

This Week Sunday 26th May		
9.00am	Holy Communion Luke 9:28-36	Team A
9.45am	Morning Worship at Highfields Luke 9:28-36	
10.30am	Family Worship Luke 9:28-36	
6.00pm	Evening Worship Esther chapters 5 & 6	Team H
Thursday	Ascension Day Communion & Coffee Morning in The Barn	
Next Week Sunday 2nd June		
9.00am	Morning Prayer Luke 9:37-45	Team B
9.45am	Morning Worship at Highfields Luke 9:37-45	
10.30am	Family Worship Luke 9:37-45	
6.00pm	Evening Communion Esther chapters 7 & 8	Team I
June 4	Church Family Prayer Meeting	
June 7	Jonathon Lamb at Shallowford House	

LAST BUT NOT LEAST . . .

. . . ROGATION IS FOR FARMERS

Why shouldn't you tell a secret on a farm? Because the potatoes have eyes and the corn has ears!
 Why did the scarecrow win the Nobel Prize? Because he was out standing in his field!
 What do you get when you cross a robot and a tractor? A transfarmer.
 What day do potatoes hate the most? Fry-day!
 What farm animal keeps the best time? A watch dog!
 Did you hear about the magic tractor? It turned into a field!
 What do farmers use to make crop circles? A Protractor.
 What is a scarecrow's favourite fruit? Straw-berries!
 Why did the cow jump over the moon? The farmer had cold hands.
 Farmers earn a meagre celery, come home beet and just want to read the pepper, turn-ip the covers, en-dive into bed!

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 Associate Minister: Rev Christine Sykes

Do not merely listen to the word,
and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

James 1:22

26th May 2019 5th Sunday after Easter Rogation Sunday

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 Lord, from whom all good things come, grant to us your servants that by your holy inspiration we may think good thoughts and by your merciful guidance put them into practice through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



*This is my Son, whom I have chosen;
listen to him.*

Luke 9:35

**On The Road
With Jesus**

Our Morning Preaching Series

Luke Chapters 9 to 11



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We have pledged to use
Fairtrade Goods wherever possible.*

A TASTE OF TRANSFIGURATION

The account of the transfiguration of Jesus Christ as recorded by Matthew, Mark and Luke is a demonstration to three witnesses that Jesus Christ was who He claimed to be. In all three accounts of the transfiguration, we are given the names of the three disciples who accompanied Jesus and who stood as human witnesses to the glory that was Christ's.



There were also three heavenly witnesses, Moses, Elijah and the voice of God from heaven.

The word "transfigured" is a very interesting word. The Greek word is "metamorpho" and it means to transform, metamorphose, or change into another form. It also means to change the outside to match the inside. The prefix "meta" means to change and the "morpho" means form.

In the case of the transfiguration of Jesus Christ it means to match the outside with the reality of the inside.

Jesus' divine nature was fully revealed when he "went through the curtain" (Matthew 27:51) and the transfiguration was a glimpse of the future glory.

The Son of God came to earth in the form of a man to be the true servant of God and to give mankind the greatest gift ever given - eternal life!

The transfiguration of Jesus Christ was a visible sign in the presence of reliable witnesses of the reality of the power of God and the glory, which is Christ Jesus.

Join us
at 6pm Tonight

THE BOOK OF
ESTHER

CRAFT GROUP

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



MIDSUMMER HARMONIES

An evening of 'Picked and Missed' music
to suit all tastes.

The renowned Uttoxeter-based all ladies choir
THE HEATH CHORUS

Bliethfield Parish Church

Saturday 8th June at 7.30pm

Tickets £10 includes strawberries & cream
and a refreshment drink

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ASCENSION DAY
Thursday 30th May
Holy Communion at 10.00am
in The Barn followed by
Coffee Morning

Shallowford Bible Day



BOOK NOW!
A DAY WITH
JONATHAN LAMB
Friday 7th June 2019
10.00am to 4.00pm
(coffee from 9.30)

A day of bible teaching led by the CEO and 'Minister at Large' for the Keswick Convention, with praise and worship in the beautiful setting of Shallowford House.

Final booking date has passed, so we can't guarantee that any more places will be available.

BARNABAS FUND PRAYER

Loving heavenly Father, we ask Your blessing on Christians who live as despised minorities, facing in daily life the constant message, spoken or unspoken, that they are worthless, even "unclean". May they be assured beyond all doubt in their hearts that they are precious and honoured in Your sight, as well as loved by the King of kings and Lord of lords. May they draw encouragement from remembering that their Saviour, too, in whose Name we pray, was despised and rejected in this world.



Amen.

LILIAN KELSALL

One of our long-standing church family members, Lilian Kelsall passed peacefully into glory last Sunday and is now reunited in Heaven with her husband Stuart who passed away in 2017. The funeral and thanksgiving service will be in Church on Monday 3rd June at 2.30pm and at Stafford Crematorium at 3.30pm.

"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



YOUR PRAYERS

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

Scott & Alisdair White, Irene Stacey, Andrea McEleny and her family, Meghan Millen, Harry Kirkham, Rosemary Davies, Douglas Wetton, Jill Cornwell, Peter Hill, Les Neil, Edwin & Joan Sowerbutts, Bill Inns.

