

This Week Sunday 13th May		
9.00am	Holy Communion Luke 7:11-17	Team C
9.45am	Holy Communion at Highfields Luke 7:11-17	
10.30am	Family Worship Luke 7:11-17	
6.00pm	Evening Worship Galatians 3:1-14	Team F
Tuesday	Morning Bible Study	
Wednesday	Explorers Kids Group	
Friday	Parents & Toddlers	
Friday	Youth Group	
Next Week Sunday 20th May Pentecost (Whit Sunday)		
9.00am	Morning Prayer Luke 7:18-35	Team D
9.45am	Morning Worship at Highfields Luke 7:18-35	
10.30am	Family Worship Luke 7:18-35	
6.00pm	Evening Communion Galatians 3:15-29	Team G 3@6
May 22	Midweek Communion & Coffee Morning	

LAST BUT NOT LEAST . . .

. . . ROYAL WEDDING FEVER

"To keep your marriage brimming with love in the wedding cup, whenever you're wrong, admit it; whenever you're right, shut up." —*Ogden Nash*
It's been ten years since the invisible man married the invisible woman. Their kids are nothing to look at either.

Ladies and gentlemen, it's been a very emotional day. Even the cake is in tiers.

Did you hear about the bald man who married his comb? He promised, "I'll never part with it!"

Do you know why the King of Hearts married the Queen of Hearts? They were perfectly suited to each other.

I just saw two nuclear technicians getting married. The bride was radiant and the groom was glowing.

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.
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Vicar: Rev Philip Sowerbutts
Associate Minister: Rev Christine Sykes

This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.

Acts 1:11

13th May 2018 Sunday after Ascension Day

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

O God, the King of glory, who exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven, do not leave us desolate, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ has gone before, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever. **Amen.**

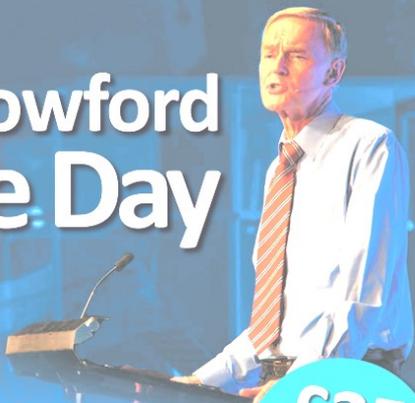


Luke 7:16



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Shallowford Bible Day



A day of bible teaching and guided reflection with Steve Brady, Principal of Moorlands Bible College, in the beautiful setting of Shallowford House.

£25*
per person
Includes a BBQ lunch and materials

Friday 8th June 10.00am - 4.00pm

After the success of two bible teaching days with Jonathan Lamb, Shallowford House are pleased to be hosting this very special event.

Sign up today for only £20 including Barbecue Lunch.

The house and chapel will be a quiet zone and (weather permitting) the grounds will be open to explore.

CRAFT GROUP

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



MORNING BIBLE STUDY

There will be a Bible Study group at Mavis's house at 10.30am this Tuesday.

NEXT SUNDAY

Join us at 6pm in the Church Hall for our 3@6 Evening Service, as we continue our study of Galatians.



KID'S GROUP

Wednesday 5 to 6pm for all aged 7 to 11.

This Week - The Bible Hard Questions



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.

This Week's Activity - Sports Night
Talk Outline - "Job is Restored"



COFFEE MORNING In Support of

SHALLOWFORD HOUSE

10am to 12.30pm Saturday 2nd June
at Trinity Church Stafford (opposite Wilko's)



Tea or Coffee and Cake £1.50
Cards and Crafts on sale
Please come and support us.



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DATA PROTECTION

Because of the changes in the Data Protection Rules, there will be a letter coming to everyone of the Church Family explaining the new ruling.

Please return the form to the Church Office.

OMF PRAYER GROUP

We meet again on Monday 21st May at 7.30pm
At May Bee's home
5, Keld Avenue, ST17 9HY



Newcomers welcome, finishes at 9 pm followed by refreshments.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

The flowers in Church today have been kindly donated by Angela Mangnall-Rice.



BARNABAS FUND PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, we pray today for Christian women and girls who live in contexts of marginalisation, poverty and persecution. You know their vulnerability and their suffering, despised for being Christians and despised for being female.

May they rejoice to know that You are protecting them day by day, that in You they have a safe refuge and that underneath are the everlasting arms. May they know themselves loved and treasured by their Saviour, who first revealed Himself after His resurrection to a group of women.

We ask this in the Name of Jesus. 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.

