



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

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September 2022

INTERREGNUM Month 27

CAKE SALE

**Jean Brough is leading
this fund-raiser...**

WHEN? Sat 3rd September

WHERE? Endon Village Hall

TIME? 12 noon - 4.00pm

**IN AID OF? It's part of a
community fundraiser for**

the new Endon Little Learners Playgroup.



**WHAT'S IN IT FOR
ST
LUKE'S?**

**We will pay
for our
table and**

**then everything we make is
for church funds.**



OUR BIT...

PLEASE HELP! We need cakes to sell.

Cakes can be dropped off from 11 am on the day.

Please sign the sheet in church.

You can contact Jean on 07951 740858.

SEPTEMBER at ST LUKE'S

SUNDAY 4th

9.15am HOLY COMMUNION

Rev Barry Wilson

NB 11.00am

NO CONNECTIONS today

SUNDAY 11th

9.15am MORNING WORSHIP

Barrie / Roger

11.00am CONNECTIONS

SUNDAY 18th

9.15am HOLY COMMUNION

Rev David Nicol

11.00am CONNECTIONS

SUNDAY 25th

9.15am MORNING WORSHIP

Barrie/Roger

11.00am CONNECTIONS



CONNECTIONS

Sunday at 11am (***NB no
Connections on Sept 4th***)

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

**THIS IS A FAMILY-FRIENDLY
SERVICE**

lasting about 40 minutes followed
by games for the children and
refreshments.

SEPTEMBER at ST CHAD'S

SUNDAY 4th

10.45am

FAMILY SERVICE – KH and team

SUNDAY 11th

10.45am

PRAYER & PRAISE – KH and Terry

SUNDAY 18th

10.45am

HOLY COMMUNION

– **Rev Barry Wilson**

SUNDAY 25th

MORNING WORSHIP - KH and MF

SUNDAY October 2nd HARVEST (see p7)

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**. During these
times church is open for private prayer.

OUR MIDWEEK SERVICES are back!

Wednesday Holy Communion
every week at 9.15am
Sept 7th at the Methodist Church
Sept 14th at St Luke's
Sept 21st at the Methodist Church
Sept 28th at St Luke's



A BIG THANK YOU

to Philip and Patricia Robinson for generously opening their home and garden to us on Sunday 17th July. We had a delightful afternoon chatting away while scoffing tea or cold drinks and the many delicious home-made cakes and sandwiches on offer. You're both stars!

...AND ANOTHER BIG THANK YOU



to Shirley Brindley for organising the recent Pastoral Team walk at Tittesworth on the morning of Thursday August 4th. The ten of us who met up enjoyed good fellowship and a very pleasant stroll topped

off by a welcome tea/coffee and cake at the Waterview Restaurant.

Listen out for details of the next walk and contact Shirley on 01782 504089 if you know of anyone who would appreciate a phone call or visit from a member of the Pastoral Team. *(Thanks so much to all those who visited James during his week in respite care at Hen Cloud House - Ros)*



Message from Sue, Deb and Neil...

After a successful summer of table talk sessions, Connections will be taking a break for one week on Sunday 4th September. We will be back at 11am on Sunday 11th September in the school hall and look forward to seeing everyone.

FLOWER & CRAFT CLUB

Our Flower & Craft Club will return on Wednesday 14th September from 1pm to 3pm in the Chapter House as usual.

Just bring your own choice of flowers, foliage, and container this month.

Pauline and Jeanette will be demonstrating an arrangement for the October meeting.

New members will be made very welcome.

For more information contact Sue Forrester on 07854 043187.



ST LUKE'S HARVEST

This is likely to be **Sunday September 25th**. Please listen out for confirmation of this. We shall be supporting Leek food bank as usual. Please consult the list at the back of the newsletter for items which are required. Your generous support is always appreciated but needed more than ever at the present time.

With apologies to any poor souls trying to lose weight this month....

MORE CAKES

**Later on in the month do join us
to consume yet more cakes at our**

AFTERNOON TEA

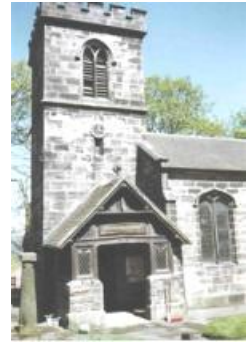
**Thursday September 22nd at 2pm
in the Chapter House.**

**Tickets on sale
at £10 from Shirley Brindley.
*Please note change of date***



ST CHAD'S NEWS

ST CHAD'S BBQ Sunday 31st July



Kath writes...

We woke up to rain and as I walked Spice on the very bleak Wetley Common I'm thinking "what have we done"! Staying positive and praying, we set off for church in the rain. Rev'd Carrie took an excellent service and when we opened the doors the sun was shining - thank you God.

About 27 of us went down to Longshutts where the family had everything organised and looking great. We were in for a lovely afternoon. Arnie was busy cooking with Julia, Grace and Fred waiting on us. The food was delicious, the company ok (just joking!!) and a very fun-filled atmosphere in beautiful countryside. For me it was extra special because it's the first time I haven't had to help and it was wonderful to sit and enjoy a lovely sunny afternoon with the church family. Thanks once again to Julia, Arnie, Grace and Fred.

Anne writes...



Awaking to raindrops splattering on the windows, we thought the barbecue would be cancelled. However the rain eased a little as we made our way to Church. Carrie officiated at the Holy Communion service, and she was

excellent. By the time we left Church the sun was shining, so we drove over to Julia's where we were made very welcome. Our prayers had been answered. Fred welcomed us with tea and coffee

and did a really good job. When everyone else arrived Julia, Kath, Grace, Carrie and Arnie served us with hot dogs and beef burgers, followed by fudge cake and cheese-cake, plus more tea and coffee. It was a really lovely afternoon as we sat there admiring the horses and donkey in the field together with the geese and hens, not to mention the cockerel. What more could we ask for? We had glorious weather, lovely food and wonderful friends to share it with. Many thanks to Julia and her hard working team for a very memorable occasion.



ST CHAD'S HARVEST SUNDAY

Family Service 10:45

Followed by Harvest Lunch at the Village Hall

Pie & Peas + Dessert, drinks included

Adult: £10 children under 12: £5

A few smiles borrowed from a recent St Chad's newsletter...

A very gracious lady was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments," she replied.

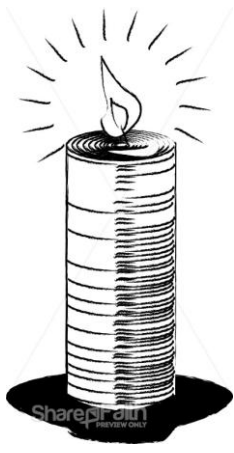
A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father, "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth...'"

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block ten times. If I don't park here I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note. "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."



The Methodist Church in Endon

- The Community Café is open on Mondays from mid-morning to 1.30pm. NB Closed Aug 29th for bank holiday.
- 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: 9th and 23rd September.



CANDLE DEDICATIONS for SEPTEMBER

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.

Sep	CANDLE OF HOPE	SANCTUARY LIGHT
4 th	Anon in memory of Noreen Gould	Ann Boulton to celebrate Emma and Lee's wedding anniversary
11 th	The candle is kept burning by June and Peter Pope	Barrie Jackson in celebration of Simon's birthday
18 th	David Moss in loving memory of Nancy Moss, mother of David and Robert	The candle is kept burning by Avril Weaver
25 th	Shirley and Roger to celebrate the birthday of their twin grandsons, Will and Tom	The candle is kept burning by Marilyn Plant



SEPTEMBER GREETINGS to

Laura Morris (13th),
Elizabeth McClintock (23rd),
Duncan Woolliscroft,
Simon Jackson (26th),
Shirley Brindley (27th)

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



Come follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad

THE GENERATION GAME

Churches are one of the few places in our society these days where all ages and generations come together. Being church is a way of life - not just being together on a Sunday morning. It needs intentionally to include all ages, to enable everyone to learn, worship, contribute and grow in relationship with Jesus together as a church family. Trying to become an intergenerational community of faith has its challenges. We can become busy in our own learning and activities, often age groups can become segregated and how often are we open to learn something about faith from someone younger than us? Age brings wisdom, but we mustn't ignore younger leaders as St Paul emphasised in writing to Timothy.

Intergenerational approaches are modelled in much of the biblical narrative. Throughout the Old Testament there were occasions when all of God's people came together to pray, celebrate, worship, hear scripture and story, but there is also importance on the everyday living of faith (e.g. Deuteronomy 6:6–9). Jesus repeatedly challenged those who underestimated children, and in the Epistles, Paul repeatedly refers to the newly formed Church as 'the body of Christ' where every part needs every other part. This is no less important today.

Every church, parish and community are different so there will be no one way of creating opportunities for generations together. However, there are things we can all do to engage with those of other generations.

Building relationships is so important, a simple smile or welcome, chatting to others about what is happening in their life, or even sharing your faith story. When was the last time you shared your faith journey with another member of the congregation or someone in a different generation? Often, we are really pleased to see children's and youth work taking place in church but may not feel it is our calling. However, there is crucial role we can all play, building relationships and sharing faith stories with younger generations can be so powerful for a child or young person to hear.

For a informal chat about developing intergenerational ministry in your church please get in touch with Laura Edwards laura.edwards@lichfield.anglican.org



Laura Edwards is Lichfield Diocese's Evangelism Enabler with a focus on under-12s and an interest in new housing developments.

She will be one of the keynote speakers for the 'Building Intergenerational Church' event for Lichfield and Hereford dioceses in Telford in October. More details at

<https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/calendar/433>



TU-WIT-TU-WOO!

The Tawny Owl is probably our most familiar owl; children grow up learning that tawny owls say 'tu-wit-tu-woo' although this is not the call of one bird.

The familiar call is a duet



between the female who starts with the harsh 'kee-vik' which is then followed by the male with the deeper 'woo-hoooo'. At this time of year you may hear a lot of owl calls as the young are noisily driven from their natal territory by their parents. Each existing territory they pass through will elicit much calling, shrieking and hooting. This is a dangerous time for the young owls and many will die, driven from hunting grounds by resident birds before they reach their first year. Once they do find a suitable territory, which is likely to be only a few kilometres from their place of birth, they may remain in it all year round for the rest of their lives, making them one of our most sedentary birds.

Tawny owls are a bird of woodland, choosing to nest within chimney-like holes within large trees. As with many woodland species, churchyards can be good places for them, containing a range of habitats full of food as well as trees for nesting. We think of tawny owls as eating mice and voles but they have quite a varied diet, depending on what is available. They may eat small birds, rabbits, beetles, frogs and worms too.

Tawny owls do well in owl nest boxes and churchyards can be good places for these. If putting one up, keep well away from paths as owls can attack people walking too near their nests. The best place for one is within a tree with ivy or lots of branches as when the young are preparing to leave the nest they start 'branching' – climbing up and down the trunk using ivy and branches as footholds, sitting in neighbouring trees and generally starting to explore. During this time the parent birds are still feeding them, and a young owl found on the ground is probably not in trouble and shouldn't be picked up in case a nearby parent attacks.

So, listen out for the tawny owls and think of the two birds duetting each other. Please let us know if you have owls within your churchyard and if not, how about putting up a nest box in a large tree?

All the best, Harriet Carty

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

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A CHALLENGE FROM THE TRUSSELL TRUST...



WALK 30 MINUTES EVERY DAY THIS SEPTEMBER AND PUT YOUR FOOT DOWN ON UK HUNGER

Step Up September challenges you to walk 30 minutes each day this September. You can do the challenge around your own time, from wherever you feel comfortable.

Walk your way through September with our virtual walking challenge. It is not the distance you travel, it's the time you give and the money you raise to help build a future where nobody needs to use a food bank.



1

Sign up! It's FREE



2

Set your target – There's no minimum sponsorship, but £100 gets you a fantastic medal.



3

Shout about it – Share your fundraising page, get your friend's and family's support.



4

Clock your progress – The challenge starts on 1 September!

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please contact Ros

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LEEK FOOD BANK UPDATE

AT HARVEST AGAIN THIS YEAR ST LUKE'S WILL BE
SUPPORTING THE FOOD BANK. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!
THIS LIST IS TAKEN FROM THE CURRENT WEB PAGE:

- 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! See also page 11

September Prayer Focus

- **The family and friends of those murdered in Liverpool especially of nine-yr-old Olivia Pratt-Korbel**
- **Political leadership in the UK**
- **The cost of living crisis especially for those on low incomes in the light of the imminent rise in energy bills**
- **Those coping with severe weather conditions here and in other parts of the world due to climate change**
- **Sri Lanka**
- **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
- The release of Roman Protasevich in police detention in Minsk, Belarus
- 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 this winter
- Citizens of poorer countries who have not yet had a COVID vaccine
- 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
- 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

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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.

Paper copies are available for those without internet access.

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, September 20th**.

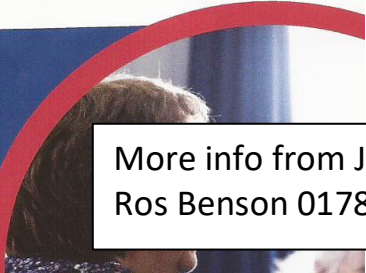
either by e-mail jandrbenson@btinternet.com or phone 504137.



Moving Together is designed to provide an opportunity for those with Parkinson's to move together with others whilst reaping the benefits it has to offer in a relaxed and enjoyable way. Carers, friends, and family members are welcome to attend.

When: **Tuesday's 1.15pm-2.45pm**
Where: **Swan Bank Church, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent**

FREE TO ATTEND
(Donations Welcome)



More info from James and Ros Benson 01782 504137