

This Week Sunday 12th November Remembrance Sunday		
9.00am	Holy Communion Acts 17:1-12	Team B
9.45am	Holy Communion at Highfields Acts 17:1-12	
10.30am	Family Worship Acts 17:1-12	
6.00pm	Evening Communion Mark 2:13-17	Team H
Tuesday	Midweek Communion	
Friday	Parents & Toddlers	
Friday	Youth Group	
Next Week Sunday 19th November		
9.00am	Morning Prayer Romans 11:33-36	Team C
9.45am	Morning Worship at Highfields Romans 11:33-36	
10.30am	Family Communion Romans 11:33-36	
6.00pm	Evening Worship Mark 2:18-27	Team I 3@6
Nov 21	Morning Bible Study	



The office in the Church Hall is used for administering the business and clerical materials for the services. Dalena is usually there on Tuesday and Friday between 2 and 5pm. Telephone 01785 241894

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Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.
Philippians 2:3-4

**12th November 2017
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
3rd Sunday before Advent**

WELCOME TO CASTLE CHURCH
 We meet to engage with God - to hear him speak through his Word - to thank him for his goodness to us - to bring our needs before Him - and to pray for his world and to encourage each other.
 Our aim is to encounter the living God together, through his Son Jesus Christ, and to discover, in our daily lives, the difference that a relationship with heaven makes to the way we live.
 If you are a visitor to Stafford or this is the first time you have worshipped here, please make yourself known to those leading the service and join us for refreshments after the 9.45, 10.30 or 6.00 services.

Collect for Today
Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.



'Our Mission is to make the love of God known to everyone out of our common faith and life in Jesus Christ'

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN

LAYING THE WREATH AT THE CENOTAPH

For the 65 years of her reign, with only a handful of exceptions, the Queen has led the nation in its Remembrance Sunday commemorations, laying a wreath at the Cenotaph in Whitehall with the Duke of Edinburgh supporting her.



Today, for the first time, the Queen and Duke will watch proceedings from a balcony, as the Prince of Wales steps in to represent his mother.

The Queen has asked the Prince to take her place for the key moment in the ceremony and she, now 91, will join her 96-year-old husband on the balcony of the nearby Foreign and Commonwealth Office, as the Duke breaks his retirement to honour veterans and the fallen.

It is the first time the Prince will lay the wreath at the Cenotaph watched by his mother.

He has undertaken the role once before, in 1983 while the Queen was undertaking an overseas tour in Kenya.

The couple will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on 20th November.



FLOWERS IN CHURCH

The flowers in Church have been kindly donated by Pauline Howard.

CRAFT GROUP

We meet at 52 Barnes Road tomorrow 1.00 to 5.00pm. New members always welcome.



MIDWEEK COMMUNION

There will be a service of Holy Communion this Tuesday in Church at 10.00am.



PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

Meeting every Friday during term-time from 9.15 to 11.15am.



YOUTH GROUP

Friday 7.30 to 9pm for all aged 11 to 16.

This Week's Activity - "Tournament Night" Talk Outline

"Foundations 4/4 - What is Salvation?"

MENS SHED

Christmas meal on 9th December at the Hungry Horse from about 6pm. Set meal for £10.99/£13.99 (2/3 courses). Please let Colin know by next Sunday.



STUART KELSALL

One of our long-standing church family members, Stuart Kelsall passed peacefully into glory on Tuesday afternoon with his wife Lilian by his side.

The funeral and thanksgiving service will be in Church on Tuesday 21st November at 12 noon.

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Revelation 21:4



AND IN THE MORNING

The 5 SOLAS Of The REFORMATION

SOLA SCRIPTURA - SCRIPTURE ALONE

Sola scriptura emphasises the Bible alone as the source of authority for Christians. By saying, "Scripture alone," the Reformers rejected both the divine authority of the Roman Catholic Pope and confidence in sacred tradition. Only the Bible was "Inspired by God" (2 Peter 1:20-21) and "God-breathed" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Anything taught by the Pope or in tradition that contradicted the Bible was to be rejected. Sola scriptura also fuelled the translation of the Bible into German, French, English, and other languages, and prompted Bible teaching in the common languages of the day, rather than in Latin.

The Bible is our ultimate authority for understanding God, salvation, and how we are to live our lives. All matters of theology and doctrine are to find their source in Scripture, as it is God's inerrant Word and is all-sufficient for teaching and correction.

Scripture is therefore the perfect and only standard of spiritual truth, revealing infallibly all that we must believe in order to be saved and all that we must do in order to glorify God.

REFORMATION MAGAZINE



With articles by Dr Andrea Ruddick and Dr Kirsty Birkett, this magazine helps to explain why the Reformation happened and what made it so important then and now.



There are some free copies in church and you can also read it online at churchsociety.org. Ros



BARNABAS FUND PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for calling us to be Your followers. May we never be ashamed to bear Your Name, to be Your witnesses, or, if need be, to suffer for You and for the Gospel. May our lives bring You glory, so that You will never be ashamed of us. May we be ready to meet You face to face, whenever that Day comes, with a confidence based on You alone, as we entrust to You our work, our lives, our souls and our salvation. Amen.



YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell, and pray that they may be reassured by the Lord's presence in their lives -

John Weaver, Beryl Martin, Alan & Jan Hodson, Lilian Kelsall, Andrea McEleny, Winnie Wright, Scott & Alisdair White.



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND WE WILL REMEMBER THEM