

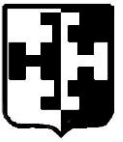


**THE UNITED BENEFICE of ST LUKE'S,
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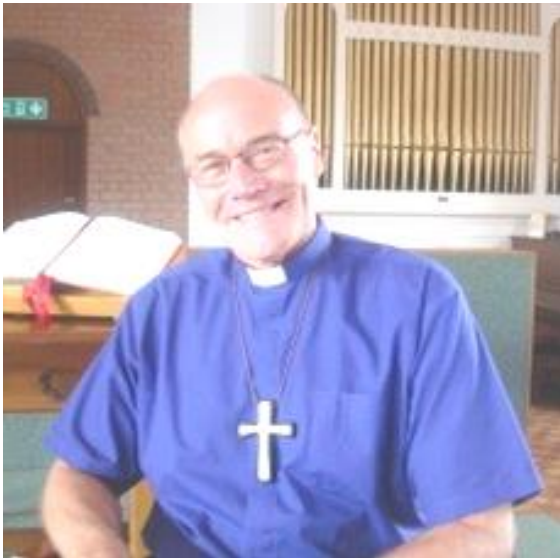
ORGAN RECITAL

Thursday 6th June 2019, 7.30pm

Organist: Malcolm Nierinck (p8)

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Tuesday, June 11th at 7.30pm



**in St Luke's with the
Bishop of Stafford.**

**Please pray for and
support those who are to
be confirmed.**

**We welcome candidates
from all three parishes.**

**PLEASE ATTEND IF YOU CAN. LET'S HAVE A
FULL CHURCH FOR BOTH THESE EVENTS!**

Services for June

ST LUKE'S

2 nd	9.15am MORNING PRAYER – Barrie w Maryanne 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's Primary School
9 th	PENTECOST 9.15am HOLY COMMUNION – Rev Alan 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's School
16 th	9.15am MORNING PRAYER – Roger w Barrie 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's Primary School
23 rd	9.15am HOLY COMMUNION – Rev Alan 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's Primary School
30 th	10.30am JOINT HC SERVICE w St Chad's at St Luke's – Rev Alan

ST CHAD'S

2 nd	9.00am HOLY COMMUNION BCP – Rev Alan 10.45am FAMILY SERVICE – Ian Perry and the team
9 th	PENTECOST 10.45am - PRAISE & PRAYER - Kath & Muriel F
16 th	10.45am ALL AGE HC – Rev Barry Wilson
23 rd	10.45am MORNING PRAYER – Kath and Muriel F
30 th	10.30am JOINT HC SERVICE w St Chad's at St Luke's – Rev Alan

MIDWEEK ECUMENICAL HC SERVICES

Wednesdays at 9.15am

5th & 19th June at the Methodist Church

12th & 26th June at St Luke's

ST LUKE'S CAR PARK TIDY-UP 18th May

Many thanks to those who turned up to help with this job.

The result of a couple of hours work is plain to see.

THANK YOU AGAIN!

Alan P

(Our thanks also to you Alan for organising this.)





Come follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad

LET THE REBELLION BEGIN!

The Bishop of Wolverhampton's Pastoral Letter for June 2019

Last September the Secretary-General of the United Nations made an impassioned plea to the UN General Assembly on the need to act to combat the threat of climate change. His speech is necessary reading for us all.

A key quote is as follows:

“Climate change is the defining issue of our time – and we are at a defining moment. We face a direct existential threat. Climate change is moving faster than we are – and its speed has provoked a sonic boom SOS across our world. If we do not change course by 2020, we risk missing the point where we can avoid runaway climate change, with disastrous consequences for people and all the natural systems that sustain us.”

Reading Antonio Guterres' speech in the light of the recent Extinction Rebellion protests in London and the widespread strikes by schoolchildren, I am struck by the synchronicity between the Secretary General's call to action and these examples of direct action in response.

Incredibly, there are still pockets of climate change deniers, but just as dangerous are those (well represented in the national media) who are keener to portray protestors as misguided and even members of an 'eco mob', than to salute them for prioritising the future of our planet over the comfort of their armchairs.

What is our Christian response to this climate emergency, which threatens the very sustainability of God's good creation?

It is good to see former Archbishop, Rowan Williams, lending his active support to Extinction Rebellion. Each of us should be reviewing our own capacity to voice our own care and concern for God's world, alongside making the lifestyle changes that enact that concern, whether it be giving up meat and/or flying (the two biggest single contributions we can make to planetary sustainability), cutting back on car use, switching to green energy, or reducing our consumption of consumer goods.

At the last Diocesan Synod, our commitment to pursuing this agenda was demonstrated by the unanimous passing of the Diocesan Environmental Policy and Action Plan. One specific initiative within this is 'Eco Church' which is a highly commended way of heightening environmental awareness in every parish.

Another positive means of engaging is through worship, especially by utilising the national church resources available for Creationtide (September 1st to October 4th).

Given the lead young people are giving on this issue, obvious opportunities arise for intergenerational activities and worship.

Let the Rebellion begin!

+ Clive Wulfrun

¹ <https://www.un.org/sg/en/content/sg/statement/2018-09-10/secretary-generals-remarks-climate-change-delivered>

² <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>

³ <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/news/church-england-commends-creationtide-resources>



Charity no. 1155536

Helping Hedgehogs!

Hedgehogs need help and churchyards can be perfect places for them containing many features that hedgehog need. They eat a wide range of things, beetles, worms, slugs and other invertebrates. Churchyards are rich in hedgehog food. They forage in the grassland, the nooks and crannies around monuments, the shady, damp corners with leaf litter and deadwood and amongst the stones of an old wall. Hedgehogs make nests all year round, using them to rear their young hoglets, to hibernate and to shelter during the daytime. Again, churchyards come up trumps with hedgehogs nesting in scrub and bramble patches, at the base of trees and walls and in compost piles. They make a nest from dead leaves, and to the human observer, it looks like a leaf football!



Hedgehogs roam widely, having a nightly circuit of a couple of miles. They can climb over barriers but squeezing through gaps saves energy.

Churchyards usually have a several places for a hedgehog to get in and out – again, very helpful.

In June hedgehogs are breeding, with hoglets

either in the nest or starting to venture out. You can help them by keeping your churchyard chemical free, letting some areas get a little bit wild and allowing gaps for them to get through. Have a look at hedgehogs@ptes.org to learn more.

Please tell me if you have hedgehogs, look for footprints in mud and droppings. They are probably present without anybody knowing it!

*All the best
Harriet Carty,*

Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor, harriet@cpga.org.uk

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20% members discount on all CfGA materials. Use the discount code Lich19*



Once again we will be joining in the global wave of prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost. It is an initiative by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. For more details and further resources please visit www.thykingdomcome.global There is also a link on our website.

“At the heart of our prayers will be the words that Jesus Christ himself taught us – ‘Thy kingdom come, thy will be done’. It is impossible to overstate the life-transforming power of the Lord’s Prayer”. *Justin Welby & John Sentamu*

- There are Prayer Journals for you to use (£1 to cover the cost of printing)
- Ideas about how to pray for five friends
- And family ideas too.

Feel free to take what you need BUT make sure you use it!

Also ...

- ✦ An Ascension Day meditation, 30th May 7:30 pm in the Chapter House
- ✦ A prayer walk around the village 10:30 am 3rd of June, meet at church.



All Welcome at 11.00am every Sunday

in St Luke's Primary CE Academy for 35 minutes followed by refreshments, time to chat and play.



THANK YOU JOHN!

We extend our sincere thanks to our out-going church warden at St Luke's, John O'Rourke, for all his efforts on our behalf over the last year. Being a church warden carries with it a great deal of responsibility and is not an easy option. We are grateful to John for taking this on especially when he has not always been in the best of health.

St Luke's Church, Endon
ORGAN RECITAL
Thursday 6th June 2019, 7.30pm
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Suite in D	John Stanley (1713-1786)
Prelude in G (BMV 568)	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Chorale prelude: Ich ruf zu dir (BWV 639)	J.S. Bach
Prelude and Fugue in C minor (BMV 549)	J.S. Bach
Choral no.3	Cesar Franck (1822-1890)

INTERVAL

Chorale prelude: Heut' triumphiret Gottes Sohn (BWV630)	J.S. Bach
Three pieces (March, Elegy, Scherzetto)	William Walton (1902-1983)
Introduction & Passacaglia (from Sonata no 8)	Josef Rheinberger (1839- 1901)
Festival Toccata	Percy E. Fletcher (1879-1932)

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS EVENT!

**There will be no formal charge but there will be
a retiring collection.**

FLOWER CLUB and WELL DRESSING FLOWER FESTIVAL

We are hugely indebted to Pauline Shaw, Jeanette Lackey and other members of Endon Floral Arts group for creating the customary stunning displays in our church with this year's theme *"The Seasons in Poetry and Flowers"*. This time members of our own newly formed flower club have also been involved and we are grateful to them for their contributions. Thanks are also due to our generous sponsors* and others who have given financial assistance to make it all possible. **Thank you Liz Bannister for all your efforts in this.*



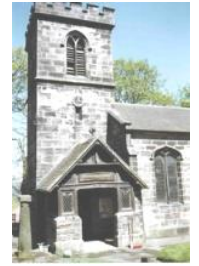
Our next Flower Club meetings will be held in the chapter house on
12th and 26th June
1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

We will be taking a summer break from flower arranging over July and August but will be back in September.

We invite you to come and join us to see what happens, or just have a cup of tea, is open to everyone. We may be arranging a craft workshop during the summer, so listen up!

**Further information from Sue Forrester (aka Gibbons)
07854 043187.**

NEWS FROM ST CHAD'S



A Good and Noisy Evening at the Pub



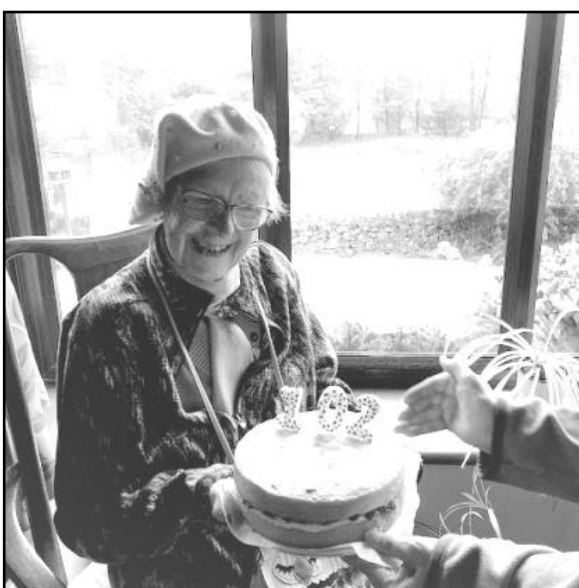
The Stafford Arms hosted a social evening for 20 or so members of St Chad's on Monday 29th April. Judging by the photographs (thanks to Pat Adams), a good time was had by all.

Thanks must also go to Julia and Grace for arranging the meal.

Sheila's note: If you would like to see photographs of this or other events at St Chad's, please check out our

website at: www.stchadsbagnall.org

It also includes forthcoming events, useful contacts, services and all the newsletters.



Freda and Patrick's plant sale and coffee morning

A healthy turnout at Freda and Patrick's on a lovely sunny morning. Tea/coffee and cake, plants, free

gardening advice, lots of chat and a Happy Birthday to Vera who was 102 on the day!



Patrick even dug up his own garden for plants for Arnie & Julia!

Thank you to Freda & Patrick for their hospitality.

Barbara

Sheila's Note: The plant sale raised £157.00 for church funds, which is great, but the real bonus is that it provides an opportunity for a get together.



People could have a chat, share gardening tips, wish a happy birthday to our oldest member and generally have a feeling of belonging.

It's not always easy to seek out company and events such as this play an important part in our social and mental well being. So, well done everyone!

I Would Never Have Believed.....

I would never have believed that being a Christian would be so hard; reading through the Bible makes it seem a doddle! Praying to God and letting Christ into your life and that would be it, sit back and enjoy! All my wants and needs will be taken care of, because I have God on my side, therefore, my back is covered, only it's not that easy!

I would never have believed that my life had any connection to Jesus, but as a child I was persecuted by the other children for having the wrong colour skin. I was despised by some, ridiculed by others and a source of entertainment for the rest. What I had to say was little, not useful or worthwhile, so I said nothing.

I would never have believed that having grown up a little, and changed so much, that I could still be discriminated against for my faith, that my friends and colleagues would mock and tease me, turn their backs on me, leave me.

I would never have believed that I would do the same, turning my back on my Lord and faith to comply with the value of my peers.

I would never have believed that I could be loved by God, purely because of who I am, a female of Asian descent. I had never seen anything within me that God could possibly have been interested in, let alone want in His church.

I would never have believed that I could be ashamed, embarrassed or threatened by calling myself a Christian. I thought the Christian glow would bring others closer, not make them flee.

I would never have believed that I could have nailed Christ to the cross, that it was my sin which carried Jesus there, kept Jesus there and left Jesus to die.

I would never have believed I could grieve for someone so much, without ever meeting them, let alone feel guilty or responsible for it!

I would never have believed after all these things I've done that God could still love me, want me, be in a relationship with me.

I would never have believed how long and tiring the Christian journey would be, that it would continue for the rest of my life, but I know it will.

I would never have believed the enduring love of God, until that glorious day we met.

Caryl

Fill a jar for Christmas

For this year's Christmas Fayre we're hoping to run a tombola of filled jars. Each ticket costs £1 and every one is a winner. Can you help us by filling a jar with anything over the cost of £1 (please save perishables until November!). We are aiming to fill 100 jars and make £100.

There are some jars already filled on the radiator cover at the rear of the church just to give you an idea of what is needed.

Please help if you can and just return the filled, decorated jar to the church. (Plenty of empty jars are available!)

Dates for your Diaries.....

- The church is open on a Wednesday morning. If you can spare any time between 10.45 and 12.15 please pop in and enjoy a drink and a chat.
- The next biggie is the summer fete on **Saturday 29th June**. St Chad's will be providing refreshments at the village hall this year and also running a cake stall. Any donations of cakes for either or both would be very much appreciated.
- The church will be open and we're planning on doing the usual brilliant decorations with the windows. The theme is to be "Favourite Books" with the Bible taking centre stage on the altar. The church will be open

and will be offering drinks (tea, coffee or juice) and biscuits for free but with a jar out for donations.

- Creative Corner craft club meet on Mondays at 1pm to 3pm at The Stafford Arms. Future dates to deal with bank holidays!

**3rd June; 17th June;
1st July; 15th July; 29th July;
12th August**

ST LUKE'S PASTORAL TEAM

Please contact Shirley Brindley on 504089 if you are available for pastoral visiting.

HILLSWOOD LODGE VISITS

Meet at Vicarage 10.50am for 11.00am

Next dates:

June 20th, July 18th and Aug 15th

CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S PROJECT (UK)

ПОДДЕРЖКА ДЕТЯМ БЕЛАРУСИ

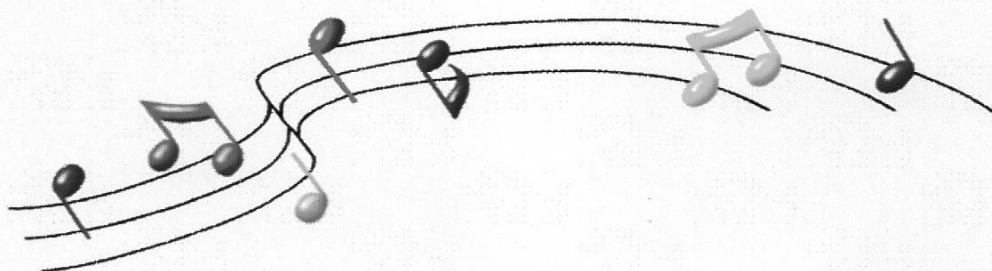
Supporting Children of Belarus since 1995

Charity No 1059832 www.chernobyl-children.org.uk

Please contact John and Julie on 01782 535000 if you can offer help in any way especially during the two weeks at Cicely Haughton School during August. Next meeting Wed June 12th at Endon Methodist Church.



ENDON COMMUNITY CHOIR 10th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT



Saturday 15th June, performance starts at 7.30pm

Endon Methodist Church, 258 Leek Road, Endon, ST9 9DY

(Corner of Station Road)

Tickets are available from 01782 853399 or choir members

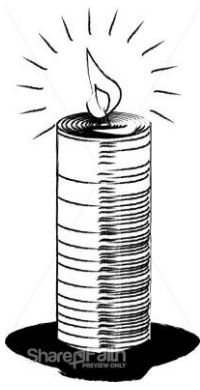
Ticket Prices:

Adult £4,

Children £2 (Under school age free)

Price includes refreshments.





CANDLE DEDICATIONS for JUNE

For £2.50 you can keep the Candle of Hope or the Sanctuary Light burning for a week with a dedication. Please contact Shirley Brindley on 504089 for a particular date or fill in a form at the back of church.

Jun	CANDLE OF HOPE	SANCTUARY LIGHT
2 nd	The candle is kept burning this week by Marilyn Plant	
9 th	Sylvia Bradshaw to celebrate the birthday of grandson George (11 th)	Barrie Jackson in celebration of Kai's 9 th birthday
16 th	Sheila and Stan to celebrate the 19 th birthday of their granddaughter, Lauren (17 th)	Mabel McGrath in loving memory of a dear and loving husband, Don
23 rd	Linda Foster in loving memory of my dad on his birthday	Marilyn Plant to celebrate the birthday of our son, Nicholas James
30 th	Shirley Brindley in loving memory of a very dear mum and dad	



JUNE GREETINGS to

June Pope (2nd), Margaret Barlow (3rd), Fran Dale (4th), Rachel Betts (8th), Gail Stone (9th), Mary Goodson (17th), Sophie Brough (16th), Chris Boulton (17th), Sarah Brindley (19th)

If you would like your own or a family birthday included here please contact Ros 504137



Home Groups

are a way of studying the bible in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. We can ask the questions that we do not always have time to on a Sunday. Not only do home groups help us on our journey of faith but they also strengthen the relationships within church. At the moment a group meets at James & Ros's

on a Monday evening and a group meets at Bagnall Heights on Tuesday morning.

Day	Venue	Hosts	Leader	Time
Monday	Claremont St George's Ave	James & Ros	Barrie	7.30pm
Tuesday (NB 2 nd week of the month, this is replaced by HC on Wednesday.)	Bagnall Heights Lounge	Pauline Hart	Barrie	11.00 am
Wednesday (fortnightly, next one June 5 th)	Vicarage	Maryanne	Maryanne	7.30pm



St Luke's is a fair-trade church. *If you donate items to the catering cupboard, please check that they are Fair Trade, Ethical Tea Partnership or similar organisations that guarantees small traders are not disadvantaged.*



A GIN TASTING is planned for Friday, June 21st at the No.41, Gin House, Millrise Road, Milton. Further information available from Sue Forrester. Proceeds to St Luke's and Parkinsons UK.

LEEK FOOD BANK UPDATE



URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

- Rice pudding
- Dog food
- Mash
- Tomato ketchup
- Sponge puddings
- Fruit cordial
- Savoury snacks
- Pot noodles
- Savoury rice
- Pasta in sauce packets
- Packet custard
- Tinned potatoes
- Chocolate
- Brown sauce
- Tinned carrots

We are well supplied with....

- Porridge
- Soup
- Baked beans
- Dried pasta
- Soap
- Toilet rolls

Please keep up your support and thank you for all you have done.

Peter Davies,
Project Coordinator

June Prayer Focus

- For the people of Sri Lanka and all affected by the bombs on Easter Day
- For the relatives and friends of journalist Lyra McKee shot dead in Londonderry and all investigating
- Mozambique – all those severely affected by the recent cyclone and all aid agencies working to help them
- Yemen – the on-going crisis and those trying hard to get aid into the country
- Our global warming crisis - that world leaders will take appropriate action urgently
- Brexit negotiations especially with regard to the Irish border
- Those affected by the recent upsurge in knife crime
- The release of Iranian-British mother Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe serving a 5 year gaol sentence on alleged spying charges
- The people of Indonesia affected by the recent earthquake and tsunami
- The problem of social media affecting our young people and leading them to self harm or even suicide
- The widespread drug problem especially in Stoke-on-Trent with use of “monkey dust”
- All helping to re-build thousands of shattered lives
- The problem of the millions of plastic bottles afloat in our oceans and the tons of ‘space junk’ orbiting our planet
- Wisdom for world leaders in making decisions for peace
- Those in our parishes who are ill and those caring for them especially Rev Julie
- All who have lost loved ones recently
- Schoolgirls kidnapped in Nigeria and anguished parents
- For the abolition of slavery and female genital mutilation
- The Trussell Trust locally
- The unemployed or in work but not earning a living wage
- For all suffering from depression
- For all involved with the Chernobyl Project
- Our Vicar, PCCs and Pastoral Team and visitors to our church
- For Barrie Jackson in his ministry as a lay reader and Ian Perry at St Chad's as he prepares for ordination
- Ministry in our benefice after Rev Alan's retirement in 2020
- Local elections on May 2nd

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J. TAYLOR

Tel: 01782 502437

ST LUKE'S CHURCH BOOKINGS

Barrie Jackson is keeping the church diary.
Please contact him on **07510 074097**.

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PENTECOST Acts 2 v1-v4

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each one of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Rev Alan Betts / Maryanne Lloyd	502166
Roger Simpson, St Luke's warden	502006
Alan & Maureen Payne, warden's team	504918
Ann & Les Boulton, warden's team	503162
June Pope, warden's team	503269
Lyn Pickering, warden's team	07891 213284
Caryl Siegertsz, St Chad's warden	07971 887039
Sheila Tipper, St Chad's news contact	534647
Kath Howell, St Chad's PCC chair / worship l'der	07971 887039
Muriel Finney, St Chad's worship leader	302229
Fred Snape, St Anne's warden	504063
Sue Forrester, Flower Club / Foundation gov	07854 043187
James & Ros Benson, reader emeritus/newsletter	504137
Maurice Woolliscroft, warden's team	502390
Barrie Jackson, reader / St Luke's PCC Sec / Administrator	07510 074097
Deb Podmore, worship leader	773383
Suzy Jordan, music leader	504589
Steve Dale, St Luke's treasurer	07894 098011
Sheila Hurst, St Luke's Gift Aid Sec / MU rep	503622
Neil Taylor, worship team	07891 977662
Shirley Brindley, candle dedications / pastoral tm	504089
John & Julie Gater, Chernobyl Children's Project	535000
Sheila Simpson, St Luke's Electoral Roll Officer	502006
St Luke's vestry	504864

July 2019 newsletter will be in church on

Sunday, June 30th

Please submit notices by **Tuesday, June 25th**

either by e-mail jandrbenson@btinternet.com phone 504137

or a note to Ros Benson.

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