

The Benefice & Team Ministry of Tettenhall Wood and Perton
The Parish of Tettenhall Wood

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Dear Friends,

It's a new month and a new season, and so I have a new order of service for you this week. September has become the time when the church especially focuses on creation, celebrating its beauty and diversity, recognising our own failings as its stewards, and pledging ourselves to tend it better. Unlike last year, we are not doing a whole preaching theme about creation, but I hope the words of the liturgy will be enough to remind us.

As well as the order of service, I enclose Rev Lin's sermon and intercessions by Samantha Haughtey and her girls. There are also 'Musings' from Veronica Millward, sharing some of her mother's deeply spiritual poetry.

In church, the service at Good Shepherd this week is Holy Communion. At Christ Church, included within the Morning Prayer service will be the baptism of three siblings, so do please pray for Connor, Zara and Hugo and their family.

Readings: Romans 13: 8-14 Matthew 18: 15-20

The Collect Almighty God, you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength, and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Because of two funerals taking place in Christ Church, the church will not be open for private prayer over the week ahead.

As mentioned last week, the APCM is to be on Sunday 27 September, following a joint service at 10.00am at Christ Church. If you're not already on the Electoral Roll and wish to join, forms can be found on the parish website and in church. This year we have to elect three members for Deanery Synod, and there are vacancies for PCC at both churches. Nomination forms can be obtained from the parish office.

I said a few weeks ago that I was planning to take part in the annual 'Ride and Stride' for Staffordshire Historic Churches on Saturday 12 September. I've worked out a walking route in the Wombourne area to call at some of the churches our deanery. Anyone wanting to join me, it's not too late! Any offers of sponsorship gladly received! Please get in touch with me by phone or email.

May God bless you this week and always,

Phil