

Churches and Clergy

Our Vicar, Rev Brian Leathers, wrote recently in NEWSRAC under the heading of "All Change". He mentioned the new Vicar in Rocester, Rev Liz Jones (she has now taken over responsibility for Denstone Church); also, the appointment of a replacement in Mayfield. This is Rev. Martin Soar, who has already started leading some Church Services in both Ellastone and Stanton.

Martin has been based in a village in South Staffordshire for the last eight years. As well as serving the Church and community there, he was Chaplain at a state boarding school in Stourbridge. He will be continuing in this latter role for two days a week. How will this work?

It means that the remaining Parishes in the Weaver group (Alton/Bradley, Ellastone/Stanton and Mayfield) will have Martin available on two days a week, plus Sundays, as well as Brian full-time. Martin will cover on Brian's day off (and vice versa). Martin has asked us to pass on his thanks for the warm welcome received both at Church Services and at other events, e.g. the Ellastone Village Fete. He has given an interview to introduce himself, which is too long to print here, but if you would like to read it, you can find it on www.ellastone.org under "Church".

Mobile Library - Ellastone and Ramshorn

The Staffordshire Mobile Library Service, Route 13, calls at Ellastone (Dove Street) every three weeks and then stops next in Ramshorn (Telephone Kiosk). After 29th August the next visit is due on 19th September, stopping in Ellastone at 9.40 till 10.00 and then in Ramshorn from 10.15 till 10.30. Why not take advantage of this Service and in doing so vote for it to carry on.

St. Peter's Church Ellastone - Songs of Praise



This year's Songs of Praise will be on Sunday 23rd September at 6.30pm. This is our last evening service until Christmas time – so, if you would like to have one of your favourite hymns included, please contact Barbara on 01335 324859.

Macmillan Coffee Morning in Ellastone

On Friday September 28th, Coffee Mornings will be held all over the country and we're having one in Ellastone! They are to raise funds for the Macmillan Cancer Care charity, and to help raise awareness of the work they do. And who doesn't like a chance to eat cake? And meet up with friends and neighbours and chat over tea or coffee.

So; our Macmillan Coffee Morning will be between 10:30 and 12:30, in St Peter's Church Ellastone. We hope lots of you will be able to come, and that you bring your friends and neighbours. Offers of cake or biscuits would be very welcome, as would any donations of a raffle prize. Many thanks. Nick Taylor Tel. 01335 324656 / 07769 238455

St. Peter's Ellastone and St. Mary's Stanton Harvest Supper



The Harvest Supper is on Friday October 5th at 7.00 for 7.30pm in Ellastone Village Hall.

The food will be from Upper Crust Catering with tasty desserts provided by Stanton ladies and there will be a raffle (gifts of prizes would be appreciated please). Tickets are £8. To book, please contact Christine on 324496 or Barbara on 324859.

Autumn Fair - November 24th 2018

Once again there will be an Autumn Fair in the Parish Hall, this year a little later in November, being on the 24th. It will run from 11am to 3pm with a selection of stalls to browse, plus refreshments and light lunches.

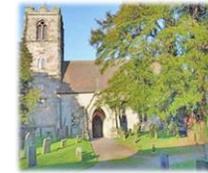
If you would like to take a stall, the cost will be £10 for a single table, or £15 for two. Please get in touch with us if you wish to book a stall. Many thanks. Nick and Margaret Taylor Tel. 01335 324656

Weather – El Scorchio!

June and July saw some sizzling hot temperatures and very little rain, in fact between June 9th and July 12th there was no measurable rain at all! The hottest temperature occurred on 25th June when the thermometer reached a scorching **30.3°C**. In total the mercury exceeded **29°C** on 7 separate days during the two months. The balmy nights prompted me to buy an air-conditioner; predictably the weather turned cooler straight after! (DS)

Parish Newsletter

September 2018



St Peter's Church Ellastone

St Mary's Church Stanton

2nd	9.15am	10.00am
	Holy Communion	Family Service
9th	10.45am	6.30pm
	Family Service and Baptism	Evensong
16th	9.15am	9.15am
	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
23rd	6.30pm	9.15am
	Songs of Praise	Holy Communion
30th	9.15am	9.15am
	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion

Church Contacts:

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 Ellastone – Barbara Butler 01335 324859
 Stanton – Ken Elias 01335 324496

Stanton Village Hall



The Hall was officially opened on Sept 14th 1993 so the Hall will be 25 years old this year. We are holding our summer fete on Saturday Sept 15th at 2pm to celebrate the Hall's Silver Jubilee. There will be the usual stalls – craft, books, raffle, tombola, plants etc. and games, plus tea, coffee and cake and also a singalong and a quiz. Please join us to celebrate. If you can spare a couple of hours to help, or have an idea for a stall or game, or can donate prizes or things to sell, please get in touch with Jean Irvin 01335 324190 or jeanirvin@hotmail.com We look forward to seeing you all on Sept 15th at 2pm.

Ellastone Monday Club

Many thanks to David Smith for his enlightening talk in St Peter's Church entitled '**They left their mark**' on Monday 6th August. The event was very well attended and without any doubt, everyone went away having learnt something new about the people and societies who have influenced the life of and the actual building of this lovely church.

On Monday 3rd September John Titterton presents a talk on '*An introduction to English Heraldry*'. Heraldry has been used by people to identify themselves since the 1200s. What started out very simple, as in the glass in the north and south chancel windows at Norbury, gradually became more complicated. John hopes to show you by using a number of examples of coats of arms from the local area, what it can tell you about a person and his or her family. This talk is open to the general public – 2.30pm Ellastone Parish Hall £2.

Ellastone Church Flowers

The Church would be grateful for any donations of flowers during September. (Sundays 16th and 23rd are already being donated by Mrs J Jennings). Thank you.

Dick Ratcliffe

Richard Ratcliffe (Dick) of Rocester and formerly of Ellastone - At rest 22nd June aged 89 years. Service and Interment were at Ellastone Church on 9th July.

Ellastone Village Fete

The organisers would like to thank everyone who came along and supported this event, all those who helped in any way, and especially Gillian and Michael Key for the use of their lovely garden.

The afternoon, with ideal weather, was very enjoyable and successful. The profit saw just over £500 each being donated to Ellastone Parish Hall (where it will help fund the significant programme of renovation and improvements being undertaken this year) and St. Peter's Church (where it will be helpful in contributing to the substantial insurance excess on repairing the roof, following the theft of lead).

Winners at the Village Fete

BOWLS - Paul Burnett, Emma Key and Diego Troiano
QUIZ - Sarah Forrester
MONEY MOUNTAIN - Jackie Sadler

Ellastone Book Club



If you like reading and discussing books over a glass of wine with like-minded people, then come and join the Ellastone Book Club. We meet on a Thursday evening once a month. We have 7 members but would like a few more so if you are interested then please contact Julie Sadler 01335 324692 js.ellastonepc@gmail.com

Chuffers in the Church

Free events for those with an interest in trains. Next event is 9th October "50 Years of Photography" presented by Les Nixon in St Mary's Church, Bridge Street, Uttoxeter. The events start at 7.30 pm and all proceeds are in aid of St. Mary's Church.

Ellastone Bingo with Fish and Chips

A date for the diary! This popular event will be on Saturday November 17th at 6.30 pm with Ed as our caller.

To book early, please call Barbara on 324859, Hilda on 324203 or Rose on 324466. Further details next month.

Wootton Cricket Club Home Fixtures (1:30pm) September

2 nd	Sunday Friendly Team vs Draycott/Hanbury
8 th	First XI vs Etwall CC 2 nd XI
16 th	Sunday Friendly Team vs Crocodiles Tour

NEWSRAC

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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 - by the 21st of the month please for inclusion in the next issue.

Contact us at:-

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www.ellastone.org

