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**October 2022**

**INTERREGNUM Month 28**

## **GOD REST OUR NOBLE AND GRACIOUS QUEEN**



'For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace... is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people, of whatever faith or none.'

Queen Elizabeth II, Annual  
Christmas Broadcast, 2014

### **Bishop Michael:**

*I share the deep sorrow of people across the Diocese of Lichfield at the death of Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, and send our condolences to all members of the Royal Family. The Queen lived a remarkable life of faithful service and maintained strength, courage and grace as she led our country through countless changes and challenges. She has served all our communities tirelessly and lived a life the like of which we are unlikely ever to witness again. The Queen's strong personal faith in Jesus Christ informed her sense of duty and her role as Defender of the Faith. We pray now that she finds rest and peace, assured by her faith, and for our cathedral and other churches across the diocese in the coming days and weeks as they offer a place of consolation for all those who mourn.*

*We also pray for His Majesty King Charles III at the beginning of his reign and we pray that he may know comfort as he grieves his mother's death.*

## **OCTOBER at ST LUKE'S**

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**9.15am HOLY COMMUNION**

**Rev Barry Wilson**

**11.00am CONNECTIONS**

**SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup>**

**9.15am MORNING WORSHIP**

**Barrie / Roger**

**11.00am CONNECTIONS**

**SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup>**

**9.15am HOLY COMMUNION**

**Rev David Nicol**

**11.00am CONNECTIONS**

**SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**9.15am MORNING WORSHIP**

**Barrie/Roger**

**11.00am CONNECTIONS**

**SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup>**

**9.15am MORNING WORSHIP**

**Barrie/Roger**

**11.00am CONNECTIONS**



**CONNECTIONS**

**Sunday at 11am at St Luke's CE  
Academy**

**in the school hall.**

**THIS IS A FAMILY-FRIENDLY  
SERVICE**

## **OCTOBER at ST CHAD'S**

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**10.45am**

**FAMILY SERVICE: HARVEST – KH and  
team followed by Harvest Lunch in  
Bagnall Village Hall**

**SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup>**

**10.45am PRAYER & PRAISE – KH / MF**

**SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup>**

**10.45am HOLY COMMUNION**

**– Rev Barry Wilson**

**SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**10.45am MORNING WORSHIP -  
KH and MF**

**SUNDAY October 30<sup>th</sup>**

**ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE  
- KH /MF**

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

**NB Revised times:**

Unless involved with funeral duties  
Barrie mans the office on Mon, Wed,  
and Fri from 10.30am to 1.00pm using  
**07517 653370**. During these times the  
church is open for private prayer.

## **MIDWEEK SERVICES**

**Wednesday Holy Communion  
at 9.15am**

**Oct 5<sup>th</sup> at St Luke's**

**Oct 12<sup>th</sup> at the Methodist Church**

**Oct 19<sup>th</sup> at St Luke's**

**Oct 26<sup>th</sup> at the Methodist Church**



**Come follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad**



## **Reason for Response**

September often marks cheerful new beginnings. Schools and colleges start a new academic year; churches emerge from the torpor of August and look forward to the autumnal programme of Harvest, Remembrance, Advent and Christmas. Things get going again and, sometimes, in September we enjoy an Indian Summer. But this year we contemplate the coming months not with hopeful cheerfulness but with an uneasy dread provoked by international

upheavals, the unsettling evidence of a changing climate and, most immediately for many, a crippling cost of living crisis. There is the real and likely prospect that this autumn people will not be able to heat their homes or feed their families.

Like others, I have been trying to think how the churches might respond to this crisis. Here are three possible things for us to consider. Firstly, we will want to offer practical support. Already there have been some excellent proposals for churches to provide warm and welcoming spaces where people can gather against the cold. This will be no easy task as making our churches warm is an expensive and frustrating business at the best of times! I would also put in a special plea for the provision of good quality activities for children and young people in the weeks ahead. When money is tight, it is these kinds of experiences that families feel they cannot easily afford. This is a good opportunity to partner in new ways with our local schools and partnership with others must be at the heart of our practical support. All of this will require of us generous and sacrificial hearts.

Secondly, and in addition to any practical action, we will want to keep asking of ourselves, and those in power, the challenging questions. In any major crisis the poor will always suffer most but there was universality to the pandemic. Covid-19 was no respecter of persons and even prime ministers were struck down by the virus. The cost of living crisis is different: for the better off, it may mean some significant belt tightening but for the poor, there will be a



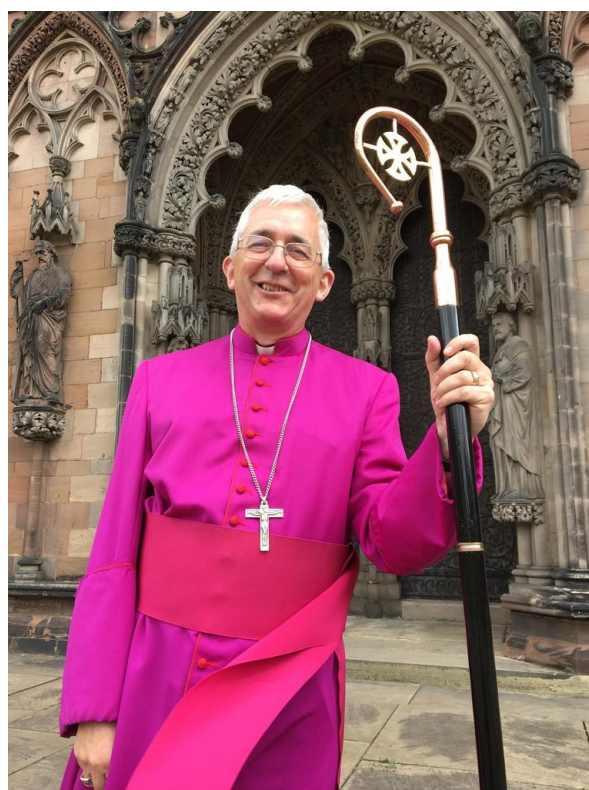
dreadful plunge into deeper indebtedness and ever more bitter poverty. The challenging question – in an advanced economy like ours – is 'Why is this the case?' Why are some people's lives so precarious that they can be tipped into penury by a rise in energy prices and what kind of society do we need to create where such injustices are abolished? Finally, as Christians, we will want to preach the gospel of hope in Jesus Christ. Practical support and the demand for a more just world are gospel imperatives but whilst it is true that humankind cannot live without bread, humankind cannot live by bread alone. Jesus preached to people who knew how precarious life could be – how one bad harvest could lead to destitution and hunger and in the wilderness he fed the five thousand as a sign of God's desire for the world. This same Jesus also spoke of himself as the bread of life who meets our deepest hunger for purpose, life and hope. It is this bread that joins our life to the life of God. This is the gospel we proclaim in a time of crisis and it is the very thing that gives us hope and a sure place to stand and moves us to love our neighbours and seek their wellbeing.

*+ Matthew Stafford*

**and from Bishop Michael...**

## **On the Record**

**October sees Prisons Week ([www.prisonsworld.org](http://www.prisonsworld.org)), a reminder to Christians to pray for all those affected by crime and imprisonment. More than 80,000 people are incarcerated**



in the UK at any one time, but it is very easy for those of us 'outside' to forget about these members of our society, as well as the officers, education and care workers, visitors and other members of the prison community – and the dedicated clergy and lay people who minister as chaplains and as chaplaincy volunteers. The Diocese of Lichfield has one of the highest numbers of prisons of any diocese of the Church of England, and whenever I visit any of them I am struck by the intense, isolated and often pressured atmosphere in these environments. Ministry in such situations is immediate, costly, and can be very demanding; it can also make dramatic differences in the lives of broken people. If prison life seems strange, distant and frightening to many of us, we should remember that for the earliest Christians it was often a

present reality: 'Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them', the author of the Letter to the Hebrews wrote (Hebrews 13.3).

Churches and Christians outside can build a sense of connection with those inside in several ways. It is good certainly to learn more about the realities of prison life in order to inform our prayer and attitudes, to go beyond simplistic headlines and slogans in order to understand some of the real challenges facing people in our criminal justice system. The Prisons Week website, for example, has some good resources and links to help with this, and of course prison chaplains and visitors can speak powerfully from their own experience.

I am impressed by the number of faithful church members who give of their time, energy and wisdom in supporting the work of chaplaincies and other prison departments as volunteers, helping some of the most helpless members of our society with friendship, encouragement and skills. And of course there can be great opportunities for individual Christians and churches to be involved at what can be the most challenging points in prisoners' lives: their release from prison. In our diocese, I am proud of the Yellow Ribbon Community Chaplaincy, [Yellow Ribbon – Community Chaplaincy \(yellowribbonuk.org.uk\)](http://yellowribbonuk.org.uk), offering faith based support to people looking to change their lives by breaking patterns of criminality.

Another way in which churches can fruitfully engage with the criminal justice system is through hosting Community Payback projects. As part or a whole of their sentence, some people will be given orders to perform a certain period of unpaid work in a community setting. Such schemes are overseen by the Probation Service, who are very keen to look for partnerships with churches (and other faith groups) in offering suitable situations for this. Supervision is provided by probation officers, and the practical benefits for churches can be considerable – for example, in clearing or restoring churchyards or other areas of land; in redecorating or repairing halls or other buildings; in assisting with the setting up and running of Places of Welcome. Beyond the material results, though, there can be the opportunities to build new relationships of friendship, trust and appreciation with people for whom those values have often been in short supply. In one village, for example, a group of women in the parish started providing tea and buns for a group of young men working in the churchyard on a community payback scheme – a fitting response from what

I often think should be renamed the 'Diocese of Cake'. Our own [Transforming Communities Together \(tctogether.org.uk\)](http://tctogether.org.uk) can advise on this, as can local probation offices. Whatever feels the right way for you or your church to engage with Prisons Week and all it stands for, my expectation is that you will find it an opportunity to deepen and enkindle your faith as well as to support and encourage people whose needs can be acute. Those of 'outside' cannot and must not forget those 'inside'; and when we take the time and the confidence to build links, we will find our lives enriched in many unexpected ways.

*Rt Rev'd Michael Ipgrave, Bishop of Lichfield*

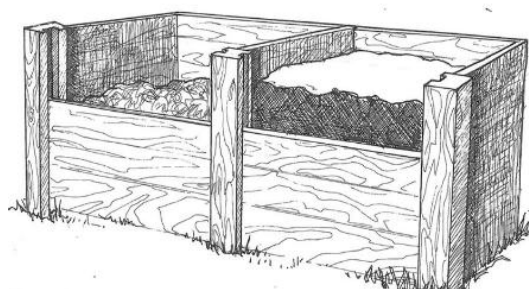


## In Praise of Composting

Many churchyards have composting areas, sometimes a built series of bays and sometimes a pile against a wall or hedge. Others use the council composting system, putting grass cuttings and other organic debris into green bins. For those who have a compost area within the churchyard there may be many creatures depending on it. October is a good time to remove compost for use on flower or vegetable beds, it is less busy than other

months and animals which will use the compost heap to hibernate will not yet be dormant. So why not dig out the compost and distribute it amongst those who will use it in their gardens and as you do, see what you will find.

First of all, there are a great many creatures which feed on dying and dead plant material, and also those feeding on each other! Look for a wide range of invertebrates including slugs, snails, worms, wood lice, spiders and centipedes. You may also find larger animals such as frogs, toads and slow worms as well as mammals including hedgehogs as well as mice, shrews and voles. In a few compost heaps near to fresh water you'll find hatched grass snake eggs, leathery-looking white shells where the female grass snake took advantage of the warmth of the composting vegetation to place her eggs. Compost heaps offer warmth, shelter and an excellent food provision and if it's possible to have one in your churchyard this will add to the rich biodiversity to be found there. Even if you cannot manage your own compost heap then it is well worth ensuring that all vegetable matter goes into some sort of composting system such as the council green bins, rather than into landfill.



As well as producing something useful, composting is also good for your carbon footprint. Composting uses oxygen to break down vegetable matter and, whilst some carbon dioxide is released, much of the carbon and the nutrients are locked into the compost. In addition, a soil with plenty of compost or other organic matter will store more soil carbon, so your garden becomes a better place for carbon sequestration as well as growing more vegetables! Putting plant material into landfill, by contrast, releases methane, a far stronger greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide. So give a cheer for the humble compost heap, its helping us all in many ways!

All the best,  
Harriet Carty

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



## **Remember this?**



## **‘GREET AND TREAT’**

**(an antidote to ‘Trick or Treat’)  
is being revived after a break of two years  
so volunteers are needed once again!**

**Monday 31st October**

With many youngsters out and about on Hallowe’en Night we will be handing out ‘Hope’ bags from UCB and inviting them back to the Chapter House for hot chocolate and marshmallows.  
If you are available to tour the streets or to make drinks and welcome folk, please meet at church at 6.00pm.

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**REMEMBER TO PUT YOUR  
CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR  
ON SATURDAY NIGHT  
OCTOBER 29<sup>th</sup>**

# FLOWER & CRAFT CLUB



A fitting floral tribute was created to honour Her Majesty in church, following our latest Flower Club meeting.

We had a lovely afternoon on 14<sup>th</sup> September, which resulted in some beautiful arrangements to honour the late Queen Elizabeth II. The pedestal arrangement was put together by Pauline Shaw and we are very grateful for her expertise. Pauline has asked that we attempt our own version of her arrangement at our next meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 1.00 – 3.00pm. New members are always welcome, and you certainly don't have to be an expert! Looking ahead, our November meeting will be on Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup> which will be perfect for Remembrance displays.

## Christmas Wreath Workshop

Back by popular demand! The wreath making workshop will take place at Endon Parish Hall on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November from 1pm. Tickets are priced at £20 and include all you will need except decorations such as baubles, bows, lights etc. Please contact Sue Forrester for tickets or more information.

## Gin Night

There will be a fundraising gin tasting and cocktail making evening at Endon Village Hall on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30 pm. There will be a chance to sample a number of different gins and to make a cocktail of your choice.

Please contact Sophie or Jean Brough for ticket and further details.



Jean 07951 740858  
Sophie 07956 158596

For more information about the Flower & Craft Club  
contact Sue Forrester on 07854 043187.





# FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA and SQUASH DONATIONS

## Please note...

Thanks to anyone who kindly donates tea and coffee etc to church.

I should like to remind everyone that many years ago the PCC decided that we should become a Fair Trade church. Since then we have managed to obtain Fair Trade tea, coffee, sugar and even communion wine. Smaller jars/boxes are better as our usage is fairly low. Large jars/boxes tend to oxidise and develop an unpleasant flavour. The same applies to bottles of squash. One small bottle can be used in a reasonable time, whereas large or multiple bottles once opened tend to go off and have to be thrown away.

*Sheila H*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,  
you called Luke the physician,  
whose praise is in the gospel,  
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul;  
by the grace of the Spirit  
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,  
give your Church the same love and power to heal;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## Remembering our Patron Saint on St Luke's Day, October 18<sup>th</sup>

After a temporary absence St Luke's Wall has now been restored, repainted and returned to its original position near the car park entrance to St Luke's CE Academy.

The symbols represent aspects of St Luke's life as told us in the Bible.

The medicine bottle remind us that he was a doctor, the pen and paintbrushes and large A remind us that he was a writer of the third gospel as well as the Book of Acts and the winged beast refers to what we think was a reference to St Luke in the Book of Revelation and also his saintly crown.



Now that the school's main entrance has been moved to the other side of the building (no doubt for safety reasons), not many may be aware of the wall and its significance.

# **ST CHAD'S NEWS**

## **ST CHAD'S HARVEST SUNDAY**

October 2<sup>nd</sup> Family Service 10:45

followed by Harvest Lunch at the Village Hall

Pie & Peas + Dessert, drinks included

Adult: £10    Children under 12: £5



## **St Chad's Christmas Fayre**



**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
at 2pm in Bagnall village hall**

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**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 from 10.00 – 12noon. Next dates: 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September.
- See also notice on page 14 from Rev Eleanor.



## FUNDRAISING

Huge thanks to Jean Brough and her team for organising the cake stall at the village hall on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks also to all those who supplied cakes! **£217** was raised for church funds .



Also huge thanks to Shirley Brindley and her team for the wonderful Afternoon Tea on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. See next page.



## PRAYER MEETING

There is much we need to pray about as well as to give thanks!

Deb Podmore has arranged a special prayer meeting on

**Saturday, 1st October in the Chapter House**

Start at 10am and finish at 12 noon.

All welcome. Do make every effort to be there folks!



# TEA in the CHAPTER HOUSE



What a splendid event for an autumn afternoon! With posh crockery and a scrumptious array of sandwiches (crusts removed), yummy cakes and jam-and-cream scones...I mean WOW!!

Shirley organised it all beautifully with help from her brilliant team.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience.  
(it would beat Tea at the Ritz any day!)



Thanks to those who loaned their tea services and their embroidered table cloths. The waitresses and washers-up were amazing.

Thank you to Shirley, Sue, Rosey, Sylvia and Sheila and to everyone else involved.



# FROM ONE WHO JOINED “THE QUEUE”...

After 14 hours of good old fashioned British queuing, we made it to pay our respects to our beloved late Queen Elizabeth II. It was one of the most moving and incredible experiences.

We joined the hundreds of thousands of people from across the UK, the Commonwealth and the world. Everyone had their own story and reason for making the pilgrimage, but in



the end we all had one purpose: to say thank you to Her Late Majesty The Queen.

I also went to represent my late grandma and granddad who were massive Royalists. My grandma was lucky to be present outside Westminster Abbey for the Queen's Coronation in 1953.

We were all in good spirits throughout the day and night. People shared food, shared stories and made new friendships. This spirit of goodwill kept us all going through the cold weather and tiredness.

As we approached the Palace of Westminster, the mood became sombre and silence descended upon us. Finally we walked up the grand staircase and descended into the Hall to send our own personal tributes to Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The police, parliamentary staff, Royal guards, Armed Forces, security agencies, medics and volunteers who have been working round the clock to ensure the Lying in State runs smoothly showed the very best of British. Thank you!

It was incredibly moving and emotional for everyone in Westminster Hall as we paid bowed our heads in respect to the most famous woman in the world who gave 70 years of outstanding public service to our nation.

She was not just our monarch, but someone who touched the lives of millions of people of all generations across the world. The hundreds of thousands of people who have made this journey are testament to how much she was cherished by her people.

An unforgettable British experience.

***Joe Porter***





## *Dying to Live*

- ❖ Have you ever wanted to talk openly about wills, funerals, dying and life after death?
- ❖ We will provide a safe space for conversation about the issues that many don't want to contemplate
- ❖ We will be led by informed people willing to share these areas of concern
- ❖ Here's an opportunity to help ourselves, family and friends face up to the only inevitable issue of our lives - our deaths

**We will meet on Thursday afternoons from 2.30pm - 4pm  
at Trinity Church, Derby Street, Leek**

**Please join us for one session or more  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

- 13 October    **'Time to say goodbye'**  
*what you need to know about planning a funeral*  
(Funeral Director)
- 27 October    **'Where there's a will...'**  
*it is important to tell your family your wishes* (Solicitor)
- 10 November    **'I'm afraid of dying'**  
(Chaplain)
- 24 November    **'Life after death'**  
*hope for the dying and care for the bereaved* (Ministers)



IN LOVING MEMORY

Further information from:  
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# CANDLE DEDICATIONS

## for OCTOBER

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.***

Oct	CANDLE OF HOPE	SANCTUARY LIGHT
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Marilyn Plant to celebrate the 6 <sup>th</sup> birthday of granddaughter, Annabelle Mabel	Ann Boulton to celebrate Emma's birthday (6 <sup>th</sup> )
9 <sup>th</sup>	Marilyn Plant to celebrate the 9 <sup>th</sup> birthday of granddaughter, Phoebe Samantha	Maureen Foster to celebrate the birthdays of grandchildren Emily (5 <sup>th</sup> ) and Joe (13 <sup>th</sup> )
16 <sup>th</sup>	Sheila and Stan to celebrate the birthday of granddaughter, Bethany (20 <sup>th</sup> )	Barrie Jackson in celebration of Amy's birthday
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sheila and Stan To celebrate the birthday of granddaughter, Anne (26 <sup>th</sup> )	Anon
30 <sup>th</sup>	Sheila and Stan to celebrate the birthday of son Paul (31 <sup>st</sup> )	Marilyn Plant to celebrate the birthday of son Andrew Edwin

## Happy Birthday!



## OCTOBER GREETINGS

### to

George Rigby (2<sup>nd</sup>), James Porter (4<sup>th</sup>),  
Emma Greatbach (6<sup>th</sup>), Neil Taylor (9<sup>th</sup>),  
Mabel McGrath, Ann Hollingsworth (10<sup>th</sup>),  
Robert Brindley (13<sup>th</sup>), Bethany Salt (20<sup>th</sup>),  
Chris Sproston (30<sup>th</sup>), Paul Hurst (31<sup>st</sup>)

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

# LEEK FOOD BANK UPDATE

THIS LIST IS TAKEN FROM THE CURRENT WEB  
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- JAM
- CUSTARD
- UHT MILK CARTONS
- INSTANT MASH POTATO
- TINNED POTATOES
- SHAMPOO
- CHOC BARS
- FRUIT SQUASH
- WASHING POWDER
- HAIR CONDITIONER
- SPONGE PUDDINGS

- TEABAGS - SMALL BOXES
- COFFEE - SMALL JARS
- KITCHEN, BATHROOM AND  
MULTI-SURFACE CLEANER
- CLEANING CLOTHS
- SHOWER GEL
- TOMATO KETCHUP AND  
BROWN SAUCE

***THANK YOU!***

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or £50 for 12 months

1 page: £10 per month  
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## LEEK FOOD BANK HAS LISTED TOP TEN ITEMS FOR YOUR FOOD BANK SHOPPING LIST:

- Tinned meat/fish
- Tinned veg/potatoes
- Tinned soup
- Instant mash
- Pasta sauces
- Cereals
- UHT Milk
- Tea/coffee
- Fruit squash
- Tinned fruit/rice pud

[leekdistrict.foodbank.org.uk](http://leekdistrict.foodbank.org.uk)

# October Prayer Focus

- Those adversely affected by the measures laid out in the new Chancellor's budget
- Wisdom, good health and stamina for our new King, our new Prime Minister and our new government as they deal with the many problems that face them at our present time and important decisions that have to be made
- All members of our Royal Family coping with the loss of a dear and much respected mother, grandmother and great-grandmother
- Those affected by the severe floods in Pakistan and those trying to help them
- The family and friends of those murdered in Liverpool especially of nine-yr-old Olivia Pratt-Korbel
- For those on low incomes in the light of the rise in energy bills
- Those coping with severe weather conditions here and in other parts of the world due to climate change
- Pakistan and all severely affected by the widespread floods
- Those affected by the severe earthquake in Afghanistan and aid organisations striving to get aid to those in desperate need
- East African countries on the verge of famine as a result of the war in Ukraine which has created an acute grain shortage
- The problem of people-trafficking across the Channel and those seeking asylum
- The recent alert for polio vaccines to be given to younger children
- The threat of monkeypox and those currently affected
- The Russian invasion of Ukraine and the threat to world peace
- The plight of the millions of Ukrainian refugees
- Those taken prisoner by the Russians
- Those taking refugees into their homes in the UK and Europe
- An end to the war
- All hostages still in Iran awaiting release especially Morad Tahbaz and Mehran Raoff
- Thankfulness for the release of Roman Protasevich and several others taken prisoner by the Russians
- Co-operation of worldwide governments to combat climate change
- Citizens of poorer countries who have not yet had a COVID vaccine
- Improved safety for women on our streets
- 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
- The Church of England dealing with a shortage of clergy and funds
- 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



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For the duration of the interregnum the newsletter is available on-line as a PDF attachment and on the church website.

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Please contact Barrie if you would like a paper copy or know someone who would. Please submit notices for our next newsletter to Ros Benson

by **Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**.

either by e-mail [jandrbenson@btinternet.com](mailto:jandrbenson@btinternet.com) or phone 504137.



***LORD we thank you for all the blessings which you have bestowed upon us through our late sovereign, Queen Elizabeth, whom you called from this life in recent days.***  
***We thank you for the wisdom of her guidance and her love of peace, for the care with which she served her people, for the example of her gracious life, and for the wellbeing which this nation has enjoyed during her happy reign.***

**Amen**