

This Week Sunday 9th September		
9.00am	Holy Communion 1 Peter 2:4-12	Team D
10.30am	Sunday School Prize-Giving 1 Peter 2:4-12	
6.00pm	Evening Worship Ruth 1	Team H
Tuesday	Shallowford House Midweek Break	
Next Week Sunday 16th September		
9.00am	Morning Prayer Hebrews 10	Team A
9.45am	Holy Communion at Highfields Hebrews 10	
10.30am	Family Communion Hebrews 10	
6.00pm	Evening Worship Ruth 2	Team G 3@6
Sep 17	Craft Group	
Sep 17	OMF Prayer Meeting	
Sep 18	Morning Bible Study	

LAST BUT NOT LEAST . . .

. . . BACK TO SCHOOL

Why did the M&M go to school?

Because he really wanted to be a Smartie!

Luke came home from his first day of school, and his mother asked, "What did you learn today?"

"Not enough. They said I have to go back tomorrow."

Why do magicians do so well in school?

They're good at trick questions.

What's the king of all school supplies?

The ruler.

A man from London drove toward Glasgow at 250 mph and a man from Glasgow drove toward London at 150 mph. Where did they meet?

In jail!

What kind of school do you go to if you're...

...an ice cream man? Sundae school.

...a giant? High school.

...a surfer? Boarding school.

...King Arthur? Knight school.

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May I never boast except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Galatians 6:14

9th September 2018 15th 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 Today

Guard your church, Lord God, with your continual mercy, and because in our frailty we cannot stand without you, keep us from all that may harm, and lead us to all that makes for our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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

BRILLIANT!

That's what they say at the Signpost Centre.



Thank you so much to those who so faithfully and regularly give to the Food Bank. Items given are spot on. Thanks Vera

THIS MORNING'S 10.30 SERVICE

We restart Sunday School following the Summer Holidays with our Prize-Giving Service. Janet Roberts will be giving the prizes to our faithful youngsters and Michael Hayden is coming



OUR NEW MORNING PREACHING SERIES

Church ... who we are ...



... not where we go.

We shall be looking at 'What on earth is the Church for?' ("What? On earth, is the Church for?")

PRAYER DIARY

Pick up a Prayer Diary from Church today. It contains something to pray about each day.



As the new school year begins so do our term time children's & youth groups over the next few weeks. Our Sunday School classes restart today, and here is a list of when the other groups will begin again.

AUTUMN 2018

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH WORK START DATES



TODDLER GROUP	0-4's
9.15-11.15am	Fri 7th Sept
EXPLORERS	7-11's
5-6pm	Wed 19th Sept
FUSE YG	11-16's
7.30-9pm	Fri 14th Sept
EXTRA TIME	16-21's
NEW! 7.30-9pm	Sun 16th Sep

OMF PRAYER GROUP

Meets on Monday 17th September at 7.30pm- 9pm
At May Bee's home 5, Keld Avenue, ST17 9HY



Paul Robinson who was with OMF in Cambodia for many years is now Director of Mobilisation & Media OMF UK. He will be updating us on Cambodia and his new role.

All welcome to come.

SEPTEMBER 6PM EVENING SERVICES

A new term is upon us. Our evening service is growing from strength to strength.

If you've never tried it before, maybe come during September when we're going to be doing something a little different. We're looking at the Old Testament book of Ruth following the pattern of a classic Rom Com.

We'll use video clips from classics such as When Harry Met Sally, Sleepless In Seattle, Bridget Jones Diary and The Holiday. 6pm Every Sunday in September.



- 9th September
The Set-Up
- 16th September
The Meet-Cute
- 23rd September
The Conflict
- 30th September
The Happily Ever-After

BARNABAS FUND PRAYER

O God, our Lord and Creator, we lift up to You today the loved ones of Christians who have paid the ultimate price for their faith in Your Son Jesus Christ. We think of the families of the 20 Egyptian martyrs (and one Ghanaian) who died in 2015, whose bodies were returned this year to their homeland.

May their grieving families know the peace that transcends all understanding. We lift up to You also the survivors and relatives of those who died in many other violent attacks on Christians around the world. Heal them, O God, and wipe away every tear from their eyes. Amen.



There will NOT be a Midweek Communion Service this Tuesday.

YOUR PRAYERS

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

Andrea McEleny, Lilian Kelsall, Scott & Alisdair White, Doris Dainty, Rosemary Davies, Nigel Morton, Harry Kirkham, Irene Stacey, Joan Sowerbutts.

