

This Week Sunday 1st July		
9.00am	Morning Prayer Exodus 20:1-21	Team B
9.45am	Morning Worship at Highfields Exodus 20:1-21	
10.30am	Family Worship Exodus 20:1-21	
6.00pm	Evening Communion Galatians 6:11-18	Team I
Tuesday	Morning Bible Study	
Tuesday	Church Family Prayer Meeting	
Wednesday	Explorers Kids Group	
Friday	Parents & Toddlers	
Friday	Fuse Youth Group	
Next Week Sunday 8th July		
9.00am	Holy Communion Exodus 20:4-6	Team C
9.45am	Holy Communion at Highfields Exodus 20:4-6	
10.30am	Family Worship with Baptism Exodus 20:4-6 Church Family Barbecue	
6.00pm	Evening Worship Leviticus 1	Team F
July 10	Midweek Communion	

LAST BUT NOT LEAST . . .

. . . IT'S SO HOT THAT . . .

all the bread in Tesco is toast!
the cows are giving evaporated milk!
the birds have to use oven gloves to pull worms out of the ground!
you can make tea without a kettle!
your car overheats before you drive it!
when it drops below 25°C you look for a cardigan!
Jehovah's Witnesses have started emailing!
I saw a chicken lay an omelette!

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The Wages of Sin is Death,
but the Gift of God is Eternal Life
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

**1st July 2018
6th Sunday in Trinity**

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

God our Father, you have prepared for those who love you good things that surpass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love towards you that, loving you above all, we may obtain your promises which are greater than we can desire, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Exodus 20



We are a FAIRTRADE Church. We have pledged to use Fairtrade Goods wherever possible.



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Are You Ready? Encourage Festival

at Shallowford House
Saturday 7th July 2018
Doors open 1.30pm - 2.00pm start

CELEBRATING GOD'S CALL TO US

MUSIC - FOOD - SPEAKERS - CRAFTS

Book your tickets online at encouragefestival.co.uk

Encourage Festival is a mini music and arts festival celebrating that we are all called to play our part in God's kingdom in a whole variety of ways on Saturday 7th July 2018. The festival is taking place at Shallowford House (ST15 0NZ) and doors open at 1.30 and the official opening is at 2pm, the event will finish at 8pm.

This family friendly day is all about enjoying the things that other people are passionate about and seeing why they feel called to do the things they do and would be brilliant for any friends/family/colleagues who have never been to church or are on the fringes of church.

Contributors include Sally Phillips, Goat Roper Rodeo Band, Rue Royale, Anam Caras, Wildfire Folk and Shrewsbury Gospel Choir and they will share their passions for art, music, creativity and a whole range of other subjects. Alongside this we will have an outdoor demonstration kitchen which will be putting on demo's throughout the event! There will also be face painting, the Junk Orchestra and Bongo making workshops!

Come along and bring a friend to enjoy speakers, bands, locally-sourced food and drink and a whole lot more!

OMF PRAYER GROUP

Next meeting 7.30pm till 9pm
Monday July 9th at May Bee's home 5 Keld Avenue,
Western Downs. ST17 9HY.

Refreshments follow.
Newcomers welcome.



KID'S GROUP

this Wednesday
4th July 5 to 6pm
for all aged 7 to 11.



PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

Meeting every Friday during term-time from 9.15 to 11.15am in Castle Church Hall.



YOUTH GROUP

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

Activity - Craft:Canvas Art
Talk Outline - "Witness"



CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER MEETING

Our next Prayer Meeting will be this Tuesday at 7.30 until 8.30pm in The Barn. Please make an effort to come to this, the most important meeting of our Church Family each month.

"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference."

Max Lucado

BAPTISM AND BARBECUE

Next Sunday we shall have Baptisms in the 10.30 service



followed by CHURCH FAMILY BARBECUE. Please add your name to the Catering List in Church today to bring either a Pudding or Salad.

OUR SUMMER PREACHING SERIES

This morning we begin to look at THE TEN COMMANDMENTS in Genesis Chapter 20 and learning what God's Law meant to the Chosen People and what it means to us today.



AND NEXT SUNDAY EVENING

Michael will be starting a series on the Old Testament book of Leviticus.

BARNABAS FUND PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus, we ask you to protect Christians who are worshipping in churches today, despite the possibility of violence. Whether they are meeting in secret, or they are gathering in a church which has already been threatened or attacked, we ask you to be with them, Lord.

We pray that they may realise they are never alone, and that they will find hope and strength in You. So that, even though they are hard pressed, they are not crushed, even though they are perplexed, they are not in despair and even though they are persecuted, they are not abandoned.



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 -

Andrea McEleny, Lilian Kelsall,
Scott & Alisdair White,
Rosemary Davies.

