

**Trinity 14**  
**18 September 2022**



Hello Everyone,

We have had a steady stream of people coming to sign our condolence 'book' for the Queen RIP. The interior porch is proving to be an ideal setting for it. It will continue to be available from 9am – 6pm daily. It will close on 6pm on Monday evening.

We are continuing to keep the church open 2.30 – 4pm daily until Sunday. Thank you to all who have helped steward this and to Janice for co-ordinating the rota. It has been a wonderful thing to do and we've had some very interesting conversations.

Today Revd Theresa and I have led services in church with both St Laurence CofE Schools and I've even prayed with the men repairing the gas leak on Bunbury Road.

**Sunday Services** will be Holy Communion at 9.30am and Holy Baptism at 11.30am (We welcome Azaelea-Rose Downie, Beatrix Sophie & William Peter Cotton, Cassidy Reeve Parry, their friends and families) and Wild Church at 4pm as planned.

There will be an **additional short service at 7.55pm** focussing on the Death of the Queen and Praying for all the Royal Family. We have invited local dignitaries to this service. It will include the National Minute of silence at 8pm and will last about 30 minutes.

**At the 9.30am we will be singing a new hymn** which can be previewed here:

<https://engageworship.org/ideas/tears-and-celebration-hymn-at-the-passing-of-the-queen>

The bellringers hope to ring as appropriate over the weekend and also on Monday. They've been very busy this week putting muffles on, taking them off and putting them on again. They will be up the tower again after the Queen's funeral to remove muffles and raise the flag.

This evening (Friday), as a Cathedral Canon, I have been invited to robe at their **Civic Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II**. You are welcome to attend too but please be advised that it is expected to be very busy and open on a first-come, first-served basis.

I'm then staying on to help with the stewarding for a couple of hours.

This service will also be livestreamed on the Cathedral (click here) [YouTube channel](#)

The Diocese has given us a month's loan of a Payaz Giving Station to make card donations to church much easier. Do give it a try! If you are locking up church please do NOT turn it off. The PCC has now agreed to purchase one thanks to an offer to fund it.

**100 Club** prize draw number 09 took place at the Black Horse Tues 13 Sept. The winners have been congratulated. First prize Chris Andrew £20 number 91; second prize Jennie King £15 number 78; third prize £10 Liz Whitworth number 66.

General updates about the 100 Club during 2022 can be seen by clicking the link :-

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/vv5cms6o9iq0zfn/AAAZWnPRvxVaY1jJo2r2jZB6a?dl=0>

All are welcome to attend a service of 'Prayer in the Way of Taize' at The Church at Carrs Lane on Sunday 18th September at 6pm. This includes a substantial amount of gentle singing.

**The National and Local Heritage 'Week'** have advised that it is not inappropriate to continue with most of the planned activities but there may be a few changes so if you have plans do check before setting off. Our events have been well attended so far. Just the ones this Saturday to go.....

**Saturday 17 September:** Church Open 1000-1200  
with Guided Tour of the church exterior at 1100 led by Canon Janet  
*All the above are all free and booking is NOT required*

In addition there is a Bellringing Demonstration: 1100-1145 on Saturday 17 September which costs £5 and needs to be booked by calling Sarah Vernon 07951405869 or  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/392294512447>      STILL PLACES AVAILABLE

### **Northfield Arts Forum presents "Herstory Day"**

An afternoon of art and activities, exploring the histories of forgotten women. From the Blue Stocking Society, to the suffragettes and suffragists of Birmingham and Dame Elizabeth Cadbury; we will be shining a light on the impact that women have had locally throughout history and in the present day.

**Saturday 17 September:** 1300 - 1700  
The NAF Shop, Northfield Shopping Centre, Northfield, B31 2JU  
Free and Booking not required

**From Fr Cecil Rogerson, priest** Our Lady & St. Brigid's writes:

The week beginning the 9<sup>th</sup> **October** is **PRISONS WEEK**. We will be holding an Ecumenical service at 16:00 Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> **October**, at Our Lady & St. Brigid's. If you know of anybody who has a member of their family in prison, or who themselves have been in prison, please tell them about this service and invite them to come to it – all safeguarding agreements being in order.

Please keep this initiative in your prayers.

Our **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** will be at 9.30am on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October. It will be an all-age service and there will NOT be a Sunday School Service that morning. There will be the opportunity to donate 'tins and packets' which will go to local foodbanks as well as money for Christian Aid's appeal for relief in East Africa as the drought there continues and millions of lives are at risk.

**MOTHERS' UNION SPOTS** (Society for the Protection of Traditional Skills) - is returning on Monday September 26th (postponed from 19<sup>th</sup> due to Queen's funeral) 10am - 2pm - and will focus on Card Making. Anyone is welcome to come along and make cards - either for yourself or for sale for church funds. All materials are provided but you are very welcome to bring along your own. Refreshments and soup lunch will be available. You are welcome to pop in for half an hour or stay for the whole 4! £2.00 entrance to include light refreshments. Soup lunch is an additional £1.50.

**FORTHCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS:**

- CAR BOOT SALE Saturday 8th October 9am - 12noon - if you are able to help set up the car boot on the Friday and/or help at the sale please let Rowena know. We also need items for sale - these can be left in the Pastoral Centre. Thank you.
- CRAFT FAYRE We are holding a Christmas Craft Fayre on Saturday 29th October. If you would like to book a table, or know someone who may be interested - please contact Rowena - [rowena.nicholls@sky.com](mailto:rowena.nicholls@sky.com)
- CHRISTMAS FAYRE Saturday 19th November - yes - just 2 months away - but we need to start planning! We need people to help manage a stall and help will be needed in decorating the Pastoral Centre on Thursday 17th, setting up on the fayre on Friday 18th and from 9am on the Saturday. If you can help in any way please let Rowena know. We also need items for the stall - tombola, gift bags, Christmas items, good bric@brac - any donations can be left in the Pastoral Centre marked Christmas Fayre. Thank you.
- NATIVITY FESTIVAL c 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November in church. We plan to 'fill' the church with Nativity Sets and open to the public and schools. If you have a set you would like to loan us please could you get it out and take a photo and send it to me. We are hoping various organisations will also make some. Janice and I have started on a set made of Pom-Poms and an after school club is thinking of one made of clay. If you'd like to make one do let me know.  
*This will be a fund raiser for the church fabric (probably further roof and ceiling repairs) and also for our Link Dioceses in Malawi.*

**Bishop David's retirement is on 18th October 2022.**

Bishop David's final Service, including the laying down of the Birmingham Crosier, will take place at Birmingham Cathedral, St Philip's, with invited guests. This service will be live streamed by the Cathedral. It can be watched live on the Cathedral's [YouTube channel](#). It will be on 18<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm.

The Rt Revd Anne Hollinghurst, Bishop of Aston, Suffragan Bishop, will be authorised by the Archbishop of Canterbury as Commissary Bishop during this vacancy, continuing her episcopal ministry and oversight of the diocese and her role as Bishop of Aston.

All churches are being asked to include the following in their notices regarding the '**National survivor survey to inform Church's safeguarding work.**' This is a vital (click here) [national survey](#) to understand how victims and survivors would like to be involved in the development and implementation of a Church of England survivor engagement framework. This framework will set out how victims and survivors of abuse will inform the Church's work to develop and improve safeguarding.

The anonymous survey will run for two months and is open to any victim or survivor who would like to engage with the Church to inform its work.

Also, over the next few months all church volunteers who haven't done any church safeguarding training in the past 3 years will be given the opportunity to do a short session either on-line or in person. It includes really helpful guidance about what to do should anyone approach you with concerns.

*And finally a Royal **Eco Tip:***

The legacy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth includes eco-friendly changes to Buckingham Palace, some of which we could also consider in our own homes, including: using smart meters to identify where water and energy use can be reduced; LED lighting; installing solar panels; and introducing beehives and wildflowers in the garden. Other royal innovations may be a little too ambitious, however, such as converting your car to run on surplus English wine and whey from the cheese-making process, as His Majesty King Charles has with his Aston Martin!

Blessings,  
Canon Janet

### For your prayers:

#### Those who are ill

*Peter Valentine*: still in hospital. Little change in recent months.

*Pete Coyne*: latest scan revealed that things are stable. We hope and pray it continues that way.

*Frances O'Meara*: daughter of Margaret Hughes and sister of Lesley Holliday (who played at our recent concert) Her cancer has returned & pray for everything to go well with the chemo.

#### Those who have died

*James Robert Henry Deykin, known as Bob*: father of Denise Carr who died this morning.

*Stella Onyimba*: funeral was in church on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September

*Margaret Ann Kinahani*: funeral in church on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon

*Matthew Timms*: wife of Holly and a father of one of our 2021 baptism families

*Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II*

Gracious God, we give thanks for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth,  
for her faith and her dedication to duty.

Bless our nation as we mourn her death and may her example continue to inspire us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### Community News

Northfield Community Partnership (NCP) Hub is open this week **Tuesday-Friday** 9am-5pm for any advice or support:

**0121 411 2157**

email [info@northfieldcommunity.org](mailto:info@northfieldcommunity.org)

or just drop in at the NCP Hub, 693 Bristol Road South, Northfield, B31 2JT

Just Caring Midlands is a Christian Charity seeking to help and support young adults aged 18-25 in the Birmingham area. They aim to reach out to those who have fallen through the gaps in the official system; befriending and mentoring them for as long as needed. For information, call 07986 631887, email [admin@justcaring.org.uk](mailto:admin@justcaring.org.uk) or visit the website <https://justcaring.org.uk/>

Birmingham City Council is partnering with The Green Doctor to offer personalised advice on reducing energy bills, including identifying causes of heat loss in your home, tackling damp and mould, advice on water and energy use, and managing debts. Home visits can be arranged. Go along to Holloway Hall, Ley Hill, Bartley Green B311TT on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September between midday and 2.30pm, or call 0121 303 5359.

Is there an issue you feel passionately about? Would you like the opportunity to make change happen? Churchill Fellowships offer life-changing opportunities to spend up to two months discovering new

approaches and best practice in your chosen area. They are open to all UK adult citizens with lived or learned experience of the issue they wish to address, regardless of age, qualifications or background. Applicants and projects that would not receive funding from any other source are prioritised. For more information go to: <https://churchillfellowship.org/news-views/news/apply-here-for-a-churchill-fellowship>

<b>SERVICES AND MEETINGS COMING UP</b>	
<p><b>Saturdays</b> Church Open 10 – 12noon  <b>17<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>  <i>Exterior Guided Tour at 11am</i>  <i>Church also open 2.30-4pm</i>  <b>24<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>  <i>5pm Wedding of Andrew Oldknow and Joan Smith</i></p>	<p>In church   <i>for prayer for Queen RIP</i></p>
<p><b>Sundays</b> 8.30am <b>Sunday School Service</b>   9.30am Holy Communion   11.30am Holy Baptism   <i>2.30-4pm Church Open</i>   4pm Wild Church (<i>18th September</i>)   7.55pm Service of Prayer for the Queen RIP, King Charles III and all the Royal Family</p>	<p>In the Pastoral Centre – <b>please pre-book</b> so we know numbers  <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/170206735929">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/170206735929</a>  bookings close at 2pm on the Saturday before.   In church by zoom and zoom-phone  <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84533030134">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84533030134</a>  Meeting ID: 845 3303 0134   In church   <i>for prayer for Queen RIP</i>   In the Churchyard   In church</p>
<p><b>Mondays</b>  Church PORCH Open 9am – 6pm   NO Evening Prayer by zoom today</p>	<p><i>Final day to sign condolence book</i></p>

<p><b>Tuesdays</b></p> <p>10.30am Gridiron 'Coffee'</p> <p>5pm Evening Prayer by zoom</p> <p>7.30pm Churches Together in Northfield Community Christmas Planning Meeting</p>	<p>Continuing to meet at The Black Horse</p> <p><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89992167638">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89992167638</a></p> <p>Meeting ID 89992167638</p> <p>Northfield Methodist Church</p>
<p><b>Wednesdays</b> 10am Holy Communion</p> <p>4.30 – 5.15pm Bible Study on coming Sunday's readings by zoom</p> <p>8.30pm Compline</p>	<p><b>In church and by Conference Call</b> <b>0117 463 6922</b> Code 1139#</p> <p><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89992167638">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89992167638</a></p> <p>Meeting ID 89992167638</p> <p>Use above phone number</p>
<p><b>Thursdays</b></p> <p>3.15pm Larry's (after school club 11+)</p>	<p>In Pastoral Centre</p>
<p><b>Fridays</b></p> <p>7.30 – 9pm Bell Ringing Practice</p>	<p><i>Cancelled 16<sup>th</sup> September</i></p>

**Also - You can Phone a Service 24 hours a day!**

freephone 0800 804 8044 for Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England. And to hear one of the **St Laurence Ministers preaching: 0121 270 4690** These are changed after the services on Sundays and Wednesdays (usually by early evening)

Peter Chapman is now making Sunday and Wednesday sermons available as **Podcasts**: via:

Spotify at <https://open.spotify.com/show/16wZUENutAJSTu5a4nPDde>

Apple at <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/sermons-from-st-laurence-church-northfield/id1603832487>

and on other Podcast players the generic address is <https://feeds.buzzsprout.com/1915174.rss>

ALSO there is now a player for the sermon podcasts at the foot of the 'Worship' page on the Church web site which allows the sermons to be played directly from that page.

**CONTACT DETAILS**

<b>PARISH OFFICE</b>	
Lorraine Freeman (Parish Administrator) <i>Lorraine is on leave this week</i>	<a href="mailto:enquiries@saintlaurence.info">enquiries@saintlaurence.info</a> (note this changed in October 2021)  0121 475 1518
<b>RECTOR</b>	
Canon Janet Chapman	<a href="mailto:janet.rectory@gmail.com">janet.rectory@gmail.com</a>

<i>Day off: Monday</i>	☎ 0121 477 3111
<b>ASSISTANT CURATE</b>	
Revd Theresa Morton <i>Day off: Friday (but Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept this week)</i>	<a href="mailto:theresa.curate@gmail.com">theresa.curate@gmail.com</a> ☎ 07557472096
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Church Website: [www.stlaurencenorthfield.org](http://www.stlaurencenorthfield.org)

**Twitter:** @stlaurenceb31

Rector: @janetchapman5

**Facebook** [www.facebook.com/StLaurenceChurchNorthfield](http://www.facebook.com/StLaurenceChurchNorthfield)

**YouTube** <https://www.youtube.com/c/stlaurencenorthfield>

**Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility.** If you need to contact someone regarding a church safeguarding concern (adults or children), please call our Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Rowena Nicholls, on 07724 170448.

If you have an urgent concern for the safety of yourself or someone else, call 999.

Sadly, some people have been **abused by someone from a church**. "Safe Spaces" is a free, independent support service providing a confidential personal and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone from a church or as a result of their relationship with the Church of England, the Catholic Church in England and Wales, or the Church in Wales. Although funded by the churches it is run by the independent charity, Victim Support. If you have been affected, however long ago, they can provide you with support. You do not have need to have told the police or the church authorities. Your information will not be shared without your consent unless you or someone else is in danger. Telephone 0300 303 1056 for more information.

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