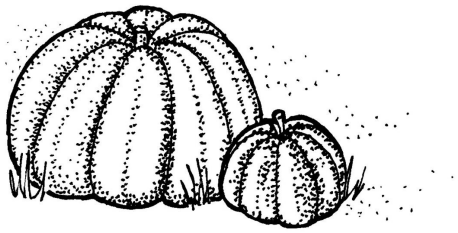
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A letter from our Vicar - Revd Phillip Johnson



Dear friends,

As October arrives and we celebrate our Harvest Festival we're reminded of the abundant blessings that surround us throughout the year. The golden fields and heavy fruit trees speak of God's generous provision, but they also call us to reflect on our own response to such abundance.

Harvest time has always been about more than gathering crops. It's a moment to pause and consider how we might share our blessings with others. Perhaps this year, as we bring our gifts of tinned goods and fresh produce to decorate our church, we might also think about the harvest of kindness we can offer our community.

Our harvest gifts will support our local community, reaching families who are struggling to make ends meet, but our giving needn't stop there. We can harvest patience for a difficult neighbour, understanding for someone facing challenges, or simply time for those who feel lonely.

The true spirit of harvest lies not just in what we've received, but in how generously we pass it on. As we gather to give thanks this October may we remember that every act of kindness plants seeds for next year's harvest of hope.

Yours,

Revd Phillip

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Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

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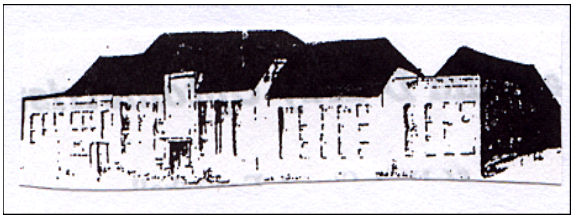
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NEW SERVICE LAUNCH: Watershed

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Join us for the launch of Watershed - our new service exploring the profound connections between Christian discipleship and caring for God's creation.

In this watershed moment of environmental crisis we're called to deeper discipleship that honors both our faith and our responsibility as stewards of the earth. Watershed offers a fresh approach to worship grounded in our local community and bioregion, where caring for creation becomes an integral expression of following Christ.

Each gathering will blend meaningful worship, ecological reflection and practical earth-care helping us discover how faith and environmental consciousness can transform our daily lives. Whether you're passionate about creation care or curious about this emerging movement, all are welcome.

Sundays at 4pm | Starting 5th October *Come and discover discipleship for our watershed moment*

Important News about **TRINITY**

After the December 2025 issue, having edited the magazine for six years, the current editor of **TRINITY** *will be stepping down from the role. It has been decided that after that there will no longer be a monthly Eccleshall Parish magazine. The Parish team will be looking at new opportunities to communicate with people in the Parish. For example, there are plans for a "newsletter" (likely to be four-sided A4) to be published and printed probably three times a year and distributed to every house in the Parish. The current fortnightly newsletter that is emailed out will continue to happen - if you don't already but would like to receive a copy of that please send an email to admin@eccleshall.church. A new website (eccleshall.church) for our churches has recently been created and is a super source of information about all sorts of things in the Parish.*

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Thanks be to you, my Lord Jesus Christ,
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for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day. Amen. *St. Richard of Chichester.*

This prayer was composed in the 13th Century by Richard de Wych, the saintly Bishop of Chichester and is addressed directly to Jesus. It begins by thanking Him for all the blessings that He gives us especially for His suffering and death endured on our behalf. It then addresses Jesus as "our friend and brother". We should cherish that phrase as it describes the loving, personal relationship that a Christian can have with Our Lord.

Then follows the threefold plea that our relationship with Him should be strengthened:

***To know you more clearly. The four Gospels tell us all about the life of Jesus – how He lived, what He taught, ways in which He cared for people. The more we sit down and read the Gospel stories for ourselves, the more we get to know Him. That is what the prayer invites us to do.

***To love you more dearly. Love for the Lord Jesus comes about by spending time with Him in prayer and worship. It would be surprising if you loved someone and didn't want to enjoy being with that person. Setting aside a regular time for prayer helps our love for Christ to grow.

***To follow you more nearly. The Christian life consists of trying to follow the example of Jesus. We are called to live by the teaching He gave and the way of life He showed us. Our discipleship involves showing the compassion, care and love that were the hallmark of His life. What an ideal to aim at!

This prayer is asking for growth and progress in our spiritual lives. It asks that these three goals – knowing, loving and following Jesus – may enable that growth and lead us further along the path to glory.

Revd Stephen Cooke

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St Chad's News



It was a sad day for St Chad's on Sunday 7th September when we said goodbye to retiring Treasurer John Leather.

John is leaving after many years as Treasurer and also as Secretary for some time to live near his middle son Robert in Leicestershire. Despite the sad loss of his wife Mary, who was also such an amazing support to St Chad's, John has continued to join in all church activities and we will miss his cheerful smile and always engaging conversation.

Following the service led by the Ven Barry Wilson, assisted by Curate James Butter, a farewell party was held to show our appreciation of his continual support.

Warden John Treanor was delighted to present him with a gift from St Chad's parishioners, an engraved cut-glass whisky tumbler. We then sang "For he's a jolly good fellow" accompanied on the organ by Leonie Smith.



It was understandably a very emotional John who thanked the full congregation and said how he would miss everyone after fifty years in the area and would visit us when possible. He told me later with a chuckle "you haven't seen the last of me yet!"

Diary (change of date): Friday 24th October Harvest Fish and Chips and Quiz 7pm in Holy Trinity Parish Room *Anthea Treanor*

Pictured are John, youngest son William and his wife Kate and their 7 years-old daughter Olivia.

St Luke the Evangelist
– linking the sacred and the profane

To St Luke, a Gentile, we owe the beautifully written Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician, a disciple of St Paul, a companion on some of his missionary journeys and an inspired writer.

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of the most moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. This, with his emphasis on poverty, prayer and purity of heart, make up much of his appeal to the Gentiles for whom he wrote.

Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth and stories of Mary, Elizabeth and the woman who was a sinner.

In Acts Luke is remarkably good as linking sacred and profane history as subsequent archaeology has shown. A principal theme of his Acts is how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world and especially on to Rome. Luke is the patron saint of doctors, surgeons and artists (due to his picturesque style of writing). His symbol is an ox, sometimes explained by reference to the sacrifice in the Temple at the beginning of his Gospel. In England 28 ancient churches were dedicated to him.

Stile-ageddon for the Trinity Men's Fellowship

In August the location for our walks and lunching was Woodseaves. The "Magnificent 7" turned up for the Long Walk (cue theme music - Den .....Den ..Den Den...). We set off down the busy road through Woodseaves but were soon turning off into the countryside. We had been warned that there were many stiles on our route today and it was not long until we hit the first one as we entered a mature wood. Through the wood and onto open fields again - how dry everything was. The soil was like concrete! Next was an olfactory experience as the farmer had recently put down a considerable layer of farmyard manure. It really clarted up our boots. After a few more fields we arrived at the canal - smooth walking now.

Suddenly the number of moored boats increased and we realised that many of them were moored there permanently. They had even taken over the strip of land by the side of the canal as their own little plots. One of the boats had obtained some great logs, probably for his stove?



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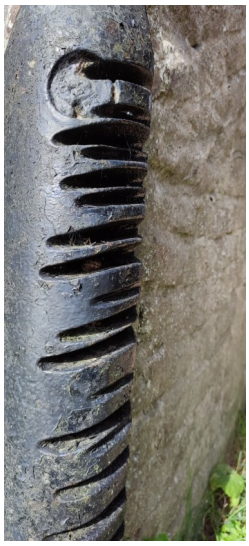
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Many ducks were on the water and also we spotted a magnificent heron perched on the bow fender of a boat. It really hits you as to the age of these waterways when you look at the metal bridge protectors. These prevent the ropes between boat and horse from damaging the brickwork of the bridge. But the thousands and thousands of ropes which must have rubbed on the metal certainly made their mark. It was time to leave the canal and so we went up and over a bridge - time for the group photo.

More parched fields followed. Ray had to use his electronic navigation machines to sort out the footpaths because they had mostly disappeared due to the lack of vegetation. We avoided the cattle and the electric fences with great skills. Next we hit the really difficult stiles - hence the title of this report - Stileageddon! The most difficult went up off the road at a very steep angle for about three feet, with three or four overgrown wooden steps leading up to a rickety stile almost covered in Hawthorn. Bob was well prepared for such a calamity and got out his trusty secateurs. Phil, who was at the stile by now, hacked a way through. However all was not plain sailing. After a couple more of us had negotiated the stile one of the rotting wooden steps proved too weak and the bottom one collapsed as John tried to step on to it. This caused Ray's Plan B to be activated and he suggested that the remaining three did not try but went round a detour on the road instead. It was not the end - we still had to negotiate other overgrown stiles.



At last we were on country lanes and made our way back to the Inn for our lunch. Many members had gathered by the time we arrived. The landlord had put out three tables for us and soon everyone was tucking in to their meal. I had the Beefburger, with chips, onion rings and two pots of

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other "stuff". After this I did not have anything else to eat ALL day!

Thanks to John and Ray for organising everything. Lots more photos by keying https://img.gg/qTNrls5 Into your browser or using the QR code

David S (Your Junior Correspondent)

Visiting Ringers at Eccleshall



On the afternoon of Thursday 9th October, Eccleshall will be ringing out with joyful sound as a visiting band of bellringers arrives to take a turn at our tower. The Bewildered Ringers Association - a spirited group from Herefordshire - will be touring Staffordshire, ringing at several churches including Chetwynd and Eccleshall.

Why do they do it? Well, just as some people collect stamps or teapots, bellringers collect towers. It's a tradition rooted in curiosity, camaraderie and a love of sound. These outings, whether a single day or a week-long holiday, are carefully planned by an organiser who maps out a route of churches with bells hung for English-style full circle ringing. At each stop, the group spends up to an hour ensuring every ringer gets a chance to pull a rope and add another tower to their personal tally.

It's not just about the ringing either. Many churches offer rare glimpses into centuries past and so friends and family with a passion for history and architecture often join the journey. With over 5,900 churches in the UK equipped for full circle ringing - and a scattering of such towers in places as far-flung as Australia, Belgium, Kenya and the USA - there's always another bell to ring and another story to uncover.

Eccleshall's own tower, with its fine ring of eight bells, has long been a cherished part of our town's heritage. Whether marking weddings, Sunday services, or special occasions the sound of our bells is woven into the fabric of local life.

So, if you hear the bells ringing on that Thursday afternoon, pause for a moment and enjoy the music. It's the sound of tradition, travel and a joyful obsession shared by ringers across the world. And as for where the Bewildered Ringers might be off to next - well, that's anyone's guess!

Rosemary Wright, Tower Secretary



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.

Warriors offer a friendly ear

Affected by cancer? Maybe Eccleshall Cancer Warriors can help support you.

Eccleshall Cancer Warriors is a voluntary support group which aims to help anyone affected by cancer, whether that's the person diagnosed with it or their friends, family members or carers.

Set up a few years ago by Eccleshall women Mandy Willberry and her friend Emma Kendrick after their own cancer diagnoses with the aim of offering a chance for others like themselves to chat about their concerns, the group has gone from strength to strength.

The Warriors offer peer-to-peer support at informal bi-monthly meetings held in Eccleshall, sometimes with health-related speakers. There are also plans to extend this schedule to monthly events to include regular socials at venues in the town. (Dates and venue to be confirmed.)

The aim of the group is to help anyone diagnosed with cancer to chat to other people to talk through their concerns, experiences, opportunities – anything that helps them to navigate the cancer journey more easily and with support.

In addition the group holds regular fundraising activities which enables them to also make gifts to those who have or have had cancer, including afternoon teas, bouquets of flowers or manicures and other treats. The group has a nomination form and anybody affected by cancer can be put forward to receive one of these regular treats – all supported by businesses in Eccleshall.

Mandy said: "We all know how difficult it can be when you're on the cancer journey and through the group meetings and the gifts we hope we can just make people's lives a little easier, a little brighter."



The bi-monthly meetings are held at the Parish Rooms adjacent to Holy Trinity Church on High Street, Eccleshall and are open to everyone. The next meeting is on Thursday 9th October starting at 7pm.

For further information on the meetings or to nominate somebody for a gift, email eccleshallcancerwarriors@gmail.com

Also find the group on Facebook.

Sally-Ann Ware

Pictured are group leaders Tony Ware, Emma Kendrick and Mandy Willberry.



Holy Trinity Church, Eccleshall

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

27th November - 30th November 2025



We are delighted to announce the start of the Christmas festivities which will soon be upon us and the time has come to reserve a tree for your business, group or organisation. We are looking forward to another magical festival celebrating the joy of the season with the community of Eccleshall.

Please get in touch if you haven't taken part in the festival previously and would like more information.

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* Trees may be dressed as you wish to reflect any theme or to showcase your business or organisation. Please consider health and safety and ensure that all decorations are appropriate for the Church and will not cause offence.
* Tree lights can be either mains or battery-operated.

The festival will be launched on Thursday 27th November at 5.00 pm and will close on Sunday 30th November at 5.00 pm.

Opening times for visiting the festival are as follows.

Thursday 27th November, 5 pm-7pm,
Friday 28th November, 10 am-5 pm,
Saturday 29th November, 10 am-5pm,
Sunday 30th November, 11 am-5pm.

Trees should be collected on Monday 1st December, between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm. *(See next page for link to booking form and contacts)*

The Christmas Tree Booking Page can be found on the Parish website (eccleshall.church) and at https://forms.office.com/e/xjZWsP5Q19

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Broughton Community Choir to host French choir

In October Broughton Community Choir members are excited to be hosting a French choir.

We are delighted to announce **there will be a concert on Saturday 25th October at 6:30pm in Holy Trinity Church, Eccleshall ST21 6BY**.

It will be featuring the acclaimed visiting French choir Choeur de Chambre des Deux-Sèvres, in collaboration with the Broughton Community Choir and the Eccleshall Community Band.

Further details and ticket information will be posted nearer the time on What's On in Eccleshall, the Broughton Community Choir website and the Broughton Community Choir and Eccleshall Community Band Facebook pages.



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11th December	***Bridget Jones, Mad About The Boy***

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Putting your meadow to bed for the winter!

CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE

It's often thought that encouraging wildlife into churchyards or cemeteries [or our own gardens] is a case of leaving them to go wild and stopping management. Actually, this is not the case. Many of the species and habitats found in burial grounds have been present for the decades or even centuries that this special place has been cared for. These plants, animals, birds and fungi will have been widespread in the farmed landscape of the past. If you want to maintain or increase wildlife in your local churchyard or cemetery then the best thing to do is to continue this traditional work rather than making a big change and leaving things unmanaged. Most churchyards are a mix of grassland with individual trees or groups of trees which can be thought of as small woodlands. There may well be some patches of scrub as well. It is the grassland that needs regular management if it is not to change its character and we can look to the history of churchyards for clues on how to do this.

We know that churchyards were kept open and accessible as they were always important community spaces, used for outdoor services, for archery practice, markets and fairs as well as for burial. There are records of a hay crop being taken which formed part of the vicar's stipend and of grazing after the hay was cut. For much of history, grass was an important energy crop, so a meadow would be cut at the height of its growth in summer, when the bulk of the nutrients are above ground and any cut grass would be dried as hay, raked up and taken to feed animals in winter. Small patches of meadow, such as that found on verges and in churchyards, might not seem worth 'farming' now but would have had value back in the day. The wonderful shows of wild flowers that we see in our churchyard meadows are made of plants able to thrive in these conditions, able to survive cutting and grazing. Meadow plants tend to be perennial. These can survive the winter, often living for many years. Perennials do not actually need to flower or set seed although doing so will allow them to increase in number. There are a few meadow plants that are annuals and don't survive over winter but these, such as yellow rattle, tend to flower early prior to the hay cut, so can grow each year from the seed that has fallen.

Another difference between old fashioned systems and our modern world is mowing machines. These are relatively recent inventions and have

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become more efficient over the years, able to cut grass really short and very uniform. Again, if you want to increase the flowers, pollinators and wildlife generally, having a slightly longer sward, perhaps cut less often can make a big difference. Short-stemmed plants like clovers, daisies, cat's ear and speedwells can then flower. Things were generally less tidy in the past, as well as a more uneven sward, there would have been edges and corners that didn't get cut, so places for animals to withdraw to following grass cutting, and to shelter in over winter. Thinking in this way can help to make meadow management easy to understand:

Let the grass grow long for 3 or 4 months over the spring and summer. Follow this by a summer cut and rake (you can make hay if you like or just remove the cut grass). Don't worry about cutting flowers, the plants will survive and some species may regrow and flower again. N.B. If you don't want to cut particularly late-flowering species such as scabious or knapweed, then cut the bulk of the meadow and leave some flowery patches till later on.

Keep grass short over the autumn and winter, the time when it might have been grazed in the past. You'll probably use a mower for this. Again, do not leave grass cuttings *in situ,* try to collect them all up and remove for composting.

Remember that, as far as nature goes, we are now a bit too tidy! Set the mower blade high and leave some rough edges or corners. These tussocky corners will contain coarser grasses such as false oat grass and cocksfoot, plants with hollow stems such as hogweed and dead flower heads – all really good places for insects, amphibians, reptiles and small mammals to hide, hunt and hibernate over winter.

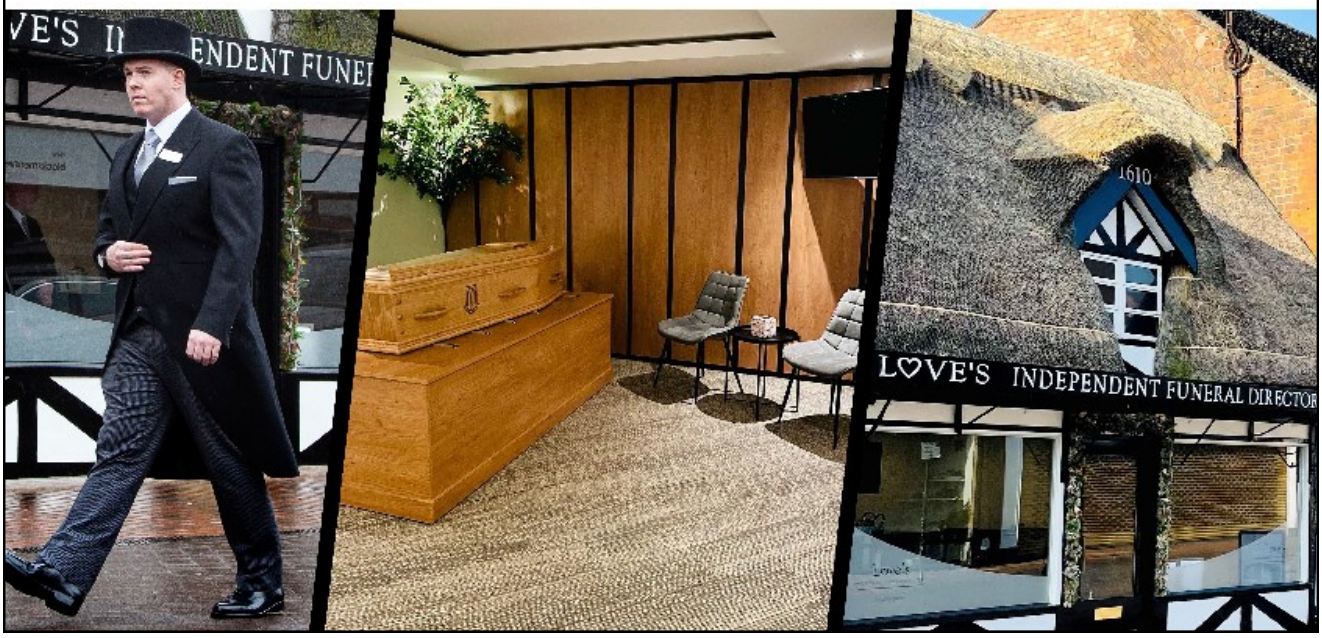
So what can you do in October? Not much actually, the hard work should be over! You can make sure that all meadow areas have been cut, raked and are now short, ready for the winter and can leave any rough corners and dead flower stems as they are. Rather than being messy they are a vital resource for the winter.

Harriet Carty, *Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor,* harriet@cfga.org.uk, www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk



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The Latest Buzz

Here are 10 facts about bees

1) Diverse species:

There are over 20,000 different species of bees worldwide, with over 250 found in the UK.

2) Ancient Insects:

Bees have been around for over 200 million years, evolving from wasp-like ancestors

3) Social or Solitary:

Some bees live in colonies but the majority of bee species are solitary

4) Honey Production:

In a good year a single hive of honey bees can produce 11kg of honey

5) Pollination Powerhouse:

Bees are important pollinators, including the crops humans rely on

6) Waggle Dance:

Honey bees communicate the location of food sources using a complex dance called a waggle dance

7) Super Sensory abilities:

Bees have a keen sense of smell and can detect even tiny amounts of drugs or explosives

8) Wingbeat Power:

Bees flap their wings at an incredible 200 times per second, creating the buzzing sound

9) Honey's Longevity:

Honey has natural preservatives and can last a long long time. Edible honey has been found in ancient tombs

10) Threatened Population:

Bee populations are facing threats due to habitat loss, climate change and pesticide use

Keith and I have just spent 10 mins over a cup of coffee discussing how much more intelligent our bees are than our chickens – even though their brains are physically smaller. We do talk about other things!



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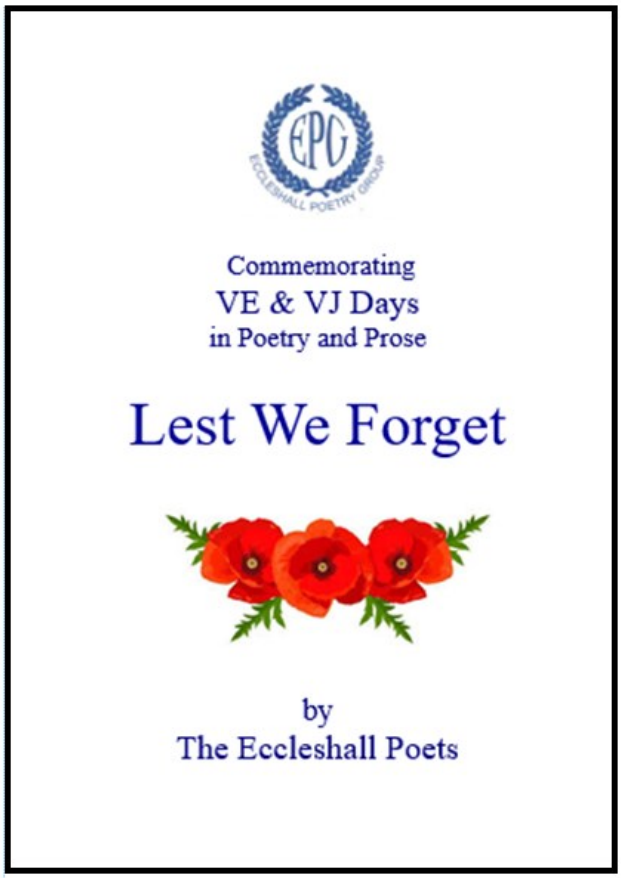
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Eccleshall Poetry Group



Eccleshall Poetry Group is pleased to announce it's latest collection of poems are now available. Written to commemorate both VE and VJ Day, 12 members of the Group contributed especially written poems which reflect some of the many aspects of the war, from both memory and imagined.

Please pop into one of the group's poetry meetings or contact Thelma Whitfield -*01785 760017* - to purchase your own copy at the special introductory price of £3.00.

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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Weddings

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Married at Holy Trinity

23rd August 2025 Serena Mitchell & Adam Lawrence
Married at Holy Trinity

23rd August 2025 Rebecca Rogers & Sam Hartshorne
Married at Holy Trinity

Congratulations to the happy couples!

Funerals

19th August 2025 Margaret Wright
Burial of Ashes at Holy Trinity

1st September 2025 Dennis Ward
Funeral Service and Committal
at Stafford Crematorium

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Thank you to all our contributors, deliverers and readers . We appreciate everyone's help and support!

If you have got any church or community news or information that you would like to share in the last two issues of TRINITY magazine do get in touch (see p. and we'll let you know about getting things to us.

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

Ed.

Smile Line

When you get to the point where you really understand your computer, it's probably obsolete.

Forthcoming Events

OCTOBER 2025

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

Every Wednesday11-11.30am
Holy Communion Service in Holy Trinity

Wednesdays 1st, 15th & 29th 10 -12
Trinity Coffee and Cake in Holy Trinity Parish Room - p. 33

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 continues - 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" showing at The Royal Oak - p. 26

Saturday 18th 11am - 5.30pm
Eccleshall Grand Singthon at Eccleshall Community Centre - p. 33

Friday 24th 7pm
St Chad's Harvest Fish and Chips and Quiz in Holy Trinity Parish Room

Friday 24th 10am
TMF Walk in Eccleshall area followed by lunch at The Royal Oak

Saturday 25th 6:30pm
Brougthon Community Choir, visiting French Choir and Eccleshall Community Band Concert in Holy Trinity Church - p. 21

NOVEMBER 2025

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

Tuesdays 5.30pm
Being With 10 weeks online course continues

Every Wednesday11-11.30am
Holy Communion Service in Holy Trinity

Sunday 2nd 5.30pm
Adbaston Community Concert Society - Concert in Church of St Michael and all Angels, Adbaston - London Handel Players - p.33

Wednesdays 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th
Tooty Flooty (7-8pm) ***and Eccleshall Community Band*** (8-9pm) rehearse in Holy Trinity Church

Thursday 6th 2 - 4pm
Eccleshall Poetry Group in Eccleshall Methodist Hall - 'Poems by UK Laureates'

Monday 10th 7.30pm
Eccleshall Historical Talks Society in Holy Trinity Parish Room "Oliver Cromwell – Good guy or bad guy?" - speaker Max Keen

Wednesdays 12th & 26th 10 -12
Trinity Coffee and Cake in Holy Trinity Parish Room - p. 33

Thursday 13th 7.30pm
Eccleshall WI in Holy Trinity Parish Room "Perry's Field to Fork" - speaker Debbie Hill

Thursday 20th 2 - 4pm
Eccleshall Poetry Group in Eccleshall Methodist Hall 'Success and Failure'

Thursday 20th 7.30pm
Eccleshall Community Cinema film "A Complete Unknown" showing at The Royal Oak - p. 26

Friday 21st 2pm
TMF Meeting in Holy Trinity Parish Room (Speaker TBA)

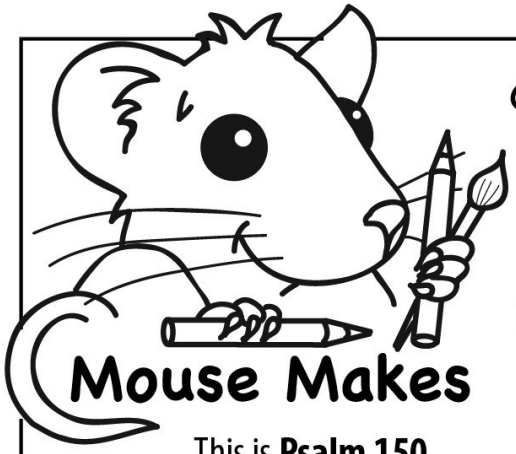
Thursday 27th - Sunday 30th
Christmas Tree Festival in Holy Trinity Church - p. 20 (times and booking a tree)



Contact details for events can be found on pages 38 and 39.

If you would like to give notice of forthcoming events for November and December 2025 please let us know by 7th October 2025 at the latest (details on page 39).

Children's Page



Mouse Makes

This is **Psalm 150**,
a song of praise to God,
it tells us why and how
to worship God.
How do you praise and worship God?

Praise God in His Temple,
Praise Him in His mighty heavens.
Praise Him for His acts of power,
Praise Him for his surpassing greatness.
Praise Him
with the sounding trumpet,
Praise Him
with the harp and lyre,
Praise Him
with tambourine and dancing,
Praise Him
with the clash of cymbals,
Praise Him
with the resounding cymbals.
Let everything that has breath
PRAISE THE LORD!

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Church Service Rotas for October

Date	5th October The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	12th October The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	19th October The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	26th October The Last Sunday after Trinity / Bible Sunday
Holy Trinity 10am	**Harvest Festival**	**Civic Service**	**Confirmation Service**	**Sung Eucharist**
Sides-people	A Dale J Dale	E Sohnrey J Beswick	T Jones L Veck Jones	W Platt M Platt
Prayers	P Jones	E Sohnrey	J Norton	B Braithwaite
Reading 1	**Lamentations 1 1-6** I Edge	**Jeremiah 29 1, 4-7** B Braithwaite	**Jeremiah 31 27-34** N Reynolds	**Joel 2 23-32** P Jones
Reading 2	**2 Timothy 1 1-14** H Edge	**-**	**2 Timothy 3 14-4.5** C Reynolds	**2 Timothy 4 6-8, 16-18** Joy Jones
St Chad's 11.30am	**Said Eucharist**	**Said Eucharist**	**Joint Service with + Matthew 10am Holy Trinity**	**Said Eucharist**
Readings	**As 10am** The Milners	**As 10am** Helen Bonsall		**As 10am** Geoff Dingle

Other services, events and activities in our churches in October

Tuesdays during term time ~ 10am ~ Trinity Tots - see page 18

Tuesdays ~ 7pm ~ Being With - online Faith course

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

Thursdays during term time ~ 3.45pm ~ Children's Choir in Holy Trinity Church

Wednesday 1st, 15th & 29th ~ 10am ~ Trinity Coffee & Cake in the Parish Room

Sundays (not 26th) ~ 4pm ~ Watershed Service in Holy Trinity - see page 7

Mondays 6th, 13th, 20th ~ 5pm ~ Mission Course in Holy Trinity

Sunday 26th ~ 4pm ~ All Souls Service in Holy Trinity

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

Wednesday Service - every week

11.00 - 11.30am Holy Trinity - Holy Communion

5th October, Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

10am - 11am Holy Trinity - Harvest Festival
11.30am - 12.30pm St Chad's - Said Eucharist
4pm Holy Trinity - Watershed Service - see page 7

12th October, Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

10am - 11am Holy Trinity - Civic Service
11.30am - 12.30pm St Chad's - Said Eucharist
4pm Holy Trinity - Watershed Service

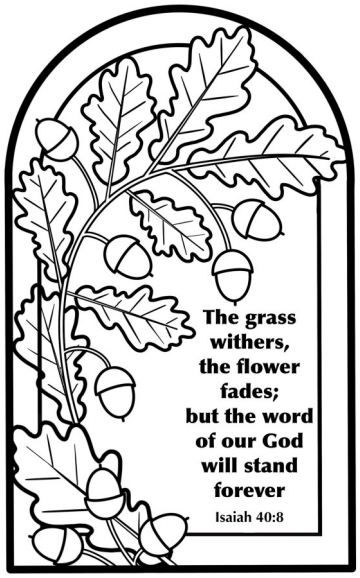
19th October, Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

10am - 11am Holy Trinity - Confirmation Service
(Joint service with Bishop Matthew leading worship
* no service at St Chad's
4pm Holy Trinity - Watershed Service

26th October, Last Sunday after Trinity/Bible Sunday

10am - 11am Holy Trinity - Sung Eucharist
11.30am - 12.30pm St Chad's - Said Eucharist
4pm Holy Trinity - All Souls Service

(See pages 40 and 41 for Sunday service rotas)



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