £6,000 - Gift Aid will increase this amount. The money is used to make grants to churches for repairs and essential maintenance. Half the money raised by each participant is returned to their own church and a trophy is awarded each year to a participant: this year it will be presented whoever visits most participating churches.

Bishop Michael adds his support: 'We are blessed in this diocese with an abundance of historic churches passed into our stewardship through the generosity and faithfulness of past generations. The Historic Churches Trust provides invaluable help in the often costly task of maintaining and safeguarding these buildings. The annual Ride and Stride event is indispensable to its continuing ability to offer this support: it is also an enjoyable and interesting day out.'

More information can be found at https://staffordshirehistoricchurchestrust.org/rideandstride/

**St Chad's and Holy Trinity churches will both be welcoming visitors with light refreshments and the official Ride and Stride register - St Chad's in the porch as the church will not be open and Holy Trinity will be open as usual. If anyone who would like to participate in this sponsored event and raise money for one of our churches please contact Sue Marsh on 01785 859092 before 10th September.**

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We soon turned off onto a quiet farm track thinking all would be safe here but we were shocked by a speeding agricultural all-terrain quad bike. After leaping out of the way the episode was repeated a few minutes later by yet another one. Bah - Humbug, rural tracks are not what they were when horses and carts plodded along.

In the distance we could see some fields covered in a spooky white material. As we came nearer we found out that they were massive poly-tunnels containing strawberry plants.



The next highlight was a magnificent farm building. Much discussion took place about the possible age of this gorgeous building. On a wall just up from this building was a Victorian post box - still functioning! Now the lanes were becoming even less used. Suddenly in front of us we could see a rag-tailed band of miscreants .... Oh No! It was the Short Walkers. By sheer coincidence our routes had met just as both groups were crossing the main West Coast railway line to look at the remains of a medieval village. I could not miss the opportunity to have a photo of both groups together.




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Next up were the remains of an old WW2 American landing strip. Apparently when the Americans brought their bombers over they needed somewhere safe to store them before they moved down to their operational bases. Seighford was one of these safe areas.
As we approached the outskirts of Seighford we were treated to the Seighford Millennium walk which is used by the whole community including the school children.



Then we came to the famous "ford" and of course we had to have a photo on the bridge! It is SO deep, I would not take my car through it! Mind you a puddle is quite deep for our little Picanto. Up the steep bit of road to the Hollybush where some members were already enjoying a pint. We were followed in by the short walkers all ready for our lunch.
Those members who had chosen sausage, egg and chips had three **enormous** sausages each. There were many "doggy bags" filled for the animals back at home. The food was really good and the service was excellent. I had a burger with chips, salad and coleslaw. I had not had a burger for YEARS! It was GREAT!

Many more photos for you to see by keying https://img.gg/j97XPKw into your browser or from the QR code. Thanks again to John and Ray for organising everything.

*Your Junior Correspondent, very full and tired, David S*

## Holy Trinity Graveyard Database

Did you know that we have a digital database for Holy Trinity graveyard?

Anyone can have access to search for relatives, you simply need to drop me an email at churchwardeneccleshall@gmail.com and I can send you the joining link.

The database is of all the graves which are visible. In the past stone markers were expensive so people chose wooden markers which didn't last and so

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we have what appear as unmarked graves. Some families chose to have no marker from the start. Some graves are difficult to read or we don't have matching information.



*One of our older gravestones, Tomas Bailey 9th November 1742 aged 19. George II was king, Robert Walpole was Prime Minister and James Cornwallis was Bishop of Lichfield.*

We can add additional materials, photographs and background information to the database so future generations can discover more about their families.

*Jonathan Jones, Church Warden*

There is also a list of gravestones in the churchyard - available to look through at the back of Holy Trinity Church




The Stafford and Stone Health Visiting Team holds a **Wellbaby Drop-in Clinic** in the Parish Room on Thursday mornings from 9.30am to 10.30am. During the baby clinic families can discuss any health issues and have their children weighed and measured.

We look forward to seeing you. For further questions please feel free to phone the 0-19 Families Health and Wellbeing Hub on 08081780611.

**< Trinity Tots starts up again < after summer break on < 2nd September :)**

# Beginning and ending of life concerns

*This article is a slightly abridged version of Bishop Michael's Presidential Address to July 2025's Diocesan Synod. As Parliament resumes on 1st September after summer recess, it is timely to revisit this issue now before the Bills continue their Parliamentary journey and with the Second Reading of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill imminent on 12 September.*

Two Bills await scrutiny in the House of Lords: 1) The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, providing for 'assisted dying' in some circumstances and 2) the Crime and Policing Bill, removing criminal liability from women who end their own pregnancies.

Both Bills affect vulnerable groups who have had a bad few weeks with these two Bills plus the debate over meaningful yet cost-effective support for people with disabilities. Vulnerable people are Christians' first call for compassion and advocacy but here I am specifically addressing beginning and ending of life issues.

Increasingly there are concerns being expressed about the end of life Bill. The Third Reading majority of 23 in a (free) vote in the Commons was significantly lower than the Second Reading majority of 55.

Some of those concerns are shared widely. Following the abortion decriminalisation vote the Bishop of London helpfully pointed out that, '*Women suffering from coercion, or those who are victims of sexual or domestic abuse, would be the most vulnerable to the proposed change.'* Paradoxically, making those women free from legal sanction could make them more at risk.

In the case of assisted suicide vulnerable people could, in their last months, feel themselves to be a waste of bed-space or a financial burden on their families and then avail themselves of this way out. Over the past few weeks, several people who have been in situations of medical, psychological or social vulnerability have written to me to describe thoughts exactly like this. Sadly in some cases there could be temptations for overburdened hospital administrators or for fatigued families to reinforce those inward feelings by their outward attitudes or words so that people really do end up feeling coerced. The statutory inquiry into the COVID pandemic has recently heard evidence of the effective abandonment of residents of care homes to the ravages of a deadly disease

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because they were seen as more expendable than others. It is also hard to believe that there will not, over the years, be a relaxation of restrictions on who may avail themselves of assisted dying procedures. That has been the consistent experience of other jurisdictions.

As a Christian I believe in the God-given sanctity of every human life, resting on the biblical truth that we are made in the image and likeness of our Creator. To take away God's gift of life is to choose to go against God's good purposes, whatever might be the circumstances in which that happens. That immediately raises a host of complex questions, particularly at the beginning of life. What if the life of a woman is endangered by a pregnancy, might not the imperative to save life point to abortion as the lesser of two evils? At what point does an incipient life become truly a human being and who has responsibility for the unborn life until that point? These complexities are addressed in this Church of England statement on abortion:

*The Church of England combines principled opposition to abortion with a recognition that there can be strictly limited conditions under which it may be morally preferable to any available alternative. This is based on our view that the foetus is a human life with the potential to develop relationships, think, pray, choose and love. Women facing unwanted pregnancies realise the gravity of the decision they face: all abortions are tragedies, since they entail judging one individual's welfare against that of another (even if one is, as yet, unborn). Every possible support, especially by church members, needs to be given to those who are pregnant in difficult circumstances and care, support and compassion must be shown to all, whether or not they continue with their pregnancy.*

At the other end of life it is sometimes argued that no clear distinction can be made in borderline cases between assisting somebody to die on the one hand and, on the other hand, administering palliative drugs for pain control that will hasten the end of their life or stopping intrusive medical interventions that artificially sustain a vegetative state. Many of us will have experienced issues like these in the dying days or hours of those we love. They can be bitterly difficult to decide. Nevertheless, there is a world of difference between acting to alleviate suffering in someone's dying hours and purposefully seeking to bring about death. Intentionality matters.

At the beginning and the ending of life and at every point in between, as a Christian, I affirm in wonder and gratitude that all human lives belong to God and that every human life is to be treated with reverence and awe as an image of his glory and a temple of his spirit. Many people of other faiths or beliefs would share in that view even if expressed in different language. In public as in private we must be free to bear witness to our strongest convictions; it is chilling to hear calls to exclude people from bringing their religiously grounded values to the debate because they are not 'neutral.' Faith or belief is not like a coat to be taken off and left at the door as we enter into the house of public debate.

Finally, at the most practical and immediate level, the Assisted Dying Bill currently before Parliament is good neither in content nor timing. The safeguards it stipulates are viewed by many as woefully inadequate and it seems to me quite extraordinary to be proposing a fully-funded suicide service when palliative care is dramatically under-resourced often left reliant on charitable resources and when the NHS in general is under such strain.

So, the Lords will now engage with the Bill. Please pray for all members of the House of Lords and particularly for the bishops who sit there, as we deliberate. Please also pray for debate about disabled people's provision. Every day the chamber begins its business with prayers led by one of the bishops. On the last day of each week these include Psalm 121. I put my hope in the final words of that psalm: 'The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.'

*+Michael*

*(The Rt Revd Dr Michael Ipgrave, Bishop of Lichfield)*

# Pet Service
# Holy Trinity Church
# at 3pm on Sunday 28th September

(Details will be available on the Parish website, social media and posters)

# Courses and classes starting this September.....




This autumn, join us for the **Mission Course** - five Monday evening sessions exploring how God invites each of us to join in his work of love in our community and beyond.

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**Dates:** 22nd September - 20th October
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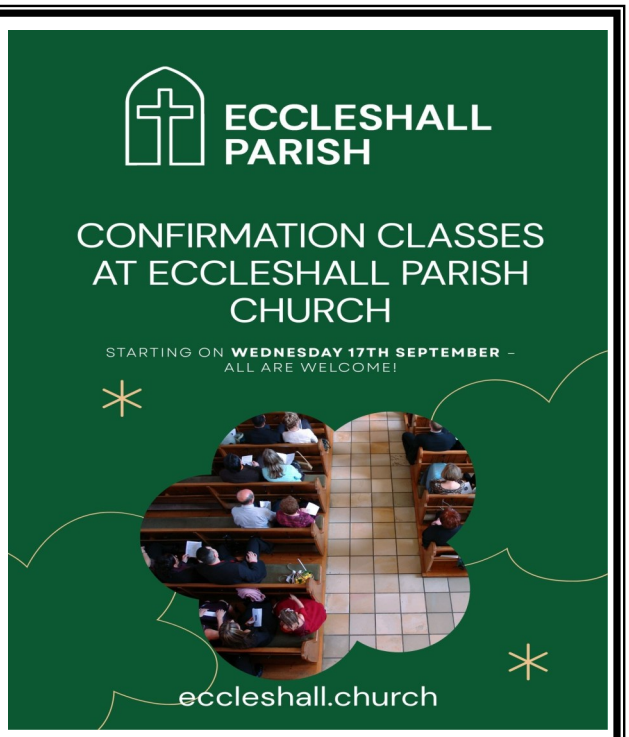
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**Contact Revd Phillip for Confirmation Class information**
**vicar@eccleshall.church**




Being With is a 10 week online course for anyone who's curious about faith — or wondering if the Christian faith has something meaningful to offer. It's for those who perhaps feel on the edge of church — uncertain, disconnected, hurt, or simply searching for something deeper. It's also for those who've never explored faith before but feel open to discovering more together with others.

Online on Tuesdays at 5.30pm starting on 23rd September. Contact our Curate, James, for further information and to sign up:

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heritage open days

## Guided tours of Holy Trinity Church

On **Sunday 21st September** there will be two one-hour tours. At **2pm the first guided tour is of the Stained Glass Windows**. The vast majority of the windows were replaced in the 1860s by a roll call of the greatest Glass practitioners of the Victorian era. The second tour, starting at **3pm, will take place outside Holy Trinity and will look at the different architectural styles** utilised in the building (including the 14th and 16th century additions) as well as the many markings placed upon the walls of the church.

Pre-booking is required (Max no. for each tour is 25. Booking closes on Saturday 20th Sept)

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## Dancing in the Aisles

There was dancing in the aisles of Holy Trinity Church on the Saturday evening at the end of a hugely successful Arts Festival Week in June. The Soul and Motown tribute band, 'Lack of Commitments', entertained with their powerhouse performances. The audience couldn't help but join in with singing and dancing! (*Photo courtesy of John Turnock*)



Huge thanks to Sarah Cartwright, our Parish Arts Co-ordinator, and all involved in organising such a wonderful week of arts in the town - it was wonderful!

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# Pocket Film Festival at Holy trinity Church




Blackmail is a 1929 British crime thriller film directed by Alfred Hitchcock. After starting production as a silent film, British International Pictures decided to adapt Blackmail into a separate sound film. It became the first successful European talkie; a silent version was released with the sound version released at the same time. Blackmail was voted the best British film of 1929 in a UK poll the year it was released. In 2017 a poll of 150 actors, directors, writers, producers and critics for Time Out magazine ranked Blackmail as the 59th best British film ever.

On Sunday 28th September at 7:30 we will be showing the silent version in Holy Trinity Church. The film will be accompanied by a live score on the organ by Darius Battiwalla. In the last few years Darius has been increasingly in demand as a silent film accompanist on both organ and piano. After a sell-out performance of Nosferatu in 2009 at the Sheffield Festival, he has accompanied Phantom of the Opera, The Cabinet of Dr Caligari and Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde on the organ, and on the piano has played for the premieres of the newly restored Helen of Four Gates.

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| ***16th October*** | ***The Penguin Lessons*** |
| ***20th November*** | ***A Complete Unknown*** |
| ***11th December*** | ***Bridget Jones, Mad About The Boy*** |

Tickets (still only £5.00) are available from The Royal Oak, Eccleshall Library and James du Pavey. We look forward to seeing you.

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# Croxton Well-dressing Festival – Saturday 14th June

This year's festival was linked to the 80th anniversary of V.E. Day. There were four decorated wells. Boughey's Well, on the main road through Croxton, was the largest with a display of Winston Churchill alongside Big Ben and St Paul's Cathedral indicating his contribution to achieving peace. Other displays had local connections - one depicting the 'Swynnerton Roses' celebrating the workers at Swynnerton Munitions factory and another portrayed the Women's Land Army, many of whom worked on local farms whilst male farm workers had been called-up to serve in the wartime forces. The final design was a dove to represent peace.








Several stalls were set out in the Millennium wood featuring many local societies and groups. David Hemingway welcomed visitors and introduced Mrs. Ruth Butter who opened the festival. Phil Finch from Swynnerton camp then spoke about the brave work of the 33,000 people who worked producing munitions during World War 2. Following this Revd Dawn Walker and Revd Sara Humphries blessed the well and gave thanks for supplies of clean water to Croxton. Many visitors enjoyed a bacon bun whilst viewing the stalls in the Millennium Wood. Children and adults alike had a go at petaling on small clay filled frames making pictures from seeds, gravel, parsley and fresh flower petals. At 2pm many locals and visitors were entertained with a concert in the Church whilst enjoying a plentiful supply of homemade cakes tea and coffee.

The Croxton Well Dressing festival 2025 was a huge success and was enjoyed by many people in the week after the festival as they viewed the well dressings when they drove or walked the trail. A big thanks to Eccleshall Parish Council and The Community Foundation for Staffordshire and Shropshire for grants and to Fletchers Garden Centre for their kind donation.

*Are you interested in helping to ensure that this fantastic and unique event happens again? If so then we need you to join our planning group. Come to hear about what is involved on Monday 29th September at 7.30pm in Croxton church. Tea and cake provided. Find out more on our website croxtonwelldressing.weebly.com or by contacting us on email CroxtonWells@gmail.com*

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## The Latest Buzz

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Besides providing a drink for the bees rain water helps form part of the flavour characteristics of honey. Other important factors affecting flavour are local flora, soils and weather conditions (too much wind and bees don't fly).

Honey is one of the most varied foods we have. The flavour, colour and texture of honey is so diverse across the country. Think of heather honey by comparison to Eccleshall Honey. Heather honey is generally a much darker colour and has a stronger more distinct flavour. Here's a big generalisation – the lighter flavoured honey works best for general use.

Honey is really useful for adding sweetness to baking (as a replacement for sugar a rule sometimes applied is to use approx. 1/3 less weight of honey). Honey is added to marinades and dressings as well as drizzling over fresh fruit, ice cream, mascarpone or fresh ricotta. Perhaps most people's favourite is spread on buttered toast or a crumpet.

One of our local pubs (The Little George) does a great breakfast of scotch pancakes, yoghurt, sliced banana drizzled with honey – served with a coffee this often makes my Sunday morning breakfast after bell ringing at Holy Trinity.

*Eccleshall Bees*



*Fun facts.*

*Honey bees are the only insects which produce food for humans.*

*Honey is the only form of sugar which does not need to be refined.*

## Our Two Smallest Birds

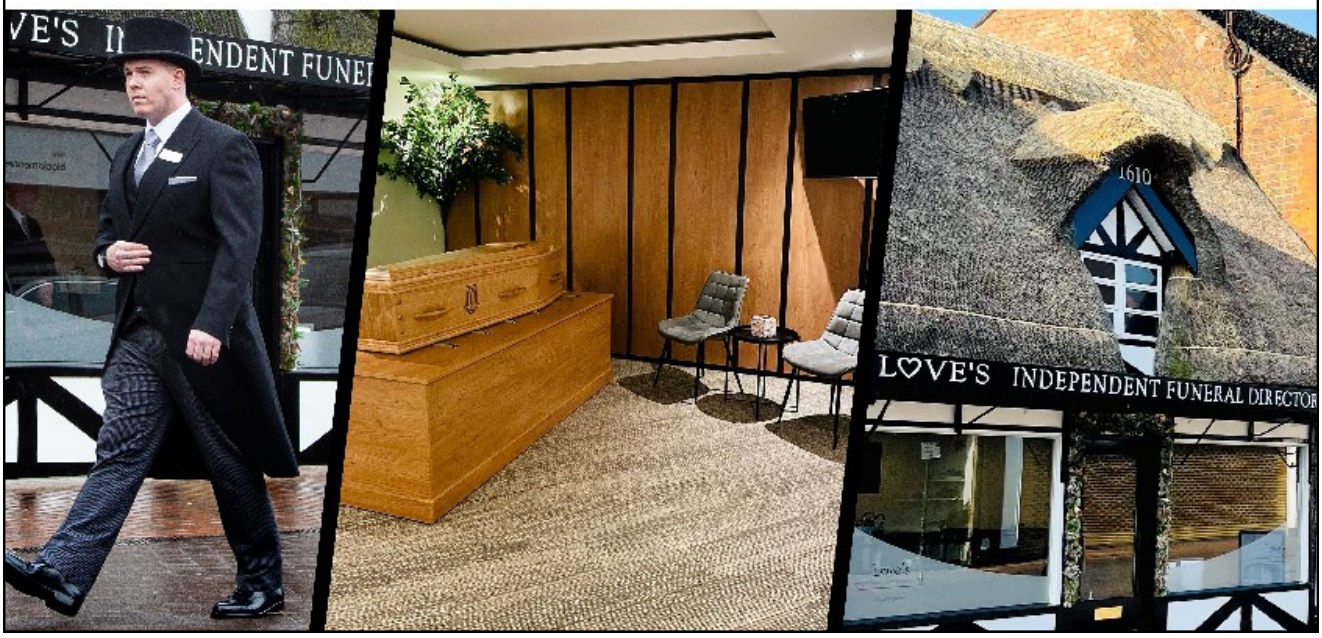
CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE

By September many of our summer migrants have left the UK and we are starting to notice shortening days. It can be a good time to reconnect with the birds that don't migrate and which we can enjoy watching all year round. A churchyard classic is the tiny Goldcrest. Goldcrests can be found in the canopies of evergreen trees particularly yews and cypresses. Its rare to find a churchyard or cemetery

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without any yews or other evergreens and its also rare to find one without any Goldcrests too!

It can take patience to spot one - they are tiny - about 9cm from beak to tail tip. They are well camouflaged although they do have a striking black and yellow stripe on their heads - their "gold crest" which they can raise giving them a punk-style hairdo! Their Latin name is *Regulus regulus,* which can be translated as little prince, perhaps due to this golden crown. If you are not able to see a Goldcrest you may hear one - they have a repetitive call, sounding like zee, zee, often on the edge of one's hearing due to the high pitch.

Our Goldcrests do not migrate to warmer climes or join flocks of other small birds moving through the landscape searching for food as many other small birds do in winter. They stay put in their trees with needles, possibly living their whole lives in a few trees within one churchyard. They are always on the move, busy gleaning small insects and other invertebrates, using a thin beak to pick them out from between tree needles or bark cracks. Although they do not migrate you may however see an increase in Goldcrest numbers in the winter, mainly along the east coast of the UK, as they are joined by Goldcrests from Scandinavia, particularly in hard winters, when large numbers will cross the North Sea. This is quite a flying feat as Goldcrests weigh about 5g.

There is another similar species that you may also spot, the Firecrest. These can be thought of as Goldcrests on fire, with brighter colours, fiery orange-gold crown and the black head stripe accentuated by a white one below it. Firecrests are increasing in the UK with the first record of breeding birds in Hampshire in 1962. They are now moving north and are breeding in the Midlands and Wales with a few pairs in the north of England. There are now over 2,000 breeding pairs. It seems likely that they are responding to changes in climate.

Look out for both Goldcrests and Firecrests in your local churchyard, chapel yard or cemetery and as always please record what you see and hear ideally using the iNaturalist app. It may be easier to record their song rather than photograph this restless little bird, hidden within the dark canopy of needles.

*Harriet Carty*,
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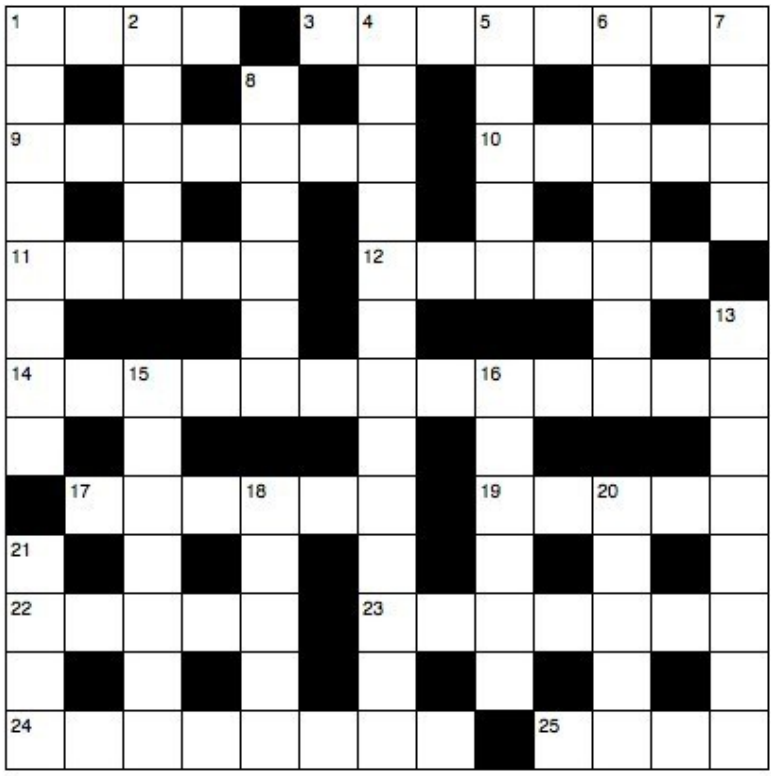
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# Crossword



**Across**

1 ‘A little later someone else saw Peter and said, “You — are one of them”’ (Luke 22:58) (4)
3 Giving (1 Peter 2:5) (8)
9 They came to Jerusalem seeking an infant king (Matthew 2:7) (3,4)
10 ‘An athlete... does not receive the victor’s crown unless he competes according to the — ’ (2 Timothy 2:5) (5)
11 Pacifist, temperance advocate, open-air preacher, leading 20th-century Methodist, Donald — (5)
12 ‘Come quickly to — — , O Lord my Saviour’ (Psalm 38:22) (4,2)
14 ‘The God of Abraham, — — — , the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus’ (Acts 3:13) (5,3,5)
17 Sear by intense heat (Revelation 16:8) (6)
19 ‘It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust — — ’ (Psalm 118:8) (2,3)
22 Goods (Nehemiah 13:15) (5)
23 i.e. train (anag.) (7)
24 Surrounding area (Luke 24:50) (8)
25 ‘Righteousness will be his — and faithfulness the sash round his waist’ (Isaiah 11:5) (4)

**Down**

1 Elegant and creative (Exodus 31:4) (8)
2 ‘Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all — , but we will all be changed’ (1 Corinthians 15:51) (5)
4 ‘I... delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your — — — is’ (Colossians 2:5) (5,2,6)
5 Enlist (2 Samuel 24:2) (5)
6 Of the Muslim faith (7)
7 Sharp intake of breath (Job 11:20) (4)
8 Woven cloth (Ezekiel 16:13) (6)
13 Plentiful (Romans 5:17) (8)
15 CIA char (anag.) (7)
16 Paul and Silas stopped him committing suicide after an earthquake in Philippi (Acts 16:27–28) (6)
18 One of the ingredients in the making of incense for the Lord (Exodus 30:34) (5)
20 Episcopal headwear (5)
21 Inhabitant of, say, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia or Bulgaria (4)

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## BAPTISMS

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12th July 2025 Francesca Lewis
Baptised at Holy Trinity

13th July 2025 Conaugh Threadgold
Baptised at Holy Trinity

20th July 2025 Albie Lakin
Baptised at Holy Trinity

27th July 2025 Aidan Trow
Baptised at Holy Trinity

**We welcome them to the family of the church**

## Weddings

31st July 2025 Maria Pirulli and Dean Clegg
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## Funerals

11th July 2025 Sheila Harding
Memorial Service at Holy Trinity

16th July 2025 Eric Amos
Funeral Service at Holy Trinity
Committal at Stafford Crematorium

1st August 2025 Peter Blake Brown (Blake)
Funeral Service and Committal at Stafford Crematorium

5th August 2025 Gillian Connell
Funeral Service and Committal at Stafford Crematorium

**Sincere condolences to all who mourn**

## *Holy Communion at Home*

*Do you know of anyone who is sick or housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home?*

*Geoff Dingle, Retired Lay Reader, has administered Communion to people in their homes for a number of years and would be glad to hear from anyone who might benefit from this service.*

*If you would like to find out more you should contact Michelle, our Parish Office Manager, on 01785 305028 (Mon - Fri 9am-1pm) or email office@eccleshall.church*

## Prayer Support

*Do you know of someone who is in need of prayer? There is a small group of people who pray for needs in the Parish. If you would like a prayer for yourself, a loved one or someone you know but are not sure who to turn to, please ring Kate Griffiths on 01785 850948 and we will ensure that you or they are prayed for.*

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*Thank you to all our contributors, deliverers and readers . We appreciate everyone's help and support! We hope you've been having a lovely summer.*

*Have you got any community news or information that you would like to share in this magazine? Do get in touch if you would like to find out about getting things to us.*

*Please send articles or forthcoming events for the October 2025 issue of TRINITY by 7th September to Hazel Email: parishmag.eccleshall@gmail.com*

***Ed.***

***Crossword Answers*** *(from page 33)*

**ACROSS**: 1, Also. 3, Offering. 9, The Magi. 10, Rules. 11, Soper. 12, Help me. 14, Isaac and Jacob. 17, Scorch. 19, In man. 22, Loads. 23, Inertia. 24, Vicinity. 25, Belt.

**DOWN:** 1, Artistic. 2, Sleep. 4, Faith in Christ. 5, Enrol. 6, Islamic. 7, Gasp. 8, Fabric. 13, Abundant. 15, Archaic. 16, Jailer. 18, Resin. 20, Mitre. 21, Slav.

# Forthcoming Events

**SEPTEMBER 2025**

**Tuesdays (term-time)** 10 - 11.30am
***Trinity Tots*** Holy Trinity Parish Room

**Every Wednesday**11-11.30am
***Holy Communion Service*** in Holy Trinity

**Wednesdays 3rd & 17th** 10 -12
***Trinity Coffee and Cake*** in Holy Trinity Parish Room - p. 25

**Thursday 4th** 2 - 4pm
***Eccleshall Poetry Group*** in Eccleshall Methodist Hall 'Colours of the Rainbow'

**Sunday 7th** 5.30pm
***Adbaston Community Concert Society Concert*** in Adbaston Church - p. 24

**Monday 8th** 7.30pm
***Eccleshall Historical Talks Society*** in Holy Trinity Parish Room "The Klondike Gold Rush" - speaker Bob Marsh

**Wednesdays 10th, 17th & 24th**
***Tooty Flooty*** (7-8pm) ***and Eccleshall Community Band*** (8-9pm) rehearse in Holy Trinity Church

**Thursday 11th** 7.30pm
***Eccleshall WI*** in Holy Trinity Parish Room "Holy Trinity Church History and Tour" with Revd Phillip Johnson

**Saturday 13th** 10am - 6pm
***Staffordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride event*** - p.13

**Wednesday 17th** 5.30pm
***Confirmation Classes*** commence in Holy Trinity - p. 22

**Thursday 18th** 2 - 4pm
***Eccleshall Poetry Group*** in Eccleshall Methodist Hall 'Poems about people'

**Thursday 18th** 7.30pm
***Eccleshall Community Cinema*** film "September 5" showing at The Royal Oak - p. 26

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**Friday 26th** 10am
***TMF*** Walk in Norbury Junction area followed by lunch at The Junction

**Contact details for events can be found on pages 42 and 43.**

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**Friday 26th** 7pm
***Harvest Supper & Quiz*** in Eccleshall Parish Room Holy Trinity **Contact John Treanor on 07800548142/johnmtreanor1@gmail.com**
Max team size of 6 people

**Sunday 28th** 3pm
***Pet Service*** in Holy Trinity - p. 21

**Sunday 28th** 6.30pm
***Pocket*** **Film Festival** in Holy Trinity - p. 25

**OCTOBER 2025**

**Tuesdays (term-time)** 10 - 11.30am
***Trinity Tots*** Holy Trinity Parish Room

**Every Wednesday**11-11.30am
***Holy Communion Service*** in Holy Trinity

**Wednesdays 1st, 15th & 29th** 10 -12
***Trinity Coffee and Cake*** in Holy Trinity Parish Room - p. 25

**Wednesdays 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd**
***Tooty Flooty*** (7-8pm) ***and Eccleshall Community Band*** (8-9pm) rehearse in Holy Trinity Church

**Thursday 2nd** 2 - 4pm
***Eccleshall Poetry Group*** in Eccleshall Methodist Hall National Poetry Day - 'Play'

**Mondays 6th, 13th and 20th** 5 - 6pm
Final 3 weeks of 5-week ***Mission Course*** in Holy Trinity Church - p. 22

**Tuesdays** 5.30pm
***Being With*** 10 weeks online course cont. - p. 23

**Thursday 9th** 7.30pm
***Eccleshall WI*** in Holy Trinity Parish Room "Christmas Tree Craft"

**Monday 13th** 7.30pm
***Eccleshall Historical Talks Society*** in Holy Trinity Parish Room "Staffordshire from Above" - speaker Shaun Farrelly

**Thursday 16th** 2 - 4pm
***Eccleshall Poetry Group*** in Eccleshall Methodist Hall 'Friendship'

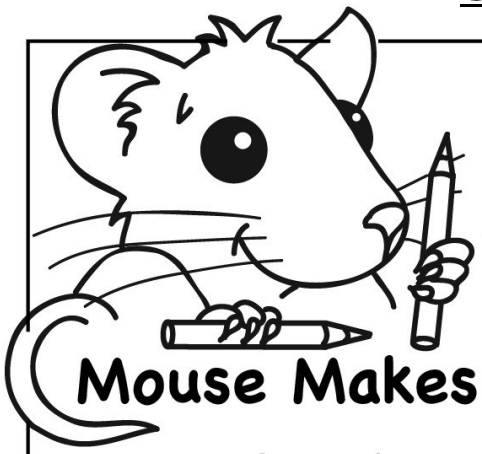
**Thursday 16th** 7.30pm
***Eccleshall Community Cinema*** film "The Penguin Lessons" at The Royal Oak - p. 26

**Saturday 18th** 11am - 5.30pm
***Eccleshall Grand Singthon*** at Eccleshall Community Centre - further details in October

**Friday 26th** 10am
***TMF*** Walk in Eccleshall area followed by lunch at The Royal Oak

***If you would like to give notice of forthcoming events for October and November 2025 please let us know by 7th September 2025 at the latest (details on page 43).***

# Children's Page



## Mouse Makes

"May the people **praise** you **God**...
The **land yields** its harvest, God,
our God **blesses** us."
*- from Psalm 67:5-6*

"Let us fear and respect the Lord our God.
He gives **autumn** and **spring** rains
at the right time. He makes sure that we
have the harvest at just the right **time**."
*- from Jeremiah 5:24*

"***Honour** the **Lord** with your wealth and the first part of your **harvest**."*
*- Proverbs 3:9*

"*God... gives you **rain** from heaven and good harvests at the right times. He gives you plenty of **food** and fills your hearts with **joy**."*
*- Acts 14:16-17*

"So the one who **plants** is not important, and the one who **waters** is not important. Only GOD is important because He is the one who makes things **grow**."
*- 1 Corinthians 3:7*

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# Church Service Rotas for September

| Date | 7th September The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity | 14th September The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity | 21st September The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity | 28th September The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Holy Trinity 10am** | **Sung Eucharist** | **Sung Eucharist** | **Sung Eucharist** | **Sung Eucharist** |
| **Sides-people** | A Dale<br>J Dale | W Platt<br>M Platt | L Veck Jones<br>T Jones | N Reynolds<br>C Reynolds |
| **Prayers** | P Jones | Erin Sohnrey | Jonathan Jones | B Braithwaite |
| **Reading 1** | **Jeremiah 18 1-11**<br>N Reynolds | **Jeremiah 4 11-12, 22-28**<br>P Jones | **Proverbs 3 13-18**<br>Kate Griffiths | **Jeremiah 32 1-3a, 6-15**<br>J Roberts |
| **Reading 2** | **Philemon 1-21**<br>C Reynolds | **1 Timothy 1 12-17**<br>Joy Jones | **2 Corinthians 4 1-6**<br>Jonathan Jones | **1 Timothy 6 6-19**<br>J Turnock |
| **St Chad's 11.30am** | **Said Eucharist** | **Said Eucharist** | **Joint Service Holy Trinity 10am Bishop Michael** | **Harvest Festival** |
| **Readings** | **As 10am**<br>Sue Bramall | **As 10am**<br>Neil Davenport | | **As 10am**<br>Sheila kettle |

***Other services, events and activities in our churches in September***

Wednesday each week ~ 11am ~ BCP Said Eucharist in Holy Trinity

Tuesday 2nd ~ 10am ~ Trinity Tots resumes - see page 18

Wednesday 3rd & 17th ~ 10am ~ Trinity Coffee & Cake in the Parish Room

Saturday 13th - Ride & Stride event - see page 13

Wednesday 17th September ~ 5.30pm ~ Confirmation Classes commence in Holy Trinity - see page 22

**Sunday 21st September ~ 10am ~ Bishop Michael leading worship – Holy Trinity and St Chad's Joint service in Holy Trinity**

Sunday 21st – 2pm & 3pm Heritage Open Day Tours in Holy Trinity - see page 23

Friday 26th ~ 7pm ~ Harvest Supper & Quiz – Parish Room & Holy Trinity - p. 39

Sunday 28th ~ 3pm ~ Pet Service in Holy Trinity - see page 21

Sunday 28th ~ 6.30pm ~ Pocket Film Festival in Holy Trinity - see page 25

See pages 22 and 23 for faith courses

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## September Services
## at Holy Trinity, Eccleshall & St. Chad's, Slindon

**Wednesday Service - every week**

11.00 - 11.30am Holy Trinity - Holy Communion

**7th September, Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

10am - 11am Holy Trinity - Sung Eucharist
11.30am - 12.30pm St Chad's - Said Eucharist

**14th September, Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

10am - 11am Holy Trinity - Sung Eucharist
11.30am - 12.30pm St Chad's - Said Eucharist

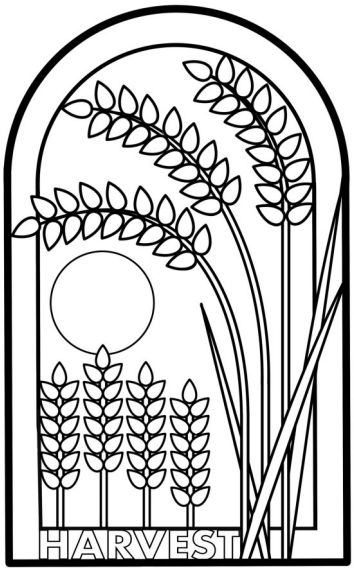
**21st September, Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

10am - 11am Holy Trinity - Sung Eucharist
(Joint service with Bishop Michael leading worship
- no service at St Chad's)

**28th September, Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

10am - 11am Holy Trinity - Sung Eucharist
11.30am - 12.30pm St Chad's - Harvest Festival
3pm Holy Trinity - Pet Service

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