

# JANUARY

## 12th January 2025

**Psalm 29 Luke 3:15-17,21-22**

<b>St Peter's, Stoke On Tern</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Café Church &amp; Christingle</b>
<b>St Michael's, Childs Ercall</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
<b>St Luke's, Sambrook</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>Service at St Oswalds</b>
<b>St Oswald's, Hinstock</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Café Church &amp; Christingle</b>
<b>St Swithun's, Cheswardine</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>St Mary's, Hales</b>	<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Christingle</b>
<b>St Luke's, Hodnet</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>The Epiphany, Peplow</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>

The United Benefice of Cheswardine, Childs Ercall, Hales, Hinstock, Hodnet, Peplow, Sambrook and Stoke on Tern

**'Sharing the love of Jesus in word and action'**

# Soul Food

## Awesome!..

A course for anyone who wants to grow in responsiveness to God. With an awareness of some of the Christian prayer traditions, tutors journey with participants to develop reflection (noticing the movements of the Spirit), an awareness of personality and prayer, and the use of silence, solitude, the Bible and our imaginations as helps to develop intimacy with God. See the course description and general publicity poster for you to use.

The course will run online and in person (three Saturdays in Eccleshall) from Jan to May 2025. You can apply online or email your application to Charles Ruxton, Diocesan Spirituality Adviser.

[charles.ruxton@trinitychurches.org](mailto:charles.ruxton@trinitychurches.org)

Cost: £144 (i.e. £12/eve plus £24 per day session). This reflects the running cost of the course; however if cost presents an obstacle please still apply as we may be able to help.

We all have moments of wonder, as children, as adults. When we try to explain, words don't do it justice; but we can tell the story!

And the wonder draws us out of ourselves, to something we know to be true but bigger than us. It can draw us inward as well, to discover new things about our selves. These movements (outward and inward) could be called prayer.

**Soul Food** is an exploration of prayer from a Christian perspective. Over 6 evenings online plus three meeting days, we will try some different ways of praying, taking care to notice what happens. For more info, see

<https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/spiritual-direction-courses/> or email [charles.ruxton@trinitychurches.org](mailto:charles.ruxton@trinitychurches.org)

# Christingle Services

Come and join us for our all age Christingle Services

**St Oswald's, Hinstock**  
**12th January - 10am**

**St Peter's, Stoke on Tern**  
**12th January - 11am**

**St Mary's, Hales**  
**12th January - 3pm**

**St Luke's,  
Sambrook**  
**19th January - 9:30am**

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# Gems & Pebbles

10.00 – 11.00am

St Swithun's Church,

Cheswardine.



For Pre-school children and their carers.

Babies welcome too.

We have a little story from the bible, along with songs, dancing, snack and hot drinks for the parents and crafts to take home.

No need to book, just come along to see what we get up to.

We look forward to seeing you!

**Every Friday  
during term time**

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# churches together



Churches Together in Market Drayton haven't met over the past year. There is currently no Chair for Churches Together, but I hope you won't mind if I try and organise a 'special' meeting in the new year to try and address some important decisions about its future and the projects it has supported. Could I ask you to please ensure the meeting gets advertised at your churches:

- Christ Church Little Drayton
- Market Drayton Methodist Church
- St Thomas & St Stephen Roman Catholic Church
- Freedom Church
- (AMICA & United Cheswardine Benefice – I know some of the surrounding villages have been interested in the past in following what was going on in town)

## **Churches Together Special Meeting**

There will be a special meeting of Market Drayton Churches  
Together on

**Tuesday 14th January at 7.00pm in  
St Mary's Church, Market Drayton**

There will be some important discussions about the future of our Churches Together group and also about the future of Christians Against Poverty in Market Drayton. Please do make every effort to attend.

Catherine McBride

# January

11th	10-4pm	Epiphany Retreat Day	Trentham Parish Church
14th	7:30pm	Sambrook PCC Meeting	The Briars, Sambrook
14th	7:00pm	Churches together Meeting	St Mary's Church, Market Drayton
16th	11:00am	Children's Work Meeting	St Swithun's Cheswardine
25th	10-12.30	Safeguarding Training	St Peter's SOT
26th	9-12pm	Big Breakfast	Parish Hall Cheswardine

**Prayers in St Peter's Stoke on Tern Monday 5pm every week**

## **Hinstock Connect—Memorial Hall Dates**

Sunday - January 19th - 2pm - 4.30pm

Sundays - February 2nd and 16th - 2pm-4.30pm

Sundays -March 2nd & 16th—2pm-4:30pm

Sunday - 6th April - 2pm -4.30pm

Friday -18th April –9am-1pm

Sundays May 4th and 18th 2pm-4.30pm

Sundays June 1st and 15th 2pm-4.30pm

Sundays July 6th and 20th 2pm -4.30pm

# Save The Dates

16th Feb	3-5pm	Weddings Afternoon for couples getting married in 2025	St Swithun's Cheswardine
17th Feb	7-9pm	Cheswardine PCC Meeting	Cheswardine
23rd Mar	10.30am	5th Anniversary of Lockdown Reflections	Cheswardine
30th Mar	various	Mothering Sunday	All Parishes
10th Apr	7-9pm	Benefice Synod	St Peter's, SOT
29th Jun	10.30am	Festival Celebration with Bishop Sarah	St Peter's SOT
19th Jul		Hales Fete	Hales
31st Aug	10.30am	Benefice Service	St Luke's, Hodnet
13th Nov	7-9pm	Benefice Synod, Vision & Planning	St Swithun's, Cheswardine
30th Nov	TBC	Candlelit Evening Celebration for Advent	Hales

# A RETREAT DAY FOR EPIPHANY SEASON



Rev. Adrian Stone



## WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS



**Saturday 11th January 2025**

**10:00am – 4:00pm**

**Trentham Parish Church, Park Drive, ST4 8AB**

**Rev Adrian Stone** has been the vicar of Trentham for the last seven years. He and his wife Esther, minister at Trentham, and are both ministers for ReSource which means they lead events for churches across the country helping them to discover the love of God in the power of the Holy Spirit. The church at Trentham has a vision to share the love of Jesus by inviting people to ‘Come to the river and rest from the wounds of life, so you may return refreshed to live for Christ’. We are praying that your time at Trentham will refresh and renew you for your ministry at home.

The theme will be that of worship in the widest sense with opportunities in the afternoon to engage in creative activities – music workshop, art, writing poetry or psalms, prayer stations and quiet space. The Closing worship will include an opportunity to receive prayer/anointing.