

# NEWSLETTER

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

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**OUR COMMUNITY HUB** is now available for booking for private events. Here is the link to the public website for information and bookings :<https://hallbookingonline.com/stanne>

## 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2023 TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

**IN NEED OF A PRIEST** Please contact Fr Tony Grace on 01270 877736

Prayer and Mass Intentions can be sent by email to us at [stannesnantwich@btinternet.com](mailto:stannesnantwich@btinternet.com)

<b>Saturday</b> St Jerome	30 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Jim Smith RIP 7 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Terence Kevin Schutte 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Thanksgiving Intentions of Terry & Agnes Curtis St Michael Memorium
<b>Sunday</b> Anniversary of Bishop Mark's succession (2010)	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	<b>Mass</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Nora Mills/Healey Thanksgiving 84 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Anniversary of St Theresa of Lisieux
Monday Guardian Angels	2 <sup>nd</sup>		No Mass or Service today	
<b>Tuesday</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession <b>Mass</b>	Geoff Edge RIP Recently Deceased
Wednesday St Francis of Assisi	4 <sup>th</sup>		No Mass or Service today	
<b>Thursday</b> St Maria Faustina Kowalska	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration and Confession <b>Mass</b>	Priest's Intention
Friday Family Fast Day St Bruno Day of Special Prayer for the Needy & Hungry of the World	6 <sup>th</sup>		No Mass or Service today	
<b>Saturday</b> Our Lady of the Rosary CAFOD Collection	7 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Deacon's Thanksgiving Intention
<b>Sunday</b> Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners and their dependents CAFOD Collection	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	<b>Mass</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	The Parish

**Requiem Mass** for Geoffrey Edge RIP will be held on Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> October at St Mary's Crewe at 12.00 noon. Please pray for the repose of his soul and keep Geoffrey's family and friends in your prayers.

☆☆☆☆☆ Is your child joining Reception in 2024? Do you want to find out more about St. Anne's? Open to Catholics and non-Catholics. Come join us on our open day; a fabulous opportunity to take a look at our facilities and meet our staff. Pop in on **Saturday 7th October** between 10-2 for a warm St. Anne's welcome.

Ring school on 01270260783 or e-mail [office@stannes.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:office@stannes.cheshire.sch.uk) to let us know you're coming. We look forward to meeting you.\*\*\* If you can't make the open day, please give us a call and come to look around at your convenience. ☆

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL – 7/8 October Dr Nasha's mobile clinic gets lifesaving help to where it is needed so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelopes in church, card machine or [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

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RC Diocese of Shrewsbury is a Registered Charity No. 234025

St Anne's Safeguarding Officer is Michael Kilcourse: [mkilcourse@hotmail.com](mailto:mkilcourse@hotmail.com) 07942114145

Please come to **St Anne's Bible Group**. Meeting on Wednesdays from 2.30 to 4.00 pm each week starting 4th October in the Church Meeting Room. Aim is to improve our understanding of the Bible. Please contact Chris Oliver for further information: [chris@chris-oliver.net](mailto:chris@chris-oliver.net) or 07481 476 333

### BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

If you are thinking about joining the Catholic Church. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programme starts in the Autumn. Please contact Deacon John for more details: Email: [johncpenny@gmail.com](mailto:johncpenny@gmail.com)

**The October SVP Social Event** for senior citizen will be a FREE coach trip to Trentham Shopping Village on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> October. The coach will depart from St Anne's at 10.00am and St Gabriel's Church at 10.30am and leave Trentham at 2pm to return to Alsager. There is a unique blend of independent & nationally renowned high street leading names, gift shops, cafes, fine dining restaurants and quirky stores in the shopping village. If you wish to go please sign up on the list on the church notice board. Any queries contact Michael Massey on 07510 223337.

**A Way through the Old Testament : St. Winifrede's Sandbach, by Fr Michael Moreton.** A series of 4 talks in late Sept/October on the subject of a reading of the Hebrew Bible (the 'Old Testament'). They will be held on **Thursdays from 7pm - 8 pm in St Winifredes's Hall:**  
**Oct 5 The Prophets and the Law, 12 Oct The People of the Messiah and 19 Oct The Seat of Wisdom.** [Also, on 23rd Nov, just prior to the Advent Season when we begin to read St Mark's Gospel (Year'B') Fr Morton will offer, Reflection on The Mind of Mark, also from 7 to 8 pm.]

**Pope Francis September Prayer Intention** We pray with Pope Francis for people living on the margins of society, in inhumane conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and may they never be considered of lesser importance. [https://missio.org.uk/pope-francis-prayer-intention-september-2023/?mc\\_cid=7a7f22da9a&mc\\_eid=ae221f4de](https://missio.org.uk/pope-francis-prayer-intention-september-2023/?mc_cid=7a7f22da9a&mc_eid=ae221f4de)

**SYCAMORE WEBINAR** A webinar about the Sycamore, a tool for evangelisation in parishes, will take place on 5th October at 7pm. Clare Dancaster & Natalie Orefice will provide the story of Sycamore, introducing the pathways, how to get started, a walkthrough of resources and support & training. An opportunity to discover how to use Sycamore in your parish. For more information please email: [natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) 07730 526826 or to register: [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/sycamore-webinar\[1\]tickets-676609335737](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/sycamore-webinar[1]tickets-676609335737). [Online Event Page | Eventbrite](#)

**St Annes 200 Club 2023** If you would like to join the 200 club and support the running of St Anne's please pick up a flyer from the back of Church.

**CAR PARK – please take care when driving out after Mass. Leave plenty of time for the parishioners to vacate the church before driving away.**

**Weekend Retreat Mary Mother of the Word in Sacred Scripture** At Holywell Shrine 27-29 October Venue: The Guest House, 20 New Road, Holywell Flintshire. Contact Barbara Davies [barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) 07450252733.

### Now Accepting Contactless Donations

You will find our new **DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE**, contactless terminal in the church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation.

Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and hold your card onto the reader.

You can also opt-in for Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%.

If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received.

Contactless donations are simple to administer, secure and convenient.



Last week Envelope & Loose Plate = £544.17

Offertory received by Bank transfer in August = £2320

Thankyou



Here is your webpage link to support the Mission of the Church in St Anne's and through the Red Boxes and Missio, to the poorest parts of the world or please scan QR code. Many thanks.

<https://donate.mydona.com/st-anne-nantwich>

**Missio Red boxes** – Please bring your boxes for counting ensuring your name is on the box. Available at the back of church – why not take one for your house to collect for this worthy cause – all those spare pennies soon add up! If you would like us to count your red box donations, then please hand to Pauline Binnie our Missio Local Secretary or a steward or a member of the clergy at Mass.

Missio Red Box holders can donate to Missio – Mill Hill Missionaries in a variety of ways: Please leave your Red box in church with name on it for counting or Give online: [missio.org.uk/redbox](https://missio.org.uk/redbox).

- Make a bank transfer: Account name: Missio; Sort Code: 16-00-16; Account Number: 10824230. Please use the reference RB + your postcode.
- Donate by telephone with your debit/credit card by ringing 020 7821 9755 during office hours.
- Donate via texting REDBOX 5 (to donate £5.00) or REDBOX 10 (to donate £10) to 70085. To ensure that your donation is attributed to **St Anne's, Nantwich**, it would be helpful (but not essential) if you would quote reference **SHR063/1117**.
- If you are a Gift Aid contributor, please inform Missio, so that they can recoup the tax from your donation.

**Mass Preparation:** WEDNESDAY WORD: [www.wednesdayword.org/parish](http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish)  
PREGO: <https://stbeunosoutreach.wordpress.com/prego/>

### **NANTWICH FOODBANK HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS.**

We praise God for our many volunteers however we have a particular shortage of delivery drivers. If you are interested in volunteering to drive please contact Teri at the presbytery to obtain more details. Our current shopping list is: Long life milk and fruit juice, coffee, tinned vegetables and tinned fruit, toothbrushes and nappies [size 5 & 6]. **DONATIONS CAN BE MADE IN NANTWICH** at St Anne's, (Box in porch), St Mary's Parish Office, Morrisons, Sainsburys, Nationwide, M&S and Elim Church.

Mary's Meals <https://marysmeals.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=71642ed3d70deb2b1c25da8f0&id=7d7f84ea81&e=f7949e3fb3>

**Carmelite Priory in Oxford.** The Friars are looking to increase their ministry to Young Adults to help grow and form the faith of Young Adults. The Friars are currently hosting free online talks on the formation of Young Adults and if this interests you, please see here: <https://www.carmelite.uk.net/events/young-adult-formation-for-the-third-millennium/>

### **Useful links and resources**

**Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team – Online Ministry** Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by searching for @Shrewsbury\_ymt. Find us on YouTube by searching for Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team – SYMT, don't forget to subscribe.

**Sanctuaries, shrines Catholics can 'visit' virtually in Europe, Mideast.** <https://catholicsentinel.org/Content/Arts/Arts-and-Entertainment/Article/Sanctuaries-shrines-Catholics-can-visit-virtually-in-Europe-Mideast/6/31/40431>

**Journeying Together** <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/journeying-together/>

**The National Shrine for Our Lady of Walsingham** [www.walsingham.org.uk/livestream](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/livestream)

**Laudato Tree** <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/world/news/2020-05/laudato-tree-sahel-pope-francis-laudato-si-year.html>

**Watch a Mass from home. Live-streaming of Masses** Shrewsbury Diocese: <http://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral/embed#tab-player> Church Services TV: <https://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/>

Prayer resources at: <http://pathwaystogod.org/>. <https://www.sacredspace.ie/> <http://ln54.blogspot.com>  
<http://prayasyougo.org/>

**Life** Helplines and Information can be found at <http://www.dayforlife.org/article/helplines-and-information-2020/>

**Young Catholics Resources** <https://young-catholics.com/3636/22nd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/>





## JUST SAY YES

Matthew 21:28-32

In today's Gospel Jesus has a confrontation with the chief priests and the leaders of the people. He criticises them for being "yes men," whose fine words are not matched by fine deeds. They are great at making promises but not very good at living up to them.

Jesus uses a parable to make his point. A man has two sons. He asks both of them to work in his vineyard. The first says a blunt "no," but afterwards thinks better of it and changes his mind. The second says, "Certainly, sir," but then does not go at all. "Which of the two," Jesus asks his listeners, "did his father's will?" The answer is obvious; only one son was obedient to his father.

Jesus then explains the meaning of the parable. The son who refused but then repented represents the tax collectors and prostitutes who listened to the preaching of John the Baptist, and accepted it. The other son represents the chief priests and the leaders of the people who did not listen to or accept John's preaching. They still did not listen to John even after seeing for themselves the wonderful transformation his preaching had brought about in the lives of the tax collectors and prostitutes.

The chief priests and religious leaders liked to boast about their goodness and their fidelity to God. They were big into outward piety and making the proper religious sounds but it was all only lip service because it was not matched by their actions. They failed to show true obedience to God.

There is a danger that sometimes we too can be like the chief priests and leaders of the people. We can say "yes" to God but be far away from him in our hearts. We can promise to live in obedience to him but fail to practice what we promise. Today's Gospel challenges us to look at how well we live out every day that which we proclaim in church. It reminds us of our need for constant conversion. ■

### LEARN

The proof of our faith is in our living of it.

The Christian is called to constant conversion.

It is never too late to say "yes" to God.

### SAY

"Lord, help me to honour you not only with my lips but by my actions. Amen."

### REFLECT

Ever since Eleanor Roosevelt more than 80 years ago, American First Ladies typically promote a cause or launch a campaign to which they commit the prestige of their office. In the 1960s, Ladybird Johnson focused on cleaning up the nation's highways; Betty Ford focused on substance abuse, Michelle Obama on education and healthy eating.

Nancy Reagan decided her focus would be the war on drugs. At the time, drug addiction was destroying numerous lives, as it continues to do. So she spearheaded a campaign that had a simple, snappy, easy to remember title: Just Say No. Her message to those tempted by illicit drugs was: Just say no. The campaign (and others like it) wasn't a huge success. Vulnerable people needed practical help and support in order to be able to just say no. They needed more than words or slogans or expensive advertising campaigns.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his followers they must not just say yes, but must back it up with concrete actions. He is telling us that if we are serious about following him, we must live the faith we profess. Words, no matter how pious, are not enough. We must go from church to world to transform the world by the kind of lives we live, because we are going to be judged by our deeds rather than by our words.

This makes our task all the more difficult, because we know it's easy to talk the talk; it's much harder to walk the walk.

As Christians, we mustn't just say yes. We must just show it. We must live it. ■

### DO

Think about the major promises you have made in your life – the baptismal promises that were made on your behalf, the marriage or religious vows you professed, the commitments you have entered into. How well have you kept them? What do you need to do to be more faithful to them?

### PRAY

To follow Christ faithfully is not easy. Pray for the strength to be faithful to your baptismal promises.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name  
and deal with us according to the bounty of  
your mercy.

**GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father,  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

**COLLECT**

O God, who manifest your almighty power  
above all by pardoning and showing mercy,  
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly  
upon us  
and make those hastening to attain your  
promises  
heirs to the treasures of heaven.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

**FIRST READING**

Ezra 11:20-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: "You object, 'What the Lord does is unjust.' Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die."

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**PSALM**

Psalm 21

Response:

Remember your mercy, Lord.

1 Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. (R.)

2 Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)

3 The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path,  
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

**SECOND READING**

Philippians 2:1-11

(For Shorter Form, read between > <)

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the  
Philippians.

>If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love  
can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in  
common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then  
be united in your convictions and united in your  
love, with a common purpose and a common  
mind. That is the one thing which would make me  
completely happy. There must be no competition  
among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be  
self-effacing. Always consider the other person  
to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks  
of his own interests first but everybody thinks of  
other people's interests instead. In your minds  
you must be the same as Christ Jesus:<

His state was divine,  
yet he did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are;  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings in the heavens,  
on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God, the Father.

>The word of the Lord.<  
Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will  
keep my word,  
and my Father will love him, and we shall  
come to him. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of  
the people. "What is your opinion? A man had  
two sons. He went and said to the first, 'My  
boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.' He  
answered, 'I will not go,' but afterwards thought  
better of it and went. The man then went and said  
the same thing to the second who answered,  
'Certainly, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two  
did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus  
said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors  
and prostitutes are making their way into the  
kingdom of God before you. For John came to  
you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you  
did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors

and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you  
refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with  
the Father;

through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

(all bow during the next three lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the  
Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored  
and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and  
apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the  
dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Grant us, O merciful God,  
that this our offering may find acceptance  
with you  
and that through it the wellspring of all  
blessing  
may be laid open before us.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Remember your word to your servant,  
O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.  
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,  
restore us in mind and body,  
that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ,  
to whose suffering we are united  
whenever we proclaim his Death.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
Amen.



## Welcome to the St Annes 200 Club 2023

This will be the 19th consecutive club year of fund raising to help our Parish meet its day to day running costs. To date your membership has raised nearly £43,000.

The difficulties we are continuing to experience has placed extra strain on the Parish finances, so we need as many members as possible to help us through 2023

We are looking forward to you renewing your membership  
- or most importantly: JOINING OUR COMMUNITY IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY A MEMBER.

You might win £100 every month!!  
The cost is £52 for the year, or 2 instalments of £26.

As many of us can't meet at mass, there are 3 ways to subscribe:

1. By credit transfer to:

SRCDT - 234025 St Annes Sort code: 30 - 15 - 52 Ac no. 54643760

Ref. 200 Club

I would appreciate you contacting me by phone, text, or email if you choose this way to ensure we don't miss your transfer.

2/3. By cash or cheque. Would you please post it to me or drop it off into the Presbytery post box.

Please make cheques payable to St Anne's Church. If you are paying cash, please include your name.

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Looking forward to hearing from you.

Michael Wilcock