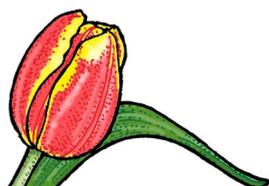


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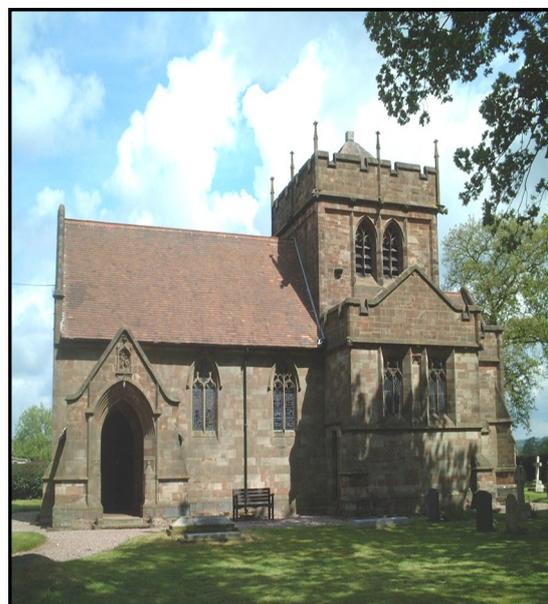
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A letter from our Vicar, Revd Phillip Johnson



Easter is late this year (in fact it's nearly the latest it can be) and therefore so is Lent. One of the huge inconveniences of Easter moving around the place is that it becomes quite hard to plan things from year to year. Sometimes Lent is upon you almost immediately after Candlemas and other years (like this year) there's a whole month in-between. Ironically most of the world's churches have agreed on a fixed date for Easter but so far no one has managed to get all of the world's governments to agree on it so we're stuck with, quite literally, a moveable feast.

However I suspect that part of my annoyance with Easter moving about has more to do with my innate desire to get everything ordered and under control than it is to make everyone's lives easier with a fixed date. When I ran a Theatre Company many years ago we used to remark that we'd get all of the administration and organisation done if only we didn't have to put on plays. I had a similar feeling during the school holidays when I was a teacher – my classroom was immaculate and I was completely up-to-date with my marking as long as I didn't have to teach any children...

We all tend to have a fantasy that one day we'll have everything organised and sorted and that then (and only then) will we have time to get round to the important stuff. The problem is that that day never comes and so the important stuff gets missed out. Lent is a good time for some introspection – so where can you put your focus this Lent? Lots of people give things up, like chocolate, during Lent but how about we focus on giving up putting off the important stuff – talk to the people you love, visit the places you've thought of going to, spend time with friends and family instead of always thinking you'll have time later.

I wish you all a blessed and holy Lent.

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Prayer for the Month



Almighty God, direct the hearts and minds of those who bear in their hands the government of this people.

Make them to uphold honour and justice,

To restrain evil and oppression,

And to seek the true prosperity of our nation and the welfare of mankind;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Timothy Dudley-Smith.

This prayer invites us to pray for the members of our government and all who share with them in the ruling of our country. We do this regularly in our Sunday Church Intercessions. But it can also be a valuable part of our own personal intercessions from time to time. It goes without saying that it doesn't make an iota of difference which political party is in power. Whoever is entrusted with government needs all the help God can give them. We simply pray that they will govern well. This prayer makes several good suggestions about the content of our own prayers for those who govern us.

Make them to uphold honour and justice. We pray that all in authority will be truthful, fair and just in all their decision-making. If you believe that all citizens are of equal value then decisions made should reflect that belief. Our leaders should make fairness part of their planning and justice to all whom they are serving. To restrain evil and oppression will need their vigilance and caution. There are sadly those in our society who exploit people and systems in an evil and criminal way. Wise leaders will be on the lookout for such practices and do their best, perhaps by legislation, to stop such people succeeding and to seek the true prosperity of our nation and the welfare of mankind. Those two virtues should go hand in hand as the prayer suggests. It is not virtuous to seek our own prosperity at the expense of that of other people or nations. Seeking prosperity for oneself should be in the context of service to mankind as a whole, not simply selfishly.

There can be few jobs with greater responsibility than that of the government. Its decisions affect so many people. If you use this prayer you will be praying for a kingdom that has echoes of what the Bible calls The Kingdom of God.

Revd Stephen Cooke

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Trinity Tots Success

Trinity Tots is quickly becoming a favourite gathering for parents and young children in the community with another 5 new members since January 2025! Designed for toddlers and preschoolers, this friendly group offers a mix of play, learning and socialization giving little ones a great start in their early development. Each session features interactive activities like story-time, music, sensory play and crafts - all designed to encourage creativity and curiosity.



Parents and caregivers also get a chance to connect, share tips and build lasting friendships. We offer refreshments for all, including toast and biscuits and eat sat around a table together. We love seeing the kids grow and learn together. It's a wonderful way to support early development while making new friends.

The group meets on Tuesdays in term time between 10 am and 11.30 am in Holy Trinity Parish Room. New families are always welcome! Come join the fun and watch your little ones thrive!

Cassie Jennings, Children and Families Minister

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We look forward to seeing you. For further questions please feel free to phone the 0-19 Families Health and Wellbeing Hub on 08081780611.

St Chad's News



Snowdrops scattered under the lime trees set the scene for a special Candlemas Evening Service at St Chad's on 2nd February. A full congregation was welcomed by these nodding snow-white bells and lanterns lighting the path to the Church door to enjoy the annual memorable occasion led by Revds Phillip Johnson and Stephen Habgood.

Inside the Church there was an atmospheric glow from the tea lights flickering on the altar, around the organ and font and along the window ledges. White flower arrangements added to the ambience. Little posies of snowdrops on the font were a reminder that, according to early Christians the flowers, known as Candlemas Bells, were regarded as a symbol of hope. They began the tradition of lighting many candles at the end of the Christmas season.

So this is the time when we celebrate Candlemas, a special service to commemorate the ritual purification of Mary forty days after the birth of her Son Jesus. This day also marks the presentation of the baby Jesus to God in the Temple at Jerusalem. It follows the end of the Christmas season, officially on 2nd February, forty days after Christ's birth on Christmas day. Now it is held on the nearest Sunday to that date.

Before the Service the overhead lights were reduced and during the third hymn which began "Christ whose glory fills the skies, Christ the True, the only Light" each parishioner turned on a tea light. The words of this appropriate hymn fully summed up the meaning of Candlemas.

(See next page for diary dates)



<u>St Chad's Diary Dates</u>	2nd March	St Chad's Day	11.30am
	30th March	Mothering Sunday	11.30am

Anthea Treanor



Eccleshall Churches Together – Working and Worshipping Together

At our final meeting for 2024, in the Methodist rooms, we looked forward to 2025 with lots of joint ventures planned. On 1st February 2025 we met at the Catholic rooms and discussed recent events:

The United Carol Service held at Holy Trinity on 22nd December had welcomed a large congregation and the £140 collected was sent to The House of Bread in Stafford. The ECT service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was held at the Methodist Church on the afternoon of Sunday 19th January and enjoyed by all attracting a good congregation. The collection from that, plus an additional donation, meant that £140 was sent to the Methodist overseas aid charity “All We Can”.

Looking ahead World Day of Prayer is on 7th March and the service arranged by members from all denominations will be at 2.30pm at Holy Trinity (see p 13).

Revd Phillip is leading a six-week Lent course starting on Tuesday 4th March at 5.30 pm in Holy Trinity which is open to all and all are welcome. We will again hold our individual services in our respective churches on Good Friday, 18th April before proceeding to the crossroads for a united service and Act of Witness.

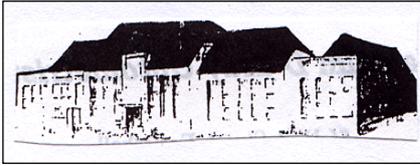
Christian Aid week is always in May and again we will support this with a collection outside the Co-Op on 17th May. As we no longer do a door to door envelope collection this is an important day for collecting and we noted again the success of last years event and the thanks due to our supporters.

As part of the Festival in Eccleshall on Saturday 28th June we will hold and man a shared stall of information and celebratory cake, as we mark 25 years of



Eccleshall Churches Together. We look forward to seeing you there and at all of our other shared services and events.

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Holy Days

1st March: St David's Day, time for daffodils

St David's Day is on 1st March and it's time for the Welsh to wear daffodils or leeks. Shakespeare called this custom 'an honourable tradition begun upon an honourable request' – but nobody knows the reason. Why should anyone have ever 'requested' that the Welsh wear leeks or daffodils to honour their patron saint? It's a mystery!

We do know that David – or Dafydd – of Pembrokeshire was a monk and bishop of the 6th century. In the 12th century he was made Patron of Wales, and he has the honour of being the only Welsh saint to be canonised and culted in the Western Church. Tradition has it that he was austere with himself and generous with others – living on water and vegetables (leeks, perhaps?!) and devoting himself to works of mercy. He was much loved.

In art St David is usually depicted in Episcopal vestments, standing on a mound with a dove at his shoulder, in memory of his share at an important Synod for the Welsh Church, the Synod of Brevi.



Friday 7th March 2025 at 2.30pm in Holy Trinity, Eccleshall

This year the World Day of Prayer service is organised by the Christian Women from the Cook Islands in the Pacific Ocean.

We would love you to come... men and women... to enjoy this service and be a part of the amazing wave of prayer which encircles the globe, praying with and for the Cook Islands and its people.

Tea and Coffee afterwards!



Flourish

Flourish is a new worshipping community that meets at Bishop Lonsdale Primary School. Every Wednesday in term time there is a service between 3.40 pm and 4.20 pm in the school hall for all the pupils, their parents and carers.

This is designed for the family as a whole to help bring everyone together in the school and shape their faith as a family and as a community. There is singing, dancing, crafts, games, open discussion and prayers.

This is a brilliant opportunity to link with Father Phillip and Children and Families Minister, Cassie from Holy Trinity and worship together as part of the wider school community and their family. The worship gives everyone a chance to participate building a service tailored to the needs and preferences of the audience.

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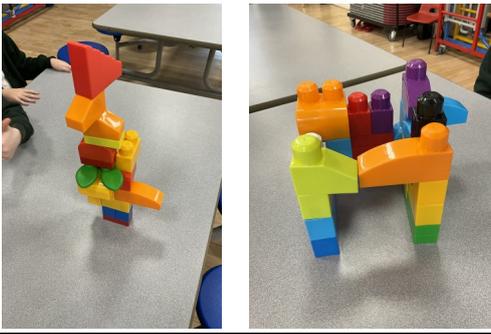
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In the last few weeks.....

Two talented children have joined the worship band with their guitar and piano skills. More parents are coming with their children to join the worship. We are exploring the percussion options so more children can join in with drums and other sounds. The children are participating, leading more of the service and enjoying having the parents and family members participate in their journey.

BUT... we have some amazing plans for future services and we can only do them if we have you!!! So many children want to come to Flourish, so come on, parents, why not give it a go???

Come and join the fantastic children of Bishop Lonsdale in the Hall with Father Phillip, Cassie and musician Peter. We will sing, dance, do a craft and have open discussions and prayers. You can sit with your children, their friends or even at the side.

We are noticing that the children value the impact of the family members being with them even if it's simply being in the room. Because they can't get this type of worship experience in school time, it's great that we can make this happen here.

We encourage all children to be accompanied by their parents/carers. We understand that parents may have other commitments when Flourish takes place. Therefore, if your child would like to come along, they can book into the Bishop Lonsdale after-school club.

Cassie Jennings, Children and Families Minister

Smile Lines

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The BOE Bridal collection features hand-picked gowns which can be customised to suit the bride’s own requirements. Bridesmaid dresses are available made-to-order and there is a lovely range of flower-girl dresses. Sue plans to have meet the designer events where brides can discuss their design ideas with our wedding dress designers. This gives the bride the opportunity to have a dream wedding dress sketched and then made to her own specifications.

Brides of Eccleshall will be closed on Mondays and open for appointments Tuesday to Saturday. You can keep up-to-date with the latest styles and events on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok or drop in to say “Hi” .

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Eccleshall Katharine House Hospice

Support Group update

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The next benefit 'do' organised by the Support Group is the **Spring**

Bingo and Baps to be held on 21st March at Eccleshall Community

Centre. Details regarding timings and tickets will be available on Facebook and posters in the KH shops nearer the time.

Eyes down for a fun evening and cash prizes!



Over £600 was raised at the coffee morning!

Beautiful Windows of Holy Trinity Church

- The Transfiguration

Last April there was a survey report in the Parish Magazine regarding the condition of the stained glass windows and a question was asked at the end of the report 'what is your favourite window' in Holy Trinity Church.

Well that set me off on a bit of an investigation which has taken me a while to complete as the William Salt Library has been closed, so here goes:



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My favourite window out of all the beautiful important stained glass ones is on the south aisle. It is of The Transfiguration (see photo on page 19). On the upper part of the window is Moses on the left with his tablets on which are the ten commandments and on the upper right is the Prophet Elijah. Below we see James on the left, with his brother John on the right with Peter in the centre.

The wording reads: 'This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased'

Matthew 17: 1-9, Mark9: 2-13, Luke 9: 23-36

On a beautiful sunny morning when you are in Church, Christ is ablaze with colour, the yellow and blue glass of the window that surrounds him is so vibrant it is amazing.

The next story of the window centres around the Hawthorne family as the window is dedicated to the memory of Jane Kathleen Hawthorne, born 5th August 1852 and died 31st May 1880 of pneumonia aged 27years. Jane was the daughter of Arthur Neville Hawthorne and Anne Hawthorne (nee Buckley) of Garmelow. On the 1861 Census Jane was down as an 8-year-old scholar and on the 1871 Census as an 18-year-old spinster and she died a spinster of pneumonia in 1880.

On the left-hand side of the window is a brass plaque dedicated to Arthur Neville Hawthorne who was Jane's father. He was born in Dublin in 1820 and became a Surgeon. He was a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and his titles/qualifications are MRCS June 17th 1840 and FRCS 8th June 1859, LM Dublin. Arthur eventually practised his profession on the High Street in Eccleshall, although I am not absolutely sure of



the exact address as the census only gives High Street as his address and further investigation has failed to find out exactly where.

Arthur and Anne were married on 23rd April 1850 in Holy Trinity Church by

the Reverend Henry Moore who became Archdeacon of Stafford in 1856. They went on to have three sons Arthur, Archibald T, Fredrick Buckley Hawthorne and two daughters, Jane and Edith. On the 1871 census Arthur was a practising medical student following in his father footsteps.

It was Anne who would have commissioned and paid for the window in Jane's memory as Arthur died in 1866 and Anne later died in 1891. Arthur, Anne, Jane and son Fredrick (who died aged 18 years in 1874) are buried in a family tomb in the churchyard.



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nice glass to drink your wine out of, glass cooking dishes, a nice clear window to enjoy the view, all the scientific glass, lenses, spectacles, binoculars and, without microscopes, how would we have recognised diseases such as Covid? We have beautiful art glass, ornaments such as glass paperweights and of course stained glass, both ancient and modern. John & I have had a wonderful life through glass, it paid our wages, John working as a Scientific Glassblower at Quickfit & Quartz Ltd in Stone and myself in the offices. John was later employed by an American Corporation Leco Instruments Ltd and finally in business for ourselves as JJ Quartz Ltd. We have been all round this country to all the major universities attending an annual Symposium run by the British Society of Scientific Glassblower meeting delegates from all over the world.

We have friends who work with stained glass and also friends who make some beautiful artistic pieces.

If anyone in the parish has any information on the Hawthorne/Buckley family I would love to hear from you: jennyturnock12@gmail.com

Jenny Turnock

Thanks, Jenny, for your very interesting piece about your favourite window in Holy Trinity Church! If anyone else would like to tell us about a favourite window or other artefact in Holy Trinity or St Chad's, do get in touch at parishmag.eccleshall@gmail.com

Candlemas at Holy Trinity

Sunday 2nd February was Candlemas - The Feast of the Presentation in the Temple - a moment of light, reflection, and renewal. The Sung Eucharist service at Holy Trinity that day was a memorable occasion....

English Chamber Choir Visit

The English Chamber Choir came and sang at the service. The Choir had performed a concert the night before in St Chad's Church, Seighford and members had then stayed overnight so that they could be with us in Holy Trinity the next day. Under the expert guidance of Rufus Frowde, the Artistic Director, the choir supported the hymn singing as well as performing sections of the St Anne's Mass by James MacMillan. The choir also sang a number of anthems finishing with a fantastic Organ Voluntary by Rufus. It is hoped that the choir will make a return visit in the future.

New Altar Frontal

The High Altar in Holy Trinity was dressed for this Candlemas service with a brand new red Altar Frontal. The day before, Holy Trinity had received and installed the new Frontal which has been designed and created by the award-winning designer, Jacquie Binns. Jacquie is famous for designing the Funeral Pall for the interment of King Richard III at Leicester Cathedral and the Altar Frontals at All Hallows Church by the Tower in the Tower of London.

Jacquie was commissioned by Eccleshall Parish to design the red Frontal (to be used at Pentecost, Saints Days and from All Saints to Advent) in memory of three parishioners who served the parish over many years – David Beswick, David Brass and Lilian Lee.

The design (photo) shows a white Dove (traditionally the symbol of Peace and the Holy Spirit) in front of the Cross of Nails (again a symbol of Peace from Coventry Cathedral) on a Gold Roundel. All of this is mounted on a rich red brocade using a design that has been in use for over 400 years. In the Church of England, one of five colours – purple, green, gold, white and red – referred to as 'liturgical colours', are used for altar linen, clergy robes and various hangings. The table on the next page shows the seasons in the Church of England Liturgical Calendar and when the various colours are used.



This red Frontal and accompanying Falls (which hang at the lectern), Chasuble (modelled here by Revd Phillip) and Stoles make up the “Red Set”. They will now become part of the permanent collection at Holy Trinity and should be in use for many centuries to come.



Liturgical Season	Representative Colour
Advent	Purple
Christmas	Gold
Christmastide, Epiphany and Candlemas	White
Lent	Purple (or Lenten Array)
Easter	Gold
Eastertide	White
Pentecost	Red
Ordinary Time (After the Feast of Pentecost until All Saints)	Green
Kingdom Season (All Saints to Advent)	Red

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Trinity Men's Fellowship - Not the Christmas Lunch and AGM



On Wednesday 22nd January 2025 many members and their partners braved the weather and set out for our annual "Not the Christmas Lunch" which was held at the Cock Inn, Woodseaves. This is one of two occasions during the year when we gather with our partners for a TMF



activity. The surroundings for the meal at the Cock Inn are most suitable to enable a large group to sit down together. The food was excellent and the staff were very caring and really looked after us. It was an excellent function in great company and really well attended.

On the last Friday of every month we have our main activity but many members also gather for more "fringe" events on the other Fridays.



Sometimes it is for "breakfast" at the local cafe and at other times it is in the "Shed", which mere mortals will know as the Royal Oak. Here the problems of the world are put to rights helped by the odd beer or wine.

On Friday 31st January it was our AGM. An excellent number of members gathered in the Parish Room for 2pm. We used to have all our non-walking meetings starting at 7pm but after an experimental afternoon start we have found the new time most successful and from now on it will be the norm. Several members had made a real afternoon of the event by meeting in the Royal Oak or "The Shed" for a pre-AGM pint and a snack! As usual the valiant Chai Wallahs had set out the biscuits and beakers and had boiling water ready to fill the requests of Members as they entered. This was magnificently carried out apart from the drink provided for our President, David M. He had requested coffee and the appropriate coffee "granules" were put in the cup and then it was filled with TEA from the teapot. You never know, it might catch on - but not with David!

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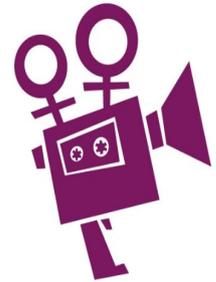


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Tickets (still only £5.00) are available from The Royal Oak, Eccleshall Library and James du Pavey. We look forward to seeing you.

As the members took their seats it was noted that the front row was fully occupied by Davids!!! To add to that there was another David in the middle of the row behind! Your Senior and Junior Correspondent are



pictured at the left of the Davids! Is it a prerequisite of joining the TMF that you are called David? I think not! John opened the meeting with the TMF Grace and

reminded us of our sad loss of three members and Ken's wife, Chris. Then he gave his report. This was followed by the Treasurer's report where the various charitable donations were passed. One major issue is our secretary is ill and has had to give up this position. We need a new secretary. The rest of the committee was re-elected.

Your Junior Correspondent (David S)



Holy Trinity Eccleshall Tower Bell Ringers AGM



The Holy Trinity Tower Bell Ringers held their Annual General Meeting in early February. Warren Griffiths, who has been the Tower Secretary for around 25 years, reported that there had been nineteen members, including two new members, ringing regularly during 2024.

Warren went on to report that, in addition to weekly Sunday Service ringing, bells were rung for seven of the eight weddings held at Holy Trinity Church in 2024. Ringers were pleased to acknowledge Kath and Paul Stevenson's outstanding contribution at Holy Trinity by ringing for their joint funeral service. Mary Leather's commitment to Slindon Church and to the Parochial Church Council was likewise acknowledged by ringing after her memorial service. The bells were also rung for particular occasions including before the service of commemoration at the War Memorial for

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the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, for the Confirmation Service and before the All Souls' Service.

The ringers had a busy afternoon on Eccleshall Festival Saturday in June, when they took on the roles of stewards and teachers to take members of the public on Open Tower visits - this involved climbing up to the ringing room, the belfry and outside onto the roof of the tower . The year concluded with the ringers' participation in the Christmas Tree Festival and ringing for all the Christmas

services at Holy Trinity Church. The traditional gathering on New Year's Eve saw the ringers enjoying a party before going to the tower to ring out the old year and ring in the new year.

The popular annual dinner was held at The Old Smithy in April and enjoyed by all.

In May, a ringing outing was arranged. Participants visited and rang at five Shropshire Towers - Edmond, Lilleshall, Shifnal, Kemberton and Beckbury. Coffee and lunch breaks at appropriate establishments during the ringing day were appreciated and gave the ringers a chance to chat and rest in between ringing at the different towers.

Warren reported that Friday practices for learning ringers have become a vital developmental addition to the regular practice on a Monday. The progress is tangible thanks to effective teaching along with support from members of the ringing band. The bells are not heard during these Friday practices as the clappers are tied back to prevent them from striking the bells. The ringers "hear" what they are ringing by means of a simulator in the ringing room.

Planned maintenance of the bells during the year had included greasing the clappers and replacing some of the reflective strips required to make the simulator work! Warren thanked fellow ringers who had helped with this.

At the end of the meeting, Warren was thanked for all the work he has done as Tower Secretary over many years. Rosemary Wright was appointed as Tower Secretary for the coming year.



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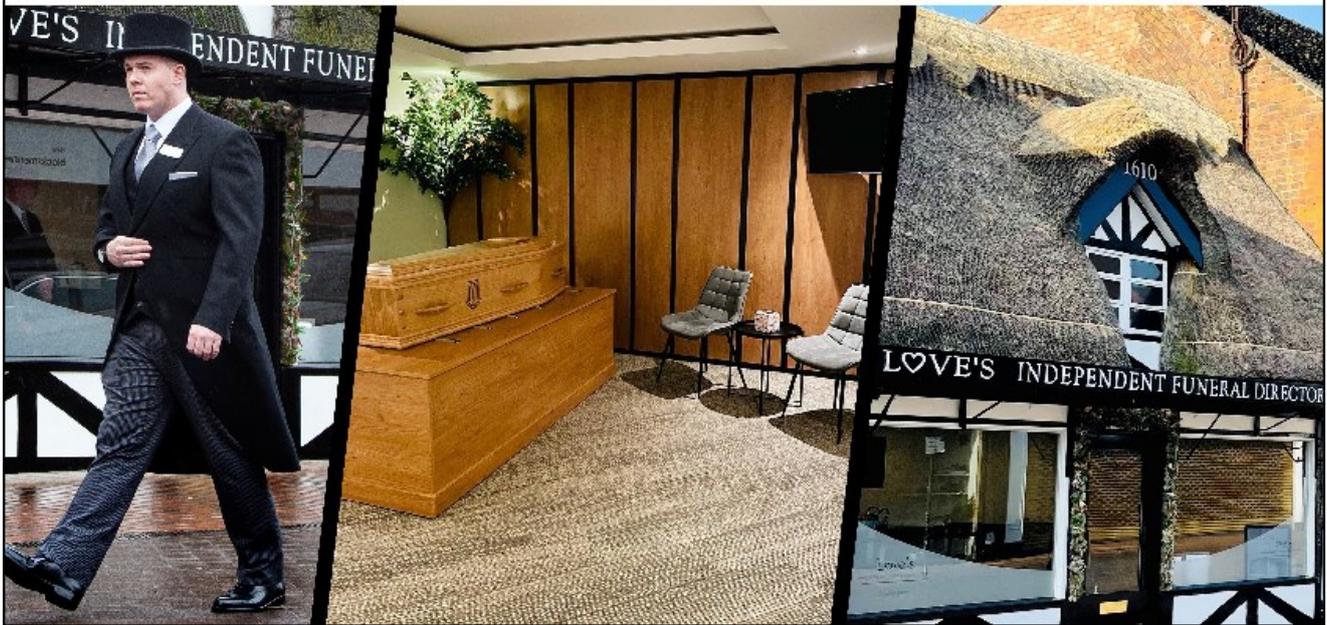
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The Latest Buzz

Eccleshall bees are still in their hives waiting for spring to arrive.

Bees don't go to sleep over the winter but they form themselves into a ball shape to keep warm. A winter bee in the middle of the ball gets nice and 'toasty', then makes its way to the outside of the ball to allow the bees on the outside to move in and get warm. The whole 'bee ball' rotates around the hive eating the honey they have stored earlier in the year. As colder weather approaches the queen bee lays special winter bees that live longer than a summer bee. A summer bee lives about 6 weeks a winter bee can live up to 6 months.

You may be lucky and have some raw honey (raw honey is untreated and has no sugar solution added) in your cupboard. If your honey has set & you want it runny put it in the microwave for a few secs, standing in a bowl of warm water or leave it somewhere quite warm for a while.

There are lots of uses for honey - besides on toast or in a soothing drink for a sore throat. Honey is magic and enhances everything from sauces, sweet roast vegetables, pancakes, dips, sticky chicken, homemade granola and one of my favourites **honey roasted nuts**. Enjoy the recipe....

500g/8ozs unsalted nuts (cashews, pecans peanuts, almonds, walnuts, Brazil nuts any combination you like)

2 tablespoons honey

1 tablespoon butter

½ teaspoon smoked paprika

1/2 teaspoon salt

Heat oven to 350F/180 C

Line baking sheet with greaseproof

Heat butter & honey together in microwave for about 30 secs till butter has melted – stir well

Stir in smoked paprika

Pour over nuts and stir to cover

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Eccleshall Poetry Group

March is the month where we look forward to winter giving way to spring. The weather can veer from windy and still wintry, to warm and sunny portents of the hoped-for summer ahead, calling to mind the weather folklore: 'In like a lion, out like a lamb'.

Poets have long enjoyed the season's inspirations from William Wordsworth's 'Lines Written in Early Spring', William Blake's 'Spring' and Emily Dickinson's 'A Light Exists in Spring'.

The following poem considers two opposed months:

The Ides of March Versus October - by John Lofquist

The Ides of March
are no different than of October
just seven months older
and perhaps, a little bit colder.
And had Caesar only stayed away
from the Curia of Pompey
that day
he might have lived, perhaps, a little bit longer.

Why not come along to Eccleshall Poetry Group's meetings in March and see which poems they read for the month - there's a warm welcome awaiting you. (*See Forthcoming Events on page 39 For Eccleshall Poetry Group session details.*)

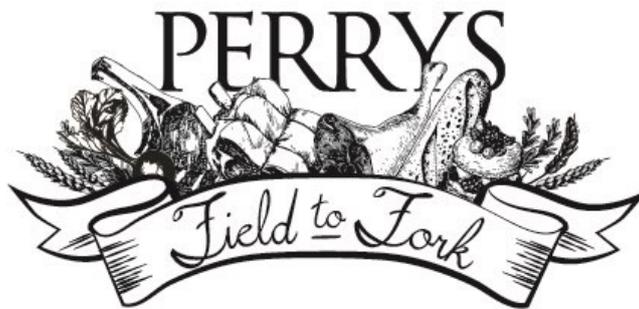
Saturday 12th April, in Holy Trinity Church at 7pm

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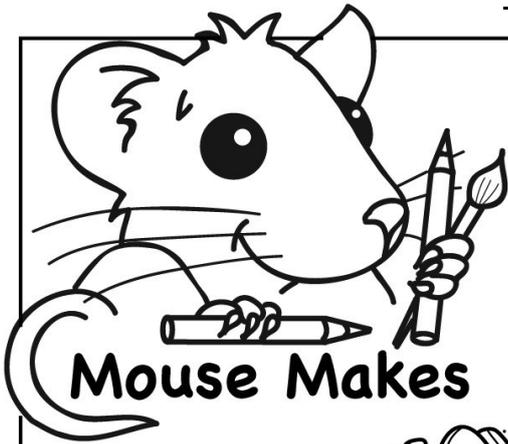
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THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

After Jesus was baptised who led him into the wilderness?

Luke 4:1



For how many days was Jesus tempted by the devil?

Luke 4:2

What did the devil tempt Jesus to turn a stone into?

Luke 4:3

Who did Jesus say you should ONLY worship and serve?

Luke 4:8

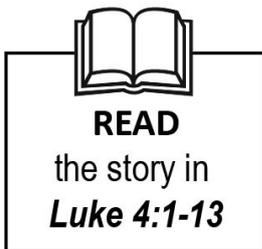


Jesus said not to put the Lord your God to the...

Luke 4:12



What happened after the temptation of Jesus? see Luke 4:14-15



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- WILDERNESS
- DESERT
- TEMPTATIONS
- DAYS • DEVIL
- HUNGRY • SON
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6.30pm Evening Service at *St Chad's*

Holy Monday, 14th April
6.30pm Stations of the Cross at *Holy Trinity*

Holy Wednesday, 16th April
6.30pm Tenebrae at *Holy Trinity*

Maundy Thursday, 17th April
6.30pm Mass of the Last Supper at *St Chad's*

Good Friday, 18th April
10.30am Liturgy of the Hour/Act of Witness at *Holy Trinity*

Holy Saturday, 19th April
6.30pm Vigil Service at *Holy Trinity*



Then on **Easter Sunday** there will be a Dawn Service at **6am** at *Holy Trinity* with Sung Eucharist at **10am** and there will be Said Eucharist at **11.30am** at *St Chad's*

Forthcoming Events

MARCH 2025

Mondays 5.30 - 6.30pm

Living Faith course continues in the Parish Room.

Tuesdays (term-time) 10 - 11.30am

Trinity Tots in Holy Trinity Parish Room - p.4

Tuesdays (4th Mar - 8th Apr) 5.30 - 6.30pm

Lent Course in Holy Trinity Church

Wednesdays 5th and 19th 10 -12

Trinity Coffee and Cake in Holy Trinity Parish Room - p. 27

Wednesdays 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

Tooty Flooty (7-8pm) and *Eccleshall Community Band* (8-9pm) rehearse in Holy Trinity Church

Friday 7th 2.30pm

World Day of Prayer in Holy Trinity - p. 13

Thursday 6th 2 - 4pm

Eccleshall Poetry Group in Eccleshall Methodist Hall 'Time and Change'

Friday 7th 7.30pm

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust meets in Maer Village Hall "Hedgehogs and other Wildlife - the work of the RSPCA Wildlife Hospital, Stapeley Grange" Eve Astbury-Field

Monday 10th 7.30pm

Eccleshall Historical Talks Society in Holy Trinity Parish Room "Railway History told by Posters" - speaker Michael Willmot

Thursday 13th 7.30pm

Eccleshall WI in Holy Trinity Parish Room "An Introduction to Sign Language" Glynis Miles

Friday 14th 7.30pm

Grand Charity Concert in Holy Trinity Church - p. 4

Thursday 20th 2 -4pm

Eccleshall Poetry Group in Eccleshall Methodist Hall 'Spring Forward/Fall Back'

Monday 24th 7pm

PCC Meeting, Arts Presentation in Holy Trinity Parish Room

Friday 28th 10am

TMF Walk in the Eccleshall area followed by Lunch @12.30pm in the Royal Oak

APRIL 2025

Mondays 5.30 - 6.30pm

Living Faith course continues in the Parish Room.

Tuesdays (term-time) 10 - 11.30am

Trinity Tots in Holy Trinity Parish Room - p.4

Tuesdays (4th Mar - 8th Apr) 5.30 - 6.30pm

Lent Course in Holy Trinity Church

Wednesdays 2nd, 16th & 30th 10 -12

Trinity Coffee and Cake in Holy Trinity Parish Room - p. 27

Wednesdays 2nd (tbc), 23rd & 30th

Tooty Flooty (7-8pm) and *Eccleshall Community Band* (8-9pm) rehearse in Holy Trinity Church

Thursday 3rd 2 - 4pm

Eccleshall Poetry Group in Eccleshall Methodist Hall 'That's Life!'

Friday 4th 7.30pm

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust meets in Holy Trinity Parish Room "Spectacular Birdlife in Brazil - The Lightning Tour" Peter Booth

Thursday 10th 7.30pm

Eccleshall WI in Holy Trinity Parish Room "Hand Woven Bags from the Philippines" Analiza Jones

Saturday 12th at 7pm

Moorland Voices sing Choral Works for Passiontide in Holy Trinity Church - p. 33

(Sunday 13th - Saturday 19th is Holy Week - see page 38 for services.)

Monday 14th 7.30pm

Eccleshall Historical Talks Society in Holy Trinity Parish Room "The Golden Age of Stage Coaching and its relevance to Eccleshall" - speaker Steve Booth

Thursday 17th 2 -4pm

Eccleshall Poetry Group in Eccleshall Methodist Hall 'Shakespeare's Birthday/ England and My Country'

Friday 25th 10am

TMF Walk in the Norbury Junction area followed by Lunch at Norbury Junction

Contact details for events can be found on pages 42 and 43.

If you would like to give notice of forthcoming events for April and May 2025 please let us know by 7th March 2025 at the latest (details on page 43).

Adbaston Community Concert Society

ACCS may appear to hibernate over the winter but there are rumblings of activity behind the scenes! Confirming our 2025 performers, hearing from prospective artists, committee meetings, stocking up, writing reports, website attention.....all going on to ensure our next season of 4 fabulous concerts are well supported and prepared.

The concerts we have programmed are as follows;

Sunday May 4th. Manchester Camerata, wind quintet.

Sunday July 6th Chris Gumbley, Jazz.

Sunday Sept 7th Keyboard Trust, virtuoso pianist.

Sunday Nov 2nd London Handel Players.

Our concerts are held in the beautiful medieval Church of St Michael and all Angels, Adbaston, ST20 0QE where the acoustics are particularly good.

We aim to keep our ticket price at £10 but may increase for a particular concert, students £5 and children's entry is free. Free parking nearby.

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The committee and I look forward to welcoming you to our concerts this season.

Pam Trafford



Church Service Rotas for March

Date	2 nd March The Sunday next before Lent	9 th March The First Sunday of Lent	16 th March The Second Sunday of Lent	23 rd March The Third Sunday of Lent	30 th March Mothering Sunday The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Holy Trinity 10am	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist	Sung Eucharist
Sides- people	A Dale J Dale	T Jones L Veck-Jones	N Reynolds C Reynolds	P Jones Joy Jones	T Jones L Veck-Jones
Eucharistic Officer	A Braithwaite	G Dingle	A Braithwaite	G Dingle	A Braithwaite
Prayers	E Sohnrey	A Goldsmith	Jonathan Jones	B Braithwaite	J Norton
Reading 1	Exodus 34. 29-end J Roberts	Deuteronomy 26. 1-11 P Jones	Genesis 15. 1-12, 17-18 E Sohnrey	Isaiah 55, 1-9 I Edge	1 Samuel 1. 20-28 N Reynolds
Reading 2	1 Corinthians 3. 12 - 4. 2 J Turnock	Romans 10. 8b-13 Joy Jones	Philippians 3. 17 - 4. 1 P Stewart	1 Corinthians 10. 1-13 H Edge	2 Corinthians 1. 3-7 C Reynolds
St Chad's 11.30am	Said Eucharist	Said Eucharist	Said Eucharist	Said Eucharist	Said Eucharist
Readings	As 10am S Kettle	As 10am N Davenport	As 10am S Marsh	As 10am M Bardsley	As 10am TBA
<i>Other services, events and activities</i>					
Tuesday 4th March ~ 5.30 - 6.30pm ~ Lent Course starts in Holy Trinity – continues 11th / 18th / 25th March					
Wednesday 5th March ~ 10am ~ Bishop Lonsdale Ashing Service in Holy Trinity Church - all welcome					
Wednesday 5th March ~ 6.30pm ~ Ashing Service with Eucharist in Holy Trinity Church					
Friday 7th March ~ 2.30pm ~ World Day of Prayer Service in Holy Trinity Church See p. 13					
Friday 14th March – Grand Charity Concert in Holy Trinity Church See p. 4					

Videos of 10am services held at Holy Trinity Church can usually be seen from shortly after the end of the service (at around 11.15am) on the Facebook page of Holy Trinity Parish Church, Eccleshall and will be uploaded to YouTube early the following week.

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