

**Newsletter of St Laurence Parish Church, Frodsham**

**Week commencing May 31<sup>st</sup> Trinity Sunday, Year A**

“To know God and to make God known”

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**This Week**

**This Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, is Rev Elaine’s and Rev Phil’s last Sunday with us.  
 Please see Notices for more info and the News section for lots of photos**

<b>Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> Trinity Sunday</b>	10.00	Holy Communion - with music. <i>Hot drinks will be served after the service, shortly followed by light refreshments.</i>	2 Corinthians 13.11 to end Matthew 28. 16 to end
Monday – Thurs	10.00-16.00	Church open (except when a service is underway)	
Friday opening	10.00-15.00	Church open (except when a service is underway)	
Tuesday	19.00	Holy Communion - said service	
Wednesday	10.00	<b>Toddler Praise</b>	
Thursday	10.00-12 noon	Bee Friends Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall	
Friday	13.00-15.00	Craft and Chat	
Saturday	10.00-15.00	<b>ST LAURENCE OPEN DAY</b> (See Notices)	
<b>Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> First after Trinity</b>	08.00 10.00 15.00	Holy Communion - spoken Holy Communion - with music <b>Messy Church</b>	

**Prayers**

**Our prayers for those who are sick** If you know of anyone whom you feel needs our prayers – please ask permission from them or their family and then send an email to [saintells@gmail.com](mailto:saintells@gmail.com) with the details.

**Please pray for –**

**Those who are sick**

**Those whose anniversary of death this and last week**

**Prayer Wall** - You can write a prayer and light a virtual candle on our website. <https://slfchurch.org/prayerwall>  
 Please pass your requests to Rev Elaine at the Vicarage if you haven’t got internet access.

**Dates for your Diary**

**Children: Messy Church** Monthly during term time only [Read more here](#)  
**Toddler Praise** Every Wednesday during term time only [Read more](#)



**\*\*\* NEW \*\*\* THE NEXT MU MEETING** will be our summer afternoon tea (outside if fine) on Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2pm at Veronica's.

**THE EVENTS COMMITTEE HAVE PLANNED THE FOLLOWING EVENTS TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR CHURCH BUILDING PROGRAMME:**

**Saturday 6th June from 10am to 3pm** - Open Day with exhibits by the Frodsham and District History Society  
 - See poster in Notices.

**Sunday 28th June at 3pm** - Afternoon Concert by the Frodsham Sings Community Choir

**OUR PARISH WEEKEND THIS YEAR WILL BE ON THE WEEKEND OF FRI – SUN 11<sup>TH</sup> TO 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT NODDFA.**

More details to follow at a later date.

## Notices

**VERY IMPORTANT (BUT SAD) NOTICE: THIS SUNDAY, MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>, will be Rev Elaine's final service as our Vicar.** There will be ONE service on that day at 10am. Coffee and cake will be served immediately after the service, which will then be followed by light refreshments. (As it is Rev Elaine - there may even be Prosecco!!) All are welcome.

We have been very blessed by Rev Elaine's ministry in the 6 years she has been with us. Do come along to wish Rev Elaine and Phil many blessings as they start their retirement together. Now go to the News section to see lots of photos!



### FOODBANK Bags needed urgently.




Food drop-off – supermarket drop off points; in church; distribution centre on Ship Street (Fridays 1-3pm). The foodbank is currently short of **Long Life Fruit Juice, Long Life Milk, Long Grain Rice, Tinned Fruit, Toilet Rolls, shampoo.** How to give or get help go to: <https://runconrdistrict.foodbank.org.uk>

**DONATIONS TO CHURCH** If you would like to contribute to St Laurence, our Bank Account details are as follows: St Laurence Frodsham Parochial Church Council Sort Code: 09-01-55 Acc. No: 42559803.



Alternatively, you can donate here: <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/371c0c8f-ea13-4763-9688-e0de77dd8475> or scan the code. Thank you.

## Open Day






**At St Laurence Parish Church**  
**Saturday 6th June (10.00—15.00)**

Come and explore the beautiful building of St Laurence and learn about the history of the building and the stories behind the people commemorated on the memorials, Prince Waribo, the Anglo Saxon Stones and much more!

There will be exhibitions by the **Frodsham and District History Society**, tours of the church, information about baptisms, weddings etc and much more!

We do hope you will join us *on our Open Day*.



St Laurence Parish Church, Church Road, Frodsham WA6 6BS

*Our safeguarding officer can be contacted on the dedicated phone line 07862 321 560  
Please use it only for safeguarding issues, not for general enquiries. Thank you*

## News

### FAREWELL TO REVEREND ELAINE

#### GOODBYE FROM OUR CHURCH SCHOOL

##### From the School's Newsletter:

'It was a very sad day on Tuesday when we had our final Eucharist service with Reverend Elaine and said our thank yous and goodbyes. As our vicar and a member of the school governing body, Reverend Elaine has helped to support both the children and staff to flourish. She has lived out our vision to 'Love each other as God loves us' and it has been an absolute privilege to work so closely with her. We wish her every happiness in her retirement to beautiful North Wales. Reverend Elaine's final service at St Laurence Church is on Sunday 31st May at 10am, if you would like to attend.'



'On Tuesday we all went to St Laurence Church for our last Eucharist service with Reverend Elaine. We thought about Pentecost and how God used the wind to show the Holy Spirit at work. We said thank you to Reverend Elaine for all she has done for us: the worships, services, admission to communion and trips to Noddfa, SIAMs inspection and governors' meetings.'

"Even though we are sad to see her go, it was nice to have the chance to say how helpful and kind Rev Elaine has been." Ren

"I don't want her to go, all her teachings are fun and are really interactive, I will miss her lots." Beth

"We said goodbye to Rev Elaine. She gave us Rev. Freddie and Puddles to keep as a present." Eliza

"It was lovely to combine a special Pentecost Eucharist service with saying goodbye and thank you to Rev Elaine for all she has done for us over the years." Catrin

#### GOODBYE FROM TODDLER PRAISE

##### Steph writes on our Facebook page:

Thank you to the 41 children and adults who came to Toddler Praise this morning including a 10-week-old baby who came for the first time. This was Rev Elaine's last one before she retires at the end of May.

Rev Elaine told us all about Pentecost and how the Disciples waited for the Holy Spirit. When the wind blew it was from a hairdryer! We had flames (thankfully not real), a balloon and ended with blowing bubbles and singing Happy Birthday to the Church.

After our worship ended, we surprised Rev Elaine with some gifts - a White Stuff Voucher, flowers, a balloon and a card signed by all the adults. And then we all enjoyed some special cakes!

It is nearly 4 years since our very first Toddler Praise - it has meant so much to so many of us and always feels like one big, happy family each Wednesday morning. We are all so grateful to Rev Elaine for Toddler Praise and wish her and Rev Phil a very happy retirement.

We will all miss you so very much. xxx





### GOODBYE FROM MESSY CHURCH

Steph writes on our Facebook page:

Thank you to the 52 children and adults who came to Rev. Elaine's final Messy Church. There were activities, a story, singing, bubbles, tears and cake!

We surprised Rev Elaine with this banner (see link) at the end of Messy Church!

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1554502139469887>

*Editor: If you are unable to play this short video, then ask someone who has a smartphone if they are able to play it. And in case that doesn't work, below are a couple of stills from it and a photo on the next page of its final place in church. The youngsters and adults were singing Thank you God for this fine day as the banner was brought in.*





**GOODBYE FROM BEE FRIENDS**



**From Bee Friends website:**

<https://beefriends.uk/rev-elaine/>

‘The Reverend Elaine is one of Bee Friends greatest and probably earliest supporters. When, way back in 2022, the idea of Bee Friends moving from Cheeky Ice Creams in Castle Park to the Parish Hall was discussed with her, she was so eager, welcoming and supportive and the rest, they say, is history. And over the following years her commitment to Bee Friends has not changed. She has been a welcome and regular visitor to our meetings and although we are sad to see her go, we wish her much happiness in her well-earned retirement.’

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**GOODBYE PHOTOS FROM OUR CONGREGATION AND FRIENDS, WHICH WILL BE TAKEN ON REV ELAINES LAST DAY, SUNDAY 31ST, WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK’S NEWSLETTER AS A CONTINUATION OF THE ABOVE.**

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**AND LET’S NOT FORGET – REV ELAINE COMES WITH A PLUS ONE! WE ALSO SAY GOODBYE TO OUR DELIGHTFUL REV PHIL WHO HAS CHARMED US WITH HIS YORKSHIRE ACCENT AND MADE US LAUGH DURING HIS SERMONS.**

WE SHALL REALLY MISS YOU, PHIL – LOOK AFTER YOURSELF AND ELAINE, AND ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT TOGETHER. GOD BLESS YOU BOTH.

**FROM TONY MCNALLY** Hoffwn ddymuno ymddeoliad hir a hapus i'r Parch Elaine a Parch Phil a diolch iddynt am y dylanwad y maent wedi'i gael ar fy Nhaith Ffydd a'm bywyd gweddi.

I would like to wish Rev Elaine and Rev Phil a long and happy retirement and to thank them both for the influence they have had on my Journey of Faith and my prayer life.



## AND FINALLY, FROM TONY MCNALLY – SOMETHING TO MAKE YOU SMILE

A patient turned to his doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side." Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know." "You don't know" said the patient? "You're a Christian Man, and don't know what's on the other side?" The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang in and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness. Turning to the patient the doctor said " Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here and, when the door was opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what's on the other side of death, but one thing I do know is that my Master is there and that is enough."



## The Alternative Collect for Trinity Sunday

Holy God, faithful and unchanging:  
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,  
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,  
that we may truly worship you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen








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## **MHA CHAPEL FIELDS – VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – Activities or Befriending**


Do you enjoy bringing joy to others? Could you spare a few hours each week to make a real difference? We're looking for a friendly and enthusiastic volunteers to help brighten the days of our residents. In this rewarding role, you might:

-   Support trips and outings
-  One to one befriending and building friendships
-  Lend a hand to our activity coordinator
-  Share a skill—like music, crafts, flower arranging, or storytelling


You'll meet new people, build meaningful connections, and become part of a vibrant, caring community.

 Full training and support provided

 Chapel Fields Care Home, Frodsham

 14 Mon - Sun

Interested? We'd love to hear from you! <https://mha.org.uk/support-us/volunteer>  
[#volunteering](#) [#volunteers](#) [#volunteeringopportunity](#) [#volunteeringopportunities](#)

 Please share with anyone you think might be a great fit.

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