



# **THE UNITED BENEFICE of ST LUKE'S, ENDON with ST CHAD'S, BAGNALL**

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**June 2022**

**INTERREGNUM Month 24**

## **Celebrations!**



**Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8.00pm**

**Full programme of events organised by our Parish  
Council with BEACON LIGHTING at 9.45pm**

**Memorial Park, Station Road**

Endon Community Choir will be joined by Stafford Military Wives Choir to  
sing a selection of songs including one specially written for the jubilee.

**WELL DRESSING SERVICE on SAT JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>**

**1.30pm Service of Thanksgiving with guest speaker**

**Rt Rev Matthew Parker, our Bishop of Stafford.**

**Church open from 3.00pm to view flowers/memorabilia with teas served in  
the chapter house. 4.00pm Endon Community Choir**

**MONDAY JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>**

**7.30pm Organ recital on St Luke's organ  
by Malcolm Nierinck (see p3 for details)**

## **JUNE at ST LUKE'S**

**A busy month for both churches!**

### **SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup>**

**1.30pm Well Dressing Service of Thanksgiving**

**3.00pm – 8.00pm Church open to visitors**

**4.00pm Endon Community Choir will sing**

### **SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup>**

**9.15am HOLY COMMUNION  
Rev Barry Wilson**

**11.00am CONNECTIONS**

**12.00 – 6.30pm Church open to visitors**

**7.15pm SONGS OF PRAISE by the Well**

### **MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30 – 12.30 Church open to visitors (no teas)**

**7.30pm Organ recital by Malcolm Nierinck**

### **SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup>**

**9.15am MORNING WORSHIP  
Barrie / Roger**

**11.00am CONNECTIONS**

### **SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup>**

**9.15am HOLY COMMUNION  
Rev David Nicol**

**11.00am CONNECTIONS**

### **SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup>**

**9.15am MORNING WORSHIP  
Barrie / Roger    APCM**

**11.00am CONNECTIONS**

## **JUNE at ST CHAD'S**

### **SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup>**

**10.45am FAMILY SERVICE – KH and team**

### **SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup>**

**10.45am PRAYER & PRAISE – KH and MF**

### **SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> June**

**4.00pm Rev Carrie's priesting ordination at St Giles's church, Newcastle. Friends welcome.**

### **SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup>**

**10.45am MORNING WORSHIP - KH**

**SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> HOLY COMMUNION – Rev Barry Wilson**

*NB Change of service for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays*

## **ST LUKE'S CHURCH OFFICE**

Unless involved with funeral duties  
Barrie mans the office on Mon, Wed,  
Thurs and Fri from 10.00am to 1.00pm  
using **07517 653370**

## **MIDWEEK SERVICES**

Wednesday Holy Communion  
every week at 9.15am

June 1<sup>st</sup> at St Luke's

June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Methodist Church\*

June 15<sup>th</sup> at St Luke's

22<sup>nd</sup> at the Methodist Church

June 29<sup>th</sup> at St Luke's

*\*NB From this date Rev Eleanor will be on sabbatical for three months.*

# **St Luke's Church, Endon**

## **ORGAN RECITAL**

**Monday**  
**6<sup>th</sup> June 2022**  
**7.30pm**  
**Organist:**  
**Malcolm**  
**Nierinck**



“Short” Preludes & Fugues (BMV 554, 555, 557, 558, 560) J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

Après un rêve Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)  
[arr M Drayton]

Intermezzo & Scherzoso (from Sonata no 8) Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Grand Chœur César Franck (1822-1890)

### **INTERVAL**

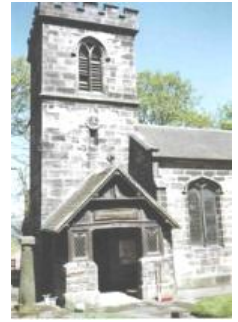
Passacaglia in C minor (BMV 582) J.S. Bach

Fantasia in F minor (K.608) W.A. Mozart  
(1756-1791)

War March of the Priests Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809-47) (arr F.E.Brown)

**NEWS FROM...**

## **ST CHAD'S CHURCH BAGNALL**



**Celebrating HM Queen Elizabeth's  
Platinum Jubilee**



The church will be open for visitors\*:

Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 3.00pm - 7.00pm

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 11.00am - 5.00pm

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 11.00am - 5.00pm

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June Family Service 10.45am - 12 noon

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm - 4.30pm

**There will be displays in the church representing the decades  
of Queen Elizabeth's reign.**

**These will include flower displays, memorabilia,  
exhibitions and 100 years of the local  
Rose/Chestnut queens.**

**There will also be home made produce and crafts on sale.**

***\*Visitors will receive a voucher for tea/coffee at the Stafford Arms***

There are also various events in the village beginning with the lighting of the beacon on **June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday evening at 7.30** followed by a hog roast, bar and music at the village hall, culminating with a village party on Sunday afternoon.





## CONNECTIONS

meets every Sunday  
at 11am

at St Luke's CE Academy in the school hall.

This is a family-friendly service  
lasting about 40 minutes.

**To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee there will be a special Connections Community Church Service in the school hall at 11am on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June.**

This will be followed by games and cakes. Invitations have been sent to each family whose children attend the school. All members of our congregation are welcome to join the fun.

## WELCOME SHENANDOAH...



We were thrilled to welcome back a lovely and very happy young family last Sunday.

After several difficult weeks following an enforced premature birth, Tom and Libnah were able to bring their precious new baby daughter Shenandoah to see us. We praise the Lord for her safe delivery and for those who gave her special care at the hospital. We continue to pray for them all especially Libnah who is still undergoing treatment.

### And ADAM ...

It was also a joy to welcome Adam back with his family to church a few weeks ago. As you may know Adam is a young man in his mid-teens who has been very poorly for many months. As a church we have been praying for him and his family throughout his stays in both our local hospital and in Birmingham Children's Hospital. After bravely enduring a great amount of therapy, he is now much better and finally back at school. We praise the Lord for his amazing progress and we pray for his healing to be complete. (Sorry I don't have a photo.)

## And CONGRATULATIONS

to Barbara Brown who has been chosen to be  
this year's well dressing personality.

*(See well dressing programme for her story which is available  
locally at shops and from members of the well dressing  
committee.)*





## LATEST SQUARES COLLECTION

Sue and Ann from Biddulph Methodists collected a bootful of squares from us and from a lady in Rushton Spencer on Monday May 16<sup>th</sup>. Ann is still busy sewing squares together and is very grateful to those of you who kindly help by joining your squares up in sixes.

Thank you as always to all our knitters! Blankets are still needed.

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## FUNDRAISING REMINDER

With energy prices rising for all of us we need to find some ways of increasing our church income to cover costs. If you have any ideas please have a word with Sylvia, Sue or Shirley.



## PASTORAL TEAM WALKS

### Onward Christian soldiers...

Although we had been hoping for fine weather Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup> sadly dawned with a forecast for rain in our area. However, as someone once said: *"It's not the wrong weather, just the wrong clothing!"*

So undaunted, our leaders, seasoned walkers Roger and Sheila Simpson, responded by putting on their waterproofs and invited others to do the same!

The walk went ahead around Bagnall and was enjoyed by all who took part ending with lunch together at Jackson's Nursery. Listen up for details of our next walk.

# STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS (aka 'The Simpson Report' delivered by Roger at our APCM on Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> May)

A two-year-old birthday is a good time to review our first 24 months as a vicarless church, and to think about our aspirations for the future.

We re-opened as soon as the government allowed us to do so, which was shortly after Alan's departure. Barrie and I agreed that we would provide a simple service of Morning Prayer, whether or not anyone else chose to attend. We were guessing that with luck we might have half a dozen, but right from the first Sunday, we found that we were marvellously, gloriously wrong. It was, and is, humbling and surprising.

In practical terms, we made arrangements for coming into church, collecting books and finding seats which minimised proximity to each other, and other possible routes for the spread of infection. As required, we kept a record of who attended, and this has become a regular practice. Perhaps we now need to think again. Some of our faithful felt unable to come, because of serious Covid concerns. We did our best to maintain contact with them, and service sheets with copies of the address were hand-delivered in the village, while others were sent these details by e-mail. Thank you to everyone who helped with this.

A setback was that your two Churchwardens, who had been authorised to provide Communion services by extension, were forbidden to do so. However, we began to receive invaluable support from retired priests, who take our Communion services, and now have regular monthly visits on two Sundays a month. It's so good to hear a professional give a sermon; it's listen and learn time twice over for me.

All this time, the hidden pulse of our church continues to beat; the invisible but essential jobs are faithfully carried out. Thank you to all concerned. One of these is the often disregarded but essential work done by the Treasurer. To an outsider it looks as if the accounts programme provided by the diocese makes the job harder and more baffling, rather than being a helpful tool.

In my head, I call this talk the State of the Union message. I had been thinking that maybe I should call it something else, as I'm not president of anything, but then I thought a bit more and decided that it was apposite. What keeps the good ship St Luke riding the stormy seas is the way a varied crew find ways of working together for all that builds up the common good.

While unity within the 9.15 congregation, and within the fellowship at Connections are both good, it concerns me that interactions between these two wings of the church are still sadly lacking, and this weakens the whole organisation. We need to work on this.

"Thus may we abide in union with each other and the Lord / and possess in sweet communion / joys which earth cannot afford."

It is my humble ambition to hand over to the next Vicar of Endon, if I'm spared, a church which is alive, kicking and in good heart.

***Note to powers that be: don't mess around too long!***

# PASTORAL TEAM REPORT 2021 -2022

## *Shirley writes...*

This last couple of years our ministry has changed quite significantly and yet still developed as the team has adjusted to different ways of keeping in touch and providing pastoral care. A number of the team have continued with house visits, although during the last 12 months, two people who benefitted from regular home visits, have left the area. Sadly, earlier this year, we lost Kath Redman who was a staunch supporter of the team. Kath is very much missed but remembered with love and affection by us all. Other members of the team have assisted with lifts to and from hospital appointments and church on a regular basis. At a recent meeting we decided that we are now able to resume **some** visits to Care Homes.

The Pastoral Team Walking Group has organised a number of walks since Christmas and we encourage church members to invite a friend to come along. The walks are fairly short and end with a light lunch together. They have proved good opportunities to stay in touch and to reach out into the community.

The Well Dressing resumes this year and, as usual, the team (helped by other church members) will be providing refreshments in the Chapter House. There is also an Afternoon Tea planned for July. This was decided upon after a successful Lent lunch and will provide another opportunity for folk to get together.

The Pastoral Team prayer chain is used on a regular basis and we are pleased to be able to offer support in this way.

## OUR APCM IN BRIEF:

This was attended by 13 people and chaired by Roger who opened in prayer.

- Wardens, PCC members, synod reps, electoral roll officer, treasurer, independent examiner of accounts, safeguarding officer and welcomers all “re-elected”.
- Finance: Steve answered questions about the latest financial report which had been approved by the PCC at an earlier meeting.
- Connections: Deb Podmore’s report was read out. Two new families are now attending. Nathan and Rachel have left. Suzy has retired and YouTube videos are now being used to provide songs.
- Sheila S reported that the electoral roll now stands at just 64 (47 res / 17 non-res).
- Flower & Craft Club/Safeguarding/St Luke’s Academy: Sue Forrester reported on all these. 20 regulars at the F & C Club. No safeguarding issues. She is chair of governors and a good relationship is maintained between school and church.
- Bagnall Heights Christian Fellowship: Barrie reported that this is gradually building up again after lockdown.
- Church Fabric: Roger reported that we are due for our quinquennial inspection. Our sound system needs re-furbishment. A new architect, Chris Hesketh, has been appointed from the Leek firm CTV.
- Deanery Synod: Barrie added that the appointment of a new incumbent was still at least 12 months away. Barrie, Roger and our dedicated support team were thanked for all their work over the last two years.



# The Methodist Church in Endon

- The Community Café is open on Mondays from mid-morning to 1.30pm.
- Every Thursday at 10.30am 'Fit-as-a-Fiddle' our gentle exercise group is open to all.
- Carers' Café\* is open fortnightly on Friday mornings. Next ones are June 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.
- See next page for details of our Afternoon Tea to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3.00pm.

## \*THE CARERS' CAFÉ – a right royal do!



The Carers' Cafe held the Methodist Church is open to any person suffering from dementia and their carers. The café held on Friday last was a real treat following much preparation to make it a joyful celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Bill Durose brought his guitar and took us on a nostalgic journey through the 1950s interspersed with several songs which would have been written and sung during those years and accompanied by much foot-tapping and singing from his audience.

June Amos provided scrumptious cakes to go with our tea and coffee and Mary Plant supplied bunting and small flower arrangements in red, white and blue which included the Queen's favourite flower, lily-of-the-valley.

Mary concluded with her own tribute to the Queen for whom she clearly has great admiration...a view shared by many of us in the UK and throughout the world. The session ended fittingly toasting Her Majesty with a glass of wine (non-alcoholic) and an upstanding, unaccompanied rendering of the National Anthem.

Thank you to Mary, June, Bill and all the helpers who made it such a memorable occasion.

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## DID YOU HEAR THIS ONE?

A vicar is giving a talk on church vestments to a group of primary school children. He asks the children why they think he is wearing a special collar. A young lad quickly puts his hand up and answers, "Because it kills all ticks and fleas for up to 30 days!"



*Afternoon Tea*

*To Celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee*

*At*

*Endon Methodist Church*

*On*

*Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022*

*At 3pm*

*Tickets £10 -*

*Collect from Church or Phone*

**07913842377**

**Or 01782 503411**

To help us cater for you, please inform us of any food allergies or dietary needs at the time of booking.

# **WE HAVE A NEW ORGANIST! WELCOME PATRICIA!**

For the last few years we have been indebted to various members of our 9.15 congregation who have nobly manned the sound desk to deliver music for our hymns from CDs. This has not been an easy task as modern technology can spring unexpected problems at the most inconvenient moments leading to extra long pauses or no lead-ins or no music at all.

*(Thank you to Stan Hurst, Sue Forrester, Barrie and the late Les Boulton who have suffered long!)* Our

choice of hymns has been limited too, adding to that the number of verses and the words not always

matching up with the version printed in Mission Praise and sometimes to unfamiliar tunes. Unsatisfactory though it has been, it was all we could do when having no organist and none of us could envisage the situation changing any time soon.

## **However....**

A few weeks ago the recently retired Rev Philip Robinson and his wife Rev Patricia moved into Endon and began attending St Luke's. Philip mentioned that Patricia can play the organ and when asked, said she was happy to give it a try. So it was a delight to enter the church last Sunday morning and hear music being played on our organ by Patricia.

We welcome them both of course and they have also expressed their willingness to help out with taking services. At the moment they are waiting to hear from the Lichfield Diocese for 'permission to officiate' as they have moved here from St Mary's, Rostherne near Knutsford in the Chester Diocese.



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## **AN INVITATION FROM THE ENDONIAN SOCIETY:**

Members of the Endonian Society – and anyone else who is interested – are visiting Knowsley Common on **Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 2.30pm.**

Knowsley Common is situated where the roads from Stanley, Rownall and the top of Park Lane join.

Its interest is that it is said that from this fine vantage point it is possible to see 12 churches.

It is also of interest because of its association with the Earls of Derby, whose family name is Stanley and whose main residence today is at Knowsley, Liverpool.

The Earls of Derby, many years ago, owned large areas of land around Stanley, Endon and Knowsley Common.

There is parking available and seats at this interesting venue. All welcome.

**Alan Williamson**





# 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 as soon as possible if you would like a particular date.***

Jun	CANDLE OF HOPE	SANCTUARY LIGHT
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mabel McGrath in loving memory of a dear husband, Don	Barrie in celebration of Kai's and Eloise's birthdays
12 <sup>th</sup>	Geoff and Rosey Smith in memory of their granddaughter, Naomi Rose	Sheila and Stan to celebrate the birthday of their granddaughter, Lauren (17 <sup>th</sup> )
19 <sup>th</sup>	Marilyn Plant to celebrate the birthday of our son, Nicholas James	Linda Foster with happy memories of her father on his birthday
26 <sup>th</sup>	Mabel McGrath in loving memory of John	Shirley Brindley in loving memory of a very dear Dad and Mum



## JUNE GREETINGS to

June Pope (2<sup>nd</sup>), Margaret Barlow (3<sup>rd</sup>), Fran Dale (4<sup>th</sup>),  
Mary Goodson (13<sup>th</sup>), Sophie Brough (16<sup>th</sup>),  
Chris Boulton (17<sup>th</sup>), Sarah Brindley (19<sup>th</sup>)

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

### Sheila H writes....

#### 1. Reminder about heating (or lack of it) during the summer.

As usual the heating will be turned off for the Well Dressing weekend to help preserve the flowers and will not be turned on until the autumn. So make sure you have a jacket or cardigan handy. This year this is even more important with fuel prices increasing by a considerable amount.

#### 2. There will be a Choral and Organ Prom in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the Victoria Hall in Hanley on Saturday 18th June at 12.00 noon.

The Liverpool Cathedral Choir and the Liverpool organist, Ian Tracey, will be performing works that have been written for royal occasions such as coronations and weddings. Tickets cost £11 (concessions £9.50) and can be paid for at the box office on the day. A full list of the items to be performed is on the notice board at the back of church.





## Come follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad

### ON THE RECORD

Where can I get a copy of my baptism/marriage certificate? The records which churches need to keep are many and varied and take up – even in these electronic days – a lot of space. Some records need to be kept for ever – parish registers, PCC Minutes, annual accounts and faculties (which are a kind of planning permission for CofE churches). Sometimes lack of physical space leads to records being removed to a clergy, church warden or secretary's home, tucked away and forgotten about, later to be possibly lost or thrown away. It is often tempting to have a compete clear out and hire a skip but there is always the danger you might lose something historically interesting – my own parish discovered a complete set of the original George Edmund Street drawings for the remodelling of the church in the Victorian period in a place they should not have been!

The Church of England Record Centre has produced a very helpful guide (*Keep or Bin? The Care of Your Parish Records*) covering all the material produced by and for parishes – and what to do with them. It also gives clear guidance for electronic material.

Many parishes already have a Record Office parish deposit (arranged under something lengthily called the Parochial Registers and Records Measure 1978) where parish records are deposited (and also cared for and lovingly and appropriately mended).

For Staffordshire parishes – that is, the old pre-1974 county – it is the Staffordshire Record Office; for Shropshire parishes it is Shropshire Archives. Deposits can be searched through both offices' online catalogues and record office staff are always extremely helpful in answering queries and supporting parishes. Deposited material can always be borrowed back by the parish for e.g. a special exhibition – it remains the property of the parish but just in a more secure and accessible place.

The parish deposit at your local Record Office can offer a wealth of information about your church and church life but other records held there can enlighten us about our homes, our villages, and our communities. Researching is free and fun!

Staffordshire Record Office, 16 Eastgate Street, Stafford ST16 2LZ; telephone 01785 278379 or email [staffordshire.record.office@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:staffordshire.record.office@staffordshire.gov.uk)

Shropshire Archives, Castle Gates, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY1 2AQ; telephone 0345 678 9096 or email [archives@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:archives@shropshire.gov.uk)

*Mithra Tonking has been the Diocesan Archivist since long after records began (but for longer than some of her diocesan colleagues have been able to read and write!)*

# FLOWERS OF THE MEADOW



June really is the loveliest month for meadow flowers. Hopefully many of you will have left an area of churchyard grass to grow long, either for No Mow May or else in preparation for some nature spotting as part of Churches Count on Nature.

One of the showiest flowers in a meadow is the Oxeye Daisy, also called Moon Daisy and Moonpenny;

the large white petals drawing pollinators in to the bright yellow centre. Look out for a variety of vetches, members of the pea family. You may find Tufted Vetch – look out for 6-spot burnet moths on this one. Bush Vetch and Common Vetch are likely too and a great many churchyards contain Bird's-foot-trefoil also known as Eggs and Bacon because of the mix of yellow and orange on the flowers. Richard Mabey, in his fantastic book *Flora Britannica* lists many names for Bird's-foot-trefoil including Hen and Chickens, Tom Thumb, Granny's Toenails, Cuckoo's Stocking and Dutchman's Clogs.



Lady's Bedstraw is often found in churchyards. It smells sweet when dried and would be added to hay stuffed in mattresses, particularly when preparing a bed for childbirth. Look out for the froth of yellow flowers (other bedstraws have white flowers) and the scent of honey. The Lady in the name is the Virgin Mary.

Perhaps your churchyard contains orchids, the most common one flowering in June is Common Spotted Orchid. The presence of orchids indicates an old grassland which has matured over time and developed a range of species within the soil. All orchids depend on a fungal partner, feeding the plant underground via the threadlike mycorrhizae.

Your churchyard meadow areas act as pitstops or cafes for insects and can buzz with life. Try and spend a little time enjoying them and seeing which pollinators are using them. Please join in with Churches Count on Nature and tell us what you find in your local churchyard.

All the best,  
Harriet Carty

*Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor, [harriet@cnga.org.uk](mailto:harriet@cnga.org.uk),*

[www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk](http://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk) - individuals and groups in the diocese receive 20% members discount on all CfGA materials. Use the discount code **diomem22**

# Help the Diocesan Digest spread your good news

There can't be many upsides to the pandemic but in a round-about way this could be one. The Diocesan Digest of Lichfield Cathedral has continued through the lockdowns by remotely producing the monthly sound magazine of life across the diocese and in the wider church.

It continues to appear online each month and is also sent out on memory sticks with listeners all over the country and in many parts of the world.

We would now like to give everyone the chance to be part of the Digest with the help of modern technology.

If you write for your parish magazine or contribute written articles regularly to church publications you could also read what you write on to a smartphone's voice recorder app and email the result to the Digest for us to include in the sound magazine.

Just start off by introducing yourself and where you are from and then read your article. It's really that simple. It's a way we can all get involved in spreading the good news around the church community and far beyond.

Email the finished and recorded piece to [soundmag@lichfield-cathedral.org](mailto:soundmag@lichfield-cathedral.org)

There's no limit on how many articles you send, or the length.

Many thanks and we look forward to hearing from you.

You could also include a link to the latest Digest edition in your magazine  
[www.lichfield-cathedral.org/about-us/diocesan-digest](http://www.lichfield-cathedral.org/about-us/diocesan-digest)

## FLOWER & CRAFT CLUB



We are very much looking forward to our very first, scaled-back flower festival. In recent years a great deal of money was invested in the Flower Festival but, this year, members of the Flower Club will be picking up the baton and arranging a variety of displays under the umbrella title of 'Celebrations'. The main inspiration comes, of course, from the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration and will see displays portraying events such as birthdays, weddings, Valentine's Day, harvest, Bonfire Night, christenings and Well Dressing. Along with the flowers there will be items of interest to look at including memories of the Queens' accession and coronation.

The church will be open to visitors after the Well Dressing Queen's service on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June and, also, on Sunday

5<sup>th</sup> from midday to 6pm when tea, coffee and cakes will also be available.

On June 10<sup>th</sup> the Flower Club will be arranging flowers in the church for the wedding of Janine Heath and Rob Adamson on 11<sup>th</sup> June.





## CORONATION MEMORABILIA

will be welcome to display in church alongside the floral displays. If you have anything you would be happy to bring along please contact Shirley Brindley as soon as possible. This official souvenir programme has been kindly loaned by Val Myatt.



## REMINDER...

Cakes, scones and biscuits (especially home-made) will be very welcome to serve with teas in the chapter house over the well dressing weekend. Please make sure we don't run out as we usually have plenty of visitors.





## MORE CORONATION STORIES....

I was four when Queen Elizabeth II was crowned. We didn't own a TV but my paternal grandparents did (well actually I guess it was my bachelor uncle who still lived there who bought it!)

It seemed to me that everyone who lived on the lane in Baddeley Edge was crowded in their living room watching this tiny little box with pictures.

However, the thing I remember most clearly is going to a party at Abbey Hulton Junior School. Why there you may wonder? Well my guess is that I spent Monday to Friday at my maternal nana's house in Abbey Hulton because mum and dad worked and my sister and brother were at school.

I remember the exact classroom, goodness knows how they got everyone in. We had jelly and cakes and were all given a cup, saucer and plates a gift.

The strange thing about all of this is that 16 years later in September 1969 I started my first teaching job in that same school and even the same classroom. I didn't quite get to a Platinum Jubilee but I did stay for 40 years. God bless our Queen, long may she reign.

**Kathryn**

## ALAN WILLIAMSON remembers...

He says that as nothing much seemed to be happening in Endon, he and his friends went up to Horton where there was a party going on....read his full account which is included in Shirley's collection in the church Coronation memorabilia section.

## AND FROM BURTON-ON-TRENT a college friend remembers:

We lived in Stretton at the time and there was a carnival through the streets. I was aged 5 and my parents dressed me up as the Enid Blyton character Noddy with a little pedal car. I remember crying because I couldn't keep up with the procession!

Back then my grandparents had a TV and we watched the Coronation on that.

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**THANK YOU** *to all involved with the decoration of our church with floral displays and arrangements of Coronation memorabilia and to all those who have volunteered to serve teas and welcome visitors.*

*God of time and eternity,  
whose Son reigns as servant, not master;  
we give you thanks and praise  
that you have blessed this Nation, the Realms and Territories  
with ELIZABETH,  
our beloved and glorious Queen.  
In this year of Jubilee,  
grant her your gifts of love and joy and peace  
as she continues in faithful obedience to you, her Lord and God  
and in devoted service to her lands and peoples,  
and those of the Commonwealth,  
now and all the days of her life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.***

# June Prayer Focus

- **The Russian invasion of Ukraine and the threat to world peace**
- **Politicians in the NATO countries as they make far-reaching decisions which affect us all**
- **Those countries which have a border with Russia**
- **The plight of the millions of Ukrainian refugees**
- **Those taking refugees into their homes in the UK and Europe**
- **An end to this war**
- **The energy crisis worldwide and the race to find ethical answers which are affordable and effective**
- **The families of those children murdered at a school in Texas**
- All hostages still in Iran awaiting release especially Morad Tahbaz and Mehran Raoff
- The release of Roman Protasevich in police detention in Minsk, Belarus
- The adults and children in Afghanistan who are starving and penniless after the Taliban take-over of their country
- Those without homes after the devastating typhoon in the Philippines and those in the Pacific islands of Tonga after the devastating tsunamis
- Those severely affected by the tornados which caused immense damage in the US state of Kentucky in December
- Co-operation of worldwide governments to combat climate change
- The plight of the many refugees making the dangerous Channel crossing in flimsy boats and what happens to them when they land on our shores
- The prospect of rocketing energy prices and those fearful of being unable to pay their bills
- Those countries accepting refugees
- Citizens of poorer countries who have not yet had a COVID vaccine
- All medical staff worldwide battling COVID
- Our politicians as they make decisions which affect us all
- Improved safety for women on our streets
- Our police force and the challenges they face
- UK businesses and trade problems following the Brexit deals esp in N Ireland
- The huge problem of loneliness
- Refugees everywhere especially in Yemen and the US border with Mexico
- All suffering at the hands of deeply corrupt governments
- Loved ones in our parish who are currently unwell
- Our church wardens and worship leaders during the interregnum
- Bishop Matthew and the appointment of our next incumbent
- Archdeacon Megan who took up her post in October
- The Church of England dealing with a shortage of clergy and funds
- Yemen – the on-going crisis and those trying hard to get aid into the country
- Those affected by the recent upsurge in knife crime
- The widespread drug problem especially in Stoke-on-Trent
- Lou Macari's hostel for the homeless in Hanley
- The problem of the millions of plastic bottles afloat in our oceans and the tons of 'space junk' orbiting our planet
- All who have lost loved ones recently
- The Trussell Trust food banks still needed as much as ever
- All children in danger of going hungry

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