

Although visa confirmation is still awaited, we're hopeful that Stanley Kiew, from Malaysia, will be with us in Stoke before the end of the month. There is a Commissioning Service taking place at Lichfield Cathedral on Friday 26 January at 5.30 pm. Please speak to Fr Andrew if you would like to attend this service as we look to arrange transport.

Living Faith - the Bishop's Certificate Course.  
Introductory meeting this Monday 15 January at 3.30 pm. Please speak to Fr Andrew if you would like to join us.

Special Parochial Meeting takes place at 6.45 pm Tuesday 16th at Stoke Minster. A draft of the document to approve is available to view online at [www.stokeminster.org/draft-parish-scheme](http://www.stokeminster.org/draft-parish-scheme) - paper copies are also available for inspection in each church in the parish.

Stoke Minster will be hosting the Confirmation service on 13 May and preparation sessions will be starting soon. If you would like to find out more about Confirmation - whether as an adult or a young person (normally over 11 years of age) please speak to a member of the clergy team.

Ash Wednesday falls early this year - on 14 February - and marks the beginning of Lent, the season of preparation that culminates in Holy Week and Easter. A service of Holy Communion which includes the invitation to come forward for the imposition of ashes as mark of penitence. There will be a Eucharist at 7.30 pm as well as the usual morning service on Ash Wednesday at 10.30 am.

Would you like to become a qualified Community Money Adviser and help people in Stoke overcome debt issues and the cycle of despair it brings? If you can spare a day or two each week to volunteer with Money Matters, we will pay for your qualification up to level two, plus we will cover all volunteer expenses. For an informal conversation about the opportunity call senior adviser Mary-Anne on 07880 795304 or email [mary-anne@saltbox.org.uk](mailto:mary-anne@saltbox.org.uk)  
Volunteer opportunity: Debt Centre Manager - details of this post are at [www.saltbox.org.uk/assets/uploads/CAP\\_Spec.pdf](http://www.saltbox.org.uk/assets/uploads/CAP_Spec.pdf)

The Civic Prayer Breakfast takes place on Friday 20th April - there are limited tickets available at £5 each (usual price £10) - speak to Fr Andrew for details.

An Evening With Bridget & Adrian Plass (3 February at 7.30 pm): Keele Chapel is delighted to be welcoming well-loved Christian authors Adrian and Bridget Plass for an evening of laughter, story telling, poems, questions and the odd moment of dangerous honesty about things that really matter. Tickets are available on the door and can be reserved via email at [chaplaincy@keele.ac.uk](mailto:chaplaincy@keele.ac.uk) Students: £2 Other adults: £5

This year's season of Saturday lunchtime organ recitals has now begun. Each year, the recitals raise around £600-£800 for choir funds, meaning that church funds are not needed to support the work of the choir. We would be very grateful for help in serving refreshments at the recitals - if you are able to give up a some time on a Saturday, please sign the list on the notice board outside the kitchen, or speak to Jonathan or Elaine. Thank you!

#### Newsletters

If there are items to include in the weekly newsletter either email Mandy our administrator, on: [StokeMinster@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:StokeMinster@yahoo.co.uk) or contact her directly. Mandy is usually working in the office at Stoke Minster on a Tuesday morning. Either pop in with the information or ring her then on 01782 747785.

Names on the sick list will be remembered for 8 weeks. They can be added for a further 8 weeks by contacting Mandy at the Minster Office.

#### Please pray for

##### For all who are ill:

Audrey Jodrell, Leon, Georgia Cotton, Ann Adam, Baby Oscar, Kashmir Singh, Phil Hassall, Margaret Taylor, Jill Spooner, Christopher Kelsall, John Bradbury, Baby Nancy, Rachel Corbett, Beverley, Stewart Tyler, Irene Cox, Mavis Davies, Susan Malkin, Vera Sargeant, Ann Elsmore, Linda Chell, Paul Eldershaw, Alana Gruba, Alan Bates, Greg, Martin, Susan Barker, Kath Turner.

##### For the departed:

Ken Jodrell, Margaret Blackband, Dorothy Beech, Patricia Proctor.

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## 14th January Epiphany 2

8.00 a.m. Said Eucharist

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Hymns: 58, 144, 347, 82, 188.

Anthem: A New Year Carol Benjamin Britten

Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in D Dietrich Buxtehude

12.30—1.00 p.m. Church Office

### Monday 15th

Fr Tommy is not normally available Mondays.

3.30-5.00 p.m. Bishops Certificate Course

5.15 p.m. Evening Prayer

### Tuesday 16th

11.00 a.m. Funeral of Ken Jodrell RIP

1.15 p.m. Funeral of Margaret Blackband RIP

5.15 p.m. Evening Prayer

6.45 p.m. Special Parochial Meeting

7.45 p.m. Bell practice

### Wednesday 17th

10.00 a.m. Eucharist at Christ Church

10.30 a.m. Eucharist + Coffee

5.15 p.m. Evening Prayer

### Thursday 18th

5.15 p.m. Evening Prayer

6.30 p.m. Choir Practice

### Friday 19th

Fr Andrew is not normally available Fridays.

Fr Geoff is not normally available Fridays.

## 21st January Epiphany 3

8.00 a.m. Said Eucharist

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

12.30—1.00 p.m. Church Office

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## 14th January 2018 Epiphany 2

### Collect

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### First Reading 1 Samuel 3.1-10

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalms or canticle Psalm 139. 1-5

All **How wonderful are your works, O Lord.**

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You mark out my journeys and my resting place and are acquainted with all my ways. **R**

For there is not a word on my tongue, but you, O Lord, know it altogether. You encompass me behind and before and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me so high that I cannot attain it. **R**

### Second Reading Revelation 5.1-10

<sup>1</sup>I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; <sup>2</sup>and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' <sup>3</sup>And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>4</sup>And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup>Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup>He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup>When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the

saints. <sup>9</sup>They sing a new song:

*'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals,  
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God  
saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;  
<sup>10</sup>you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,  
and they will reign on earth.'*

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, **alleluia.**

Christ was revealed in flesh,  
proclaimed among the nations  
and believed in throughout the world.

All **Alleluia.**

### Gospel John 1.43-51

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **+Glorify to you, O Lord.**

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.'

<sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!'

<sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Post Communion Prayer

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

