



Welcome!

Here for the first time? Relax. We hope that you feel at home among us. The person who greeted you will answer any practical questions you might have. There are some 'first time visitor' cards with useful pointers to help you get the most from this service and the church's facilities.

We also now have a card machine at the back of the church, should you wish to use your card to make a donation.

Our Regular Pattern of Worship

Sundays:

10.00am (3rd Sunday) Family Worship
(Other Sundays) Traditional Holy Communion

Wednesday:

10.30am Holy Communion [BCP]

5th October 2025

- 16th Sunday After Trinity -

*Today's Lectionary readings are
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, and
Luke 17: 5-10.*

The Lion: The October Lion is now available both at the back of church and on-line. Please do look at a copy.

Warm Welcome: We extend a very warm welcome this morning to Bishop Matthew, who will be leading us through our worship today.

Table-Top Sale: Thank you to everyone who worked so hard both Friday and Saturday to make our tabletop sale a success.

Harvest Giving: For this year's Harvest we will be collecting for 'Open door'. For a list of food items needed please see the sheet at the back of church or online in the weekly news.

Harvest Lunch: Don't miss the food, fun and chatter at our Harvest Lunch to be held in the church hall on **Sunday 19th October at 12.00pm following our Harvest Service.** Tickets from Diane priced at £10.

Harvest Window Displays: If you are interested in decorating a church window, please see Nick or Diane.

Seedlings: Could children who attend Seedlings please collect items to help decorate the church windows for the harvest displays? Suggested items include – pinecones, acorns, conkers and coloured dry fallen leaves.

Stoke Minster is hosting 'The Longest Yarn 2': The Theme is 'Britain at War' **4-29th October.** Free entry. For days and opening times, please see Diane

Trip to the Trafford Centre: St Barnabus church is organising a coach trip to the Trafford centre on **Saturday 29th November** leaving at 9am and returning at 4.30pm. Price £17 pp, for more information and to book a place please speak to Anne Allan.

Ceramic City Choir and North Staffs Symphony Orchestra: Will bring Gilbert & Sullivan's wit and whimsy to life on **1st November at 7.30pm at the Kings Hall, Stoke.** The centrepiece of the evening is "Trial by Jury," a brilliant and hilarious operetta that playfully mocks the British legal system. For more information and tickets please speak to Mike.

Vacancy Update / PCC meeting: We have now received a report from Bishop Matthew and Archdeacon Megan summarising their findings from the recent parish visitation. The PCC will be meeting with Matthew and Megan on 14th October to discuss the findings of the report in more detail. Please do pray for the future Ministry at St Marks, and PCC members please make every effort to attend this important meeting.