

Children, Youth & Families

SEPTEMBER 2025

St George's - Claines - St Stephen's




As the season shifts, we find ourselves in a time of transition—from the changing colours of the leaves to swapping summer flip-flops for school shoes. For many, it's a season of excitement: clubs restarting, friends reuniting, and new adventures beginning. But it can also bring a few nerves and those familiar "butterflies in our tummy."

In this issue, we take a moment to look back at some of the highlights from our summer outreach, and look ahead to the joys and opportunities of the term to come.

"I've commanded you to be strong and brave. Don't ever be afraid or discouraged! I am the Lord your God and I will be there to help you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

This newsletter is written to let you know things of interest for your families, however children are most welcome at any of our services. Please don't worry about the noise! Each church has a children and young persons space, with toys, books and activity sheets to keep little ones occupied. For information email **cypfwr3@gmail.com**



God did not leave His people alone in the wilderness; He stayed with them and led them on.

So we pray with trust and hope, knowing that the God who calls us also walks beside us.

We pray for everyone just starting school or nursery.
The God who has called you will lead you on.

We pray for everyone returning to school or college.
The God who has called you will lead you on.

We pray for all those transitioning to high school, college, or university.
The God who has called you will lead you on.

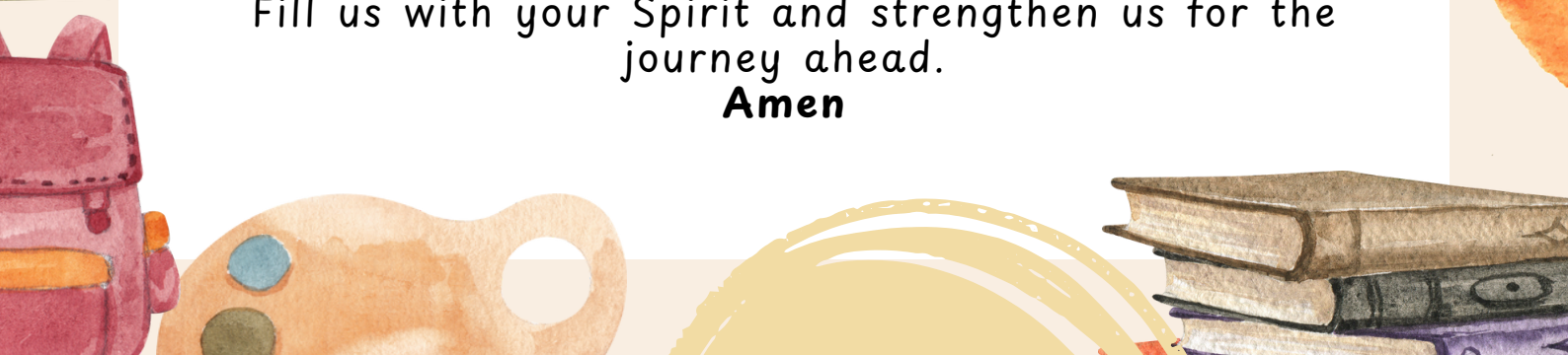
We pray for teachers, tutors, lecturers, and teaching assistants.
The God who has called you will lead you on.

We pray for parents waiting at home.
The God who has called you will lead you on.

We pray for admin staff, catering staff, and all who help places of learning run smoothly.
The God who has called you will lead you on.

We pray for all who are adjusting to new circumstances.
The God who has called you will lead you on.

Come, Lord—
Speak to us, lead us, teach us.
Fill us with your Spirit and strengthen us for the journey ahead.
Amen



Summer Highlights

FAMILY FILM NIGHT

One of the highlights of our summer outreach was a cosy family film evening, bringing together children and families connected to all three of our churches. With popcorn in hand and drinks at the ready, the children snuggled under blankets to enjoy - Inside Out 2.



BOARD GAMES CAFE

Another of the summer's most heartwarming moments was our Board Games Café, where nearly 40 people came together for a morning of fun. It was a truly intergenerational event—babies to grandparents and everyone in between gathered side by side, rolling dice, and building community across the generations.



POG THEATRE TRIP

This summer, some of our older POG youth took a special trip to Malvern Theatre to see the Malvern Theatres Young Company's production of Jesus Christ Superstar. The cast featured an exceptionally talented group of young performers—including one of our very own POG members. It was a joy to support her and witness such a powerful, moving performance.



AUTUMN FAYRE

Saturday 20th September
11.00am to 3.00pm

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH
WITH

STICKY FINGERS PRE-SCHOOL

FREE ENTRY

LIVE MUSIC &
ENTERTAINMENT

RAFFLE
£200 1ST PRIZE

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!



- bouncy castle •
- high swings •
- pampered ponies •
- candy floss • ice cream •
- face painting •
- tombolas •
- bbq • soup & rolls •
- plants • cakes •
- art & craft stalls •
- and much more!



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Messy Harvest



Saturday 4th October

10.30am-1.00pm

Join us for an interactive
family-friendly service with crafts,
worship and activities.

Simple dinner will be served



**The Magdalene Room
St George's Church**



Messy Church is free of charge

FOREST CHURCH

"THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD; THE
SKIES PROCLAIM THE WORK OF HIS HANDS.
DAY AFTER DAY THEY POUR FORTH SPEECH;
NIGHT AFTER NIGHT THEY REVEAL KNOWLEDGE.
THEY HAVE NO SPEECH; THEY USE NO WORDS;
NO SOUND IS HEARD FROM THEM.
YET THEIR VOICE GOES OUT INTO ALL THE
EARTH, THEIR WORDS TO THE ENDS OF THE
WORLD."

—PSALM 19:1-4

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH PCC HAS APPROVED THE
INTRODUCTION OF FOREST CHURCH—A NEW WORSHIPPING
COMMUNITY FOR ALL AGES, MEETING OUTDOORS WITH
WORSHIP SHAPED BY THE NATURAL WORLD, THE CHANGING
SEASONS, AND THE WONDER OF GOD'S CREATION.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE AND WOULD LIKE TO
BE INVOLVED, EMAIL HEATHER.CYPFWR3@GMAIL.COM

TOY DONATION



St George's Church are setting up a Stay and Play Toddler Group and we'd love your help to make it a success. If you have any unwanted new or used toys suitable for 0-5year olds that are clean and in good condition, we'd love to give them a second life as part of our group. Please contact Heather to arrange a time to donate them - cypfwr3@gmail.com
Thank you!

BUBBLE CHURCH

Launching this January at Claines Church!

A joyful early morning Sunday Church service bursting with fun, faith, & croissants, created especially for babies, toddlers & young families!

What to expect:

It's a puppet-packed
Jesus-centred

Coffee & croissants fuelled
30 minute children and family adventure

Watch the video & learn more:
www.bubblechurch.org

Join us for an exciting Autumn Term of fun activities!

PATH OF GOD YOUTH GROUP



16:00–18.00

**14th September, 28th
September, 12th October,
2nd November, 16th November,
30th November**

**The Bishop Allenby
Hall, St Stephen's
Church, WR3 7HS**

for 9–15year olds

Upcoming Events

14th September
Bring a Friend Quiz
Night

28th September
Normal POG

12th October
Normal POG

2nd November
Glow in the Dark
Scavenger Hunt


16th November
Normal POG

30th November
POG All IN

Join Us!

Come be part of POG, where fun meets faith! Dive into exciting activities, build lasting friendships, and grow spiritually in a welcoming and vibrant community.
Don't miss out—there's a place for you here!

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Sauce City Jazz at St George's

**FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER
7.30 PM**

**ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, ST GEORGE'S SQUARE, WORCESTER
WR1 1HX**

**TICKETS £12 ADULTS (17+), 11-16 £6, 10S AND UNDER
FREE**

**A GLASS OF WINE OR SOFT DRINK CAN BE
PURCHASED DURING THE INTERVAL**

**Tickets from St George's and Claines churches after
Sunday services or from claines.stgeorge@gmail.com**



How Children Learn

a unique course encompassing:

- ✓ the latest research in attachment theory
- ✓ child-development
- ✓ neuroscience
- ✓ how behaviourism and inherited attitudes create obstacles to learning



what

How Children Learn is a course that gives you fresh eyes. Knowing how children learn brings informed understanding that will help you to read a child's behaviour and inspire new ways of being with a child.

who

This course was written by Dr Tessabella Lovemore after 50+ years as a teacher; educational consultant; psychotherapist and behavioural scientist, and will be delivered by psychotherapist and parenting counsellor Kelly-Louise.

<https://www.kelly-louise.org/active-practical-love-initiative>

Where and when:

St Stephen's, Barbourne

6-7.30pm Wednesday September 17th October 1st, 15th and November 5th and 19th

9.30-11am Tuesday September 23rd, October 7th, 21st, November 11th and 25th

Rhythm of our time together:

Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be for delivery of the content of the course. Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 deepen our understanding through discussion, questions and sharing discoveries.

What's included:

- **Week 1:** Attachment, development and behaviour
- **Week 3:** Neurological pathways of learning
- **Week 5:** Non-verbal communication and development
- **Week 7:** Mirror neurons
- **Week 9:** Speaking and listening

Register your interest:

Claire Thomas: stickyfingerscontactus@gmail.com

Kelly-Louise: embodiedcommunitites@gmail.com



Relaxed Services

CONNECT

St Stephen's Church
WR3 7HS

First Sunday of every month.
10.00am

A more relaxed and informal Service of the Word, suitable for all and any ages. You're invited to stay for refreshments after the service.



CAFE CHURCH

St George's Church
WR1 1HX

Second Sunday of every month
10.30am

We aim to provide an inclusive and accepting space for everyone. Cafe Church is an informal service where there is discussion, creativity, prayer and contemporary worship led by the Worship Band. We value hospitality and there is toast, tea and coffee available throughout the service.

Cafe Church is held in the Magdalene Room so that we have the space for tables as well as chairs and play mats.



CAFE CHURCH

Claines Parish Hall
WR3 7NY

Third Sunday of every month,
10.30am

Come and share great coffee, warm toast and fresh fruit. We invite you to a new start on Sunday where families and all ages can share music and conversations about life and faith, within a relaxed cafe setting.



Regular Groups

JAM: JESUS AND ME

*St George's Church
WR1 1HX*

Our children and young people's worship takes place during the 10.30am Sunday service on the first and third Sundays of each month. It's a dedicated time to learn about God and faith and get to know one another.



SUNDAY STARS

*St Stephen's Church
WR3 7HS*

An interactive church service for pre-schoolers and their families held in the church hall (Bishop Allenby Hall) from 9.00-9.30am with coffee and croissants on arrival and breakfast for the little ones.

**Sunday Stars is now every 4th
Sunday of the month!**

MESSY CHURCH

*St George's Church
WR1 1HX*

Messy Church is church for families and others. It is Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration. Join us for worship, food and messy fun! Messy Church takes place the 1st Saturday of every other month excluding August. (February, April, June, October, December)



LITTLE FISH

Claines Parish Hall
WR3 7NY

A midweek toddler church for little ones and their carers. Every third Tuesday of the month during term time. 10-11.15am. It's usually in the parish hall but special services at Easter and Christmas happen at Claines Church. Join us for stories, songs, crafts and games telling the children of God's love for them.



LITTLE STARS

St Stephen's Church
WR3 7HS

A stay and play baby and toddler group meeting weekly during term time on Thursday afternoons. 1.30-3pm. Refreshments, snacks, toys, craft, singing and story time.



LITTLE FRIENDS

Claines Parish Hall
WR3 7NY

A stay and play baby and toddler group meeting during term time on Tuesday mornings (excluding the third Tuesday of each month) 10-11.30am, £1.50 for the 1st child and 50p for each additional child. Enjoy hot drinks, toast, healthy snacks, toys, activities, crafts, story time and music.



Baptism & Confirmation

Baptisms

All Three Churches

If you have a new baby in your household, many congratulations! It's a time when many parents want to thank God for their child's arrival, marking that occasion in a special way with family and friends.

A clergy member from any of our three churches will be happy to discuss your child's baptism service and will usually visit you at home by arrangement.

We also perform adult Baptism services

Confirmations

All Three Churches

Confirmation is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptized. As a young person or adult, you may be ready to affirm these promises for yourself and commit your life to following Jesus Christ. At a confirmation service, you make these promises for yourself. Your friends and family, as well as the local Christian community will be there to promise to support and pray for you.

