

Children, Youth & Families

JANUARY 2026

St George's - Claines - St Stephen's



January often arrives with a list of resolutions: be kinder, try harder, get organised, eat better, tidy more, worry less...

But the good news is that God doesn't ask us to be perfect. He simply invites us to take small steps, one day at a time. And the beautiful thing about following Jesus is that we don't make these changes alone. God walks with us into every new habit, every new challenge, every new hope. Even the tiniest step forward from the tiniest person matters.

As we begin this year together, may our resolutions be gentle, joyful, and rooted in love. Whether your family is aiming for more time together, more patience, more courage, or simply more laughter, God delights in every effort

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases... His mercies are new every morning." — Lamentations 3:22-23

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

A Look Back at December at Claines, St George's & St Stephen's Churches

From Messy Nativities to CRIBS and Christingle services, Christmas parties to school choirs singing carols, children gathered for Godly Play, festive school trips to church, toddler Christmas services, and Advent-themed youth group fun – December was bursting with joy! Thank you to everyone involved; it couldn't have happened without you.



Junior Stars

**A New Monthly Sunday School Is Launching –
Come and Join the Fun at St Stephen's Church!**

Launching Sunday 25th January

Something exciting is happening at St Stephen's Church... and it involves stories, creativity, and a whole lot of joyful noise! We're thrilled to announce the launch of our brand-new Monthly Sunday School – **Junior Stars!**

Starting this month, Junior Stars will run **on the fourth Sunday of every month** during the 10am service. Children will head out partway through for a lively session filled with Bible stories, hands-on crafts, games, music, and plenty of space to wonder about God in their own way. Before returning to church to take part in Holy Communion with their families.

"Junior Stars is all about helping the children grow in faith while having a brilliant time together." – *Heather (Children Youth and Families Minister)*

Sessions will be led by our friendly team of DBS-checked volunteers, all passionate about making church a space where children can learn and belong.

Whether you're a regular at church, new to the area, or simply looking for something uplifting for your family, you're warmly invited to come along. No booking needed – just turn up and join the adventure.

Launch Date: Sunday 25th January

Location: St Stephen's Church, Worcester WR3 7HS

Time: During the 10am service

For more information, please contact:
Heather – cypfwr3@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*



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.

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.



Services for Young Families

BUBBLE CHURCH

Claines Institute
WR3 7RN

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

It's a puppet-packed, Jesus-centred, Coffee & croissants fuelled 30 minute children & family adventure.

Every 4th Sunday of the month
8.45 breakfast.
9-9.30 service



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 every other month excluding August. (February, April, June, October, December)

Children & Youth

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 **1st and 3rd Sundays of each month**. It's a dedicated time to learn about God and faith and get to know one another.



POG YOUTH GROUP

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

Join us at Path of God (POG) – our joint-church youth group for 10–15 year olds. We gather on the **1st and 3rd Sundays of the month (term time)** from 4–6pm for fun, friendship, and faith.



JUNIOR STARS

*St Stephen's Church
WR3 7HS*

Our new, interactive Sunday School is held in the church hall (Bishop Allenby Hall) during the main church service from 10am.

Junior Stars is every 4th Sunday of the month.



Stay & Play Groups

REFRESH

*The Magdalene Room,
St George's Church
WR1 1HX*

A cosy, welcoming group for families with little ones aged 0-4. Come and play, meet others, and enjoy toast, fruit, and hot drinks while the children have fun.

**Wednesdays in term time,
10-12 noon** — completely free.



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. Free of charge.

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 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.





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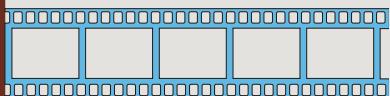


Refresh

**A new stay-and-play for little
ones and their grown-ups**

**Starts 14 January at St. George's
Church, St. George's Square**

**Wednesdays in term-time,
10.00-12.00, free of charge**



POG MOVIE NIGHT



4TH JANUARY
SUNDAY | 4PM- 6PM

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

For 10-15 year olds

POG YOUTH GROUP

Join us for an exciting Spring Term of fun activities!

PATH OF GOD YOUTH GROUP



16:00-18.00

**4th January, 18th January
1st February, 15th February
1st March, 15th March**

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

for 10-15 year olds

Upcoming Events

4th January
Film and Pizza
Night

18th January
Normal POG

1st February
Normal POG

15th February
Normal POG

1st March
Normal POG

15th March
Normal POG

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!



Saturday 7th February

10.30am-1.00pm

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

**Simple dinner will be served
Messy Church is free of charge**

**The Magdalene Room
St George's CofE Church
WR1 1HX**