



We are delighted to welcome our new Vicar Stewart Jones and his wife Julie to Barlaston Church.

**THANK YOU FOR MAKING LAST THURSDAY EVENING SUCH A GREAT SUCCESS.
ALL YOUR HELP WAS REALLY APPRECIATED**

Open House at the Vicarage—Stewart & Julie kindly invite us from 1.00—3.30pm today. Come any time & enjoy a Ploughman's Soup Lunch.

Standing Committee of PCC—Wednesday 18 October 7.30pm

Barlaston School Harvest Service will be held in church at 9.00am on Friday 20th October. All invited.

Sunday 29th October—there will be just one service as it is a 5th Sunday: 10.30 Holy Communion. There is **no** 4.00pm service on the 29th October as printed elsewhere.

Sunday 5th November—the 4.00pm service will include the occasion when we remember those who have died in the last twelve months. Further information about this **Memorial Service** will be available next week.

Schools half term break—from 23rd—27th October.

Church Rotas to the end of the year are available in the church foyer.

The FOOD BANK were delighted to receive all our gifts from last Sunday's Harvest Festival.

Thank you—to those who recently cleaned the path around the Church and restored the bench outside the Church.

Café Church planning—Tuesday 31st October 7.30pm 40 Park Drive.

Parochial Church Council—Wednesday 8th November 7.00pm.

Remembrance Sunday—10.00am at Church, 10.45am on the Village Green. There will also be an 8.30 Communion and a 5.00pm Café Church on Sunday 12th November.

Keep it free—Saturday 18th November details to follow!

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Sunday 15 October—Trinity 18

Welcome to our services today, especially to anyone who is a visitor or a newcomer

Diary

Sunday 15 October

10.30am Holy Communion & Kid's Church
1.00pm Vicarage Open House
4.00pm Evensong

Tuesday 17 October

9.30am Tots Church / Toddler Group

Wednesday 18 October

10.30 Holy Communion
7.30 pm Standing Committee

Friday 20 October

9.00am School Harvest Service in Church
7.00pm Bell ringing practice

Sunday 22 October

8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am All-age Service

Tuesday 24 October

9.30am Tots Church / Toddler Group

Wednesday 25 October

10.30 Holy Communion

Friday 27 October

7.00pm Bell ringing practice

Sunday 29 October

10.30am Holy Communion—Joint service, no other services today.

Monday 30 October

5.45pm Choir Practice

Tuesday 31 October

9.30am Tots Church / Toddler Group
7.30pm Café Church Planning

Wednesday 1 November

10.30am Holy Communion
7.30pm St John's Ladies

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Please take this News Sheet home with you and take another to give to someone unable to be in church today

Sunday 15 October—Trinity 18

Philippians 4. 1-19

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress. You Philippians indeed know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. For even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me help for my needs more than once. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that accumulates to your account. I have been paid in full and have more than enough; I am fully satisfied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 22. 1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'