

Parish Newsletter
July and August 2017

July	<u>St Peter's Church Ellastone</u>	<u>St Mary's Church Stanton</u>
2nd	9:15am Holy Communion	9:15am Holy Communion
	10:45am Family service	6:30pm Evensong
16th	9:15am Holy Communion	10:00am Family service
	6:30pm Evensong	9:15am Holy Communion
23rd	9:15am Holy Communion	6:30pm Evening Prayer
	6:30pm Evensong	9:15am Holy Communion
30th	9:15am Holy Communion	6:30pm Evening Prayer
	6:30pm Evensong	9:15am Holy Communion

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6th	9:15am Holy Communion	9:15am Holy Communion
	10:45am Family Service	6:30pm Evensong
13th	9:15am Holy Communion	10:00am Family Service
	6:30pm Evensong	9:15am Holy Communion
20th	9:15am Holy Communion	10:00am Family Service
	6:30pm Evensong	9:15am Holy Communion
27th	9:15am Holy Communion	6:30pm Evening Prayer
	6:30pm Evensong	9:15am Holy Communion

Details of Services at Alton, Bradley, Denstone and Mayfield are displayed on Church notice boards. Alternatively visit the Weaver Group of Churches Web-site at <http://weavergroup.co.uk>

Stanton Bus Shelter Stall

In May, £23.69 was collected from the honesty box. This will go towards the running and maintenance of the village defibrillator. Surplus plants, produce and small gardening items are all required and gratefully received. Thank you for your continued support.

Christian Aid Week in Ellastone

This year the total collected was £303.61, plus a further £75.80 with Gift Aid. Well done and thank you. If you want to see how the money is used, you can visit www.caweek.org

Coffee in Church

St. Peter's Church in Ellastone is currently open each Tuesday morning from 10.30 for coffee or tea and biscuits. This is a chance to look around the oldest building in the village and see the heritage exhibits - no agenda; just social and a chat.

The 34th Ellastone Horticulture, Produce and Handicraft Show

Your opportunity to come along to this most traditional of shows and enjoy all the wonderful items on display.

This year the event is on Sunday 27 August. Schedules are now available.

Exhibits (20p entry fee) will be accepted on Saturday evening between 7pm and 9pm and then on Sunday morning from 7am till 11am. The Show is open to the public from 2pm. Admission is 50p per person.

We will be setting the Parish Hall and Reading Room up on Friday 25th August. If anyone could give us a couple of hours help, it would be greatly appreciated.

Contact numbers for enquiries are:-

Linda (324168) or
Hilda (324203)

Ellastone Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 7th August in the Reading Room at 7.30pm.

Stanton Afternoon Club

There will be no meeting of the afternoon club during July and August. Meetings will resume again during September. We will let you know the dates and the times in September's Newsletter.

Stanton Parish Council meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 14th September at 7:30 in the Gilbert Sheldon Hall.

Stanton Village Fete

Due to unforeseen circumstances it has become necessary for us to cancel the Village Fete this year. There are several reasons for this, including the health of Jean Irvin, who is the Chairperson of the Village Hall. We all wish her well and a speedy recovery. It may be that it can be held later in the year and we will give plenty of notice if this is possible.

Notice from the Vicarage, Ellastone August 4th 1845 (172 years ago)

NEW CHURCH AT STANTON

The Township of Stanton, in the Parish of Ellastone, in the county of Stafford, contains 400 inhabitants. It is distant two miles and a half from the Parish Church, over a very bad and hilly road. The population is in a state of spiritual destitution, such as is rarely witnessed having no means of religious instruction and no means of attending on the ordinances of the Christian religion. It is proposed to build and endow a Church at Stanton, to contain from 180 to 200 persons. The inhabitants of the township have come forward with contributions, in a manner that is highly creditable; and an appeal is now made in the neighbourhood and to the friends of our Church in general, in hopes that this case of real distress will excite their sympathies, and that aid will be afforded, by which the above important object maybe carried into effect.

Funds for the building of the Church were raised by private subscription. The total amount was £624-5s-6d. (Taken from STANTON - a rural Village past and present)

Ellastone Village Fete

This event will be held in the lovely gardens of Lychgate House, adjacent to the Church. The time is from 2.00 till 5.00 on Saturday 15th July. Games and Sideshows will be in the gardens and refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall.

Donations of cakes and produce (jams, garden fruit and veg etc.) would be much appreciated, along with raffle prizes and tombola prizes.

This is also a useful opportunity to re-cycle any unwanted gifts - books, bric-a-brac etc that you might not want.

It isn't too late if you would like to hire a stall. Please contact Hilda Tideswell a week before on 324203 to do this. Plus, if you'd like to help out on the day you would be very welcome - as indeed you will be if you just come along to this traditional garden party!

Ellastone Monday Club

Our meeting on 3rd July at 2.30pm is our "garden meeting" which this year is being hosted by Pam and John Shouksmith at "The Wickets", Bentley Fold.

Tea and cakes will be provided and, if the weather is poor, we'll move inside. If it isn't, a few additional garden chairs would be helpful. Our August meeting will be on the 7th in the Parish Hall, when Vicky Prince will talk about her work in Kenya.

Wootton WI

The next meeting will be on 11th July at 7.30 in the Wootton Reading Room, when the speaker will be Marion Armstrong. Her topic is "Chasing Paper Skeletons" (Family Trees!) The competition will be for a perfume bottle. Weather permitting, the August meeting will be on the 15th, in the lovely garden of Ray and Dorothy Adams, and there will be a bar-becue.

The competition will be for a Cup and Saucer.

Ellastone Church - Thank-you

Special thanks to Ed Barker who has again raised money for Church funds - this time over £150, with his "Adam Bede" walks.

Church Flowers—thankyou to those donating and arranging Church flowers in the weeks ahead - Sally Rowe, Nicola Lawson and Pam Shouksmith.

Public Space Protection Order

East Staffs. Borough Council has used new powers to designate a large number of Churchyards, including Ellastone, as protected public spaces. (This is basically an ASBO for dog-owners.) We've never had much of a problem and local dog-owners are pretty responsible. However, the same cannot always be said for visiting walkers. The arrival of the new sign (penalty of up to £1000 on conviction) has coincided with an increase in cases of dogs leaving unwanted tributes on graves - not pleasant for those who work hard to maintain the Churchyard, or for visiting relatives.

Dates for your Diary:-

Harvest Supper

An advance notice for your diary is that this year, the annual Ellastone and Stanton Harvest Supper will be on Friday 6th October in Ellastone Parish Hall at 6.30pm. All are welcome - look for full details in September's NEWSRAC.

Ellastone Autumn Fair

Ellastone's popular Autumn Fair will be held again this year on November 11th in the Parish Hall. Any profits will be shared between Mayfield and Ellastone First Responders and St.Peter's Church. We are taking bookings now, priced £10 for a single table or £15 for a double. Telephone us on 01335 324656 to book a table and tell your friends!

Nick and Margaret Taylor

NEWSRAC JULY AND AUGUST 2017

This newsletter is available free to homes in Northwood, Ellastone, Wootton, Stanton, Ramshorn and Calwich. Contributions and news about events and local organisations are welcome from anyone in the community.

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