

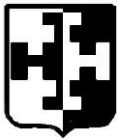


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SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, 11th November

10.45pm at St Luke's

6.45pm Beacon Lighting at Village Hall

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, 18th November

6.30pm at St Luke's

for all who have lost loved ones

Services for November

ST LUKE'S

4 th	9.15am MORNING PRAYER – Roger and Debbie 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's Primary School
11 th	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 9.15am HOLY COMMUNION – Rev Alan 10.45am SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE – Rev Alan 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's School 6.45pm WW1 COMMEMORATION at village hall 7.00pm LIGHTING OF BEACON at village hall
18 th	9.15am MORNING PRAYER – Barrie and Roger 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's Primary School 6.30pm MEMORIAL SERVICE – Rev Alan and Rev Julie
25 th	LAST SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT 9.15am HOLY COMMUNION – Rev Alan 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's Primary School

ST CHAD'S

4 th	9.00am HOLY COMMUNION BCP – Rev Alan 10.45am FAMILY SERVICE - the team
11 th	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10.45am SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE – Kath & Muriel F
18 th	10.45am ALL AGE HC – Rev Alan
25 th	10.45am MORNING PRAYER – Kath & Muriel F

MIDWEEK ECUMENICAL HC SERVICES

Wednesdays
at 9.15am

Oct 31st, Nov 14th & 28th at ESL
Nov 7th & 21st at EMC

**YOU ARE INVITED TO SHARE IN A COMMEMORATION OF THE END
OF WW1, ORGANISED BY ENDON PARISH COUNCIL...**

BATTLE'S **O V E R**

A stylized illustration of a section of barbed wire with three sharp points on each strand, positioned below the word 'OVER'.

6.45 pm: Assemble at Station Rd Playing Fields

6.55 pm: Bugler sounds The Last Post

7.00 pm: Beacon of Light

7.05 pm: St Luke's Church Bells

7.10 pm: Town Crier - Cry for Peace

7.15 pm: Endon Village Hall

Refreshments, Exhibition of pupils' work on WW1,
Social History - photographs & artefacts,
Entertainment in music and words from local
residents, schools and societies.

This is a free event with an opportunity to donate your
appreciation to 'Help for Heroes'

A NATION'S TRIBUTE

11TH NOVEMBER 2018



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Come follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad

Faith in humanity?

The Archdeacon of Salop's Pastoral Letter for November 2018

As the nation's attention turns to commemorating the centenary of the Armistice, the Archdeacon of Salop has kindly composed this message at short notice as there is currently no Bishop of Shrewsbury.

In 'Furthering Humanity' Tim Gorringer argues that Christianity makes a threefold response to human history. It **identifies** with it, **judges** it and **transcends** it. So how does this apply when thinking about war?

Identifying with our humanity means being aware of the terrible costliness of war. Christians seek to identify with all the pain it has caused and like Christ bring light into this terrible darkness.

Judging humanity means recalling that when Jesus died on the Cross, he was an innocent man enduring a brutal execution at the hands of people who were misusing their power, following false ideologies, and demonstrating cold indifference. The perpetration of violence is never without serious flaw and even folly and where possible it needs to be exposed and lawfully punished.

Transcending humanity means that ultimately hope lies beyond history. The resurrection of Jesus points to a

dimension of existence in which God 'makes all things new' and which is marked by freedom from all that divides and disfigures human life. But also one in which there are 'no more tears, nor mourning, nor pain' (Revelation 21 v 4), suggesting a healing of the wounds and tragedies of human history. Stephen Pinker argues that human violence is in decline and might disappear. But historians like Yuval Harari or Margaret McMillan (Reith Lectures 2018) say it is far too soon to tell. Hoping for heaven motivates us to change the world: 'the promised future stabs into the flesh of every unfulfilled present.' (Moltmann) Glimpsing the future form of God's shalom we become peace-makers seeking wholeness and harmony at every level of our existence – spiritual, emotional, physical, social, international and environmental. Considering this threefold response to war leads us to ask: what part does God wants us to play in making this a better world?

The Ven Paul Thomas, Archdeacon of Salop

PASTORAL TEAM

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

Next team meeting 8th January 2019

HILLSWOOD LODGE VISITS

Meet at Vicarage 10.50am for 11.00am

Next dates: 8th November; 13th December - Carols

Please sign the sheet at the back of church.

Ros has asked me for a copy of my talk from Sunday 7th October. So here it is:

Maryanne's Musings

Harvest Talk: Bible passages Deuteronomy 24: 19-22; Luke 12: 1- 31

Harvest is a wonderful festival, celebrating all that is good in God's creation. However, as I was thinking about the talk I was going to give, and kicking a few ideas around with Barrie, I started to ponder if the traditional harvest festival has lost its relevance in the culture in which we now live. Certainly in days gone past a poor harvest could mean famine and death, a situation that we still see in some parts of the world. A good harvest was something to be celebrated, not just for the farmer but also for the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker. A good harvest leads to the flourishing of the community.

We often use harvest to bless others, as the passage in Deuteronomy tells us to do. Churches auction produce, some will host harvest suppers and invite in the lonely and bereaved. Today we have brought gifts for Leek Food Bank, which will be a blessing to many families. It does St Luke's and Connections credit that this is not a one off event but something that we do all year round.

I am not sure if you know how food banks work. To access a food bank you need a voucher and these are issued by certain agencies; social services, doctors and head teachers. A friend of mine, who is a head teacher at a Moorland school, became a signatory on Leek Food Bank last year. Food Banks rarely take self referrals, for several reasons – is the person genuine? There have been recent examples of journalists trying to access food banks to say how easy it is and it beats going round the supermarket. It also takes the pressure off the staff distributing the food. Once the voucher is issued then the food bank can issue 3 days of food. If you are issued with 3 vouchers then there is a referral to Social Services, so checks and balances. Many food banks also offer additional help, cooking classes, money management and drop in cafes. Poverty can be very lonely when you cannot access the social side of life. So it's important work. Once again thank you for supporting them.

However, if you look at our first reading it is telling us something more than just being kind. God gave these instructions as a way of righteous living, and when using the word righteous here it means a right relationship with God. He is saying once you have enough for yourself then do not go back and gather more, leave it! Leave it for those that do not have crops and fields. Leave it for those that live on the margins of our society. Leave it for the orphan, the

widow and the foreigner. You may have the majority of the crop for yourself but make sure there is still something left for others. God gave these instructions in Leviticus too, when the Israelites were wandering around the desert which seems odd as they would not be farming then. Why? God is giving a picture of building a community, a picture of community cohesion where the vulnerable are looked after by those who have 'the wealth'. By doing so you ease tensions and resentment and community flourishes.

We then heard the gospel reading from Luke and Jesus tells the parable about the rich man, this is the polar opposite of what we have heard in the OT reading. Jesus says – your life is not defined by the number of things you possess. How counter-cultural is that when we look at the consumer culture of today? You can almost see the rich man boasting about the size of his barn. ..the best barn in the area and using the harvest to bless himself. It is all about me!

The passage from Deuteronomy has had an impact on me but the phrase that has impacted me the most recently is...

The opposite of poverty is not wealth. The opposite of poverty is enough.

In the OT reading God is saying take enough, leave the rest. The rich man has not got the message. Jesus' warning is harsh – look tonight your life maybe demanded from you. What good are your possessions if you are not rich before God? That righteous relationship.

But think of that phrase, **the opposite of poverty is enough**. Think of that being applied to the economy of the world. You could call it God's economy.

Just to put this in context, **in 2017 82% of the wealth generated went to the richest 1% of the global population. While 3.7 billion people who make up the poorest half of the world saw no increase in wealth. It is predicted that by 2030 the richest 1% will own 2/3 of the world's wealth. It takes 4 days for a CEO from one of the top five global fashion brands to earn what a Bangladeshi garment worker will earn in her lifetime.**

Economics should work for everyone not just for the fortunate few. Let us be in no doubt that power lies with the wealthy. We can see wages as part of the harvest. I was blessed to have the ability to become a teacher – my harvest. I earned X – and Y was taken in taxes, to fund such things as the NHS and education, leaving me with Z, enough. At the moment there are over 1,000 children in Endon receiving a free education; that does not happen in all parts of the world.

Jesus then goes on to tell his disciples, a band who would not have many possessions as they had given up their livelihoods to follow him, "don't get

anxious". Let us not forget that stress and anxiety are a major cause of mental health problems in our society. Look at God's creation and how He cares for it. He will care for you also. Seek His Kingdom first...which brings me neatly back to the OT passage.

The Kingdom of God is about helping and enabling people. Through our harvest we build a society for those who do not have enough. This is the world God created for the flourishing of all. We pray 'thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven'. I bet there are no food banks in heaven. Would it not be wonderful to see the economics of our harvest displayed here in church to be applied on a global scale? At the supermarket I fill my trolley with what I need when I have enough I put in extra for the food bank. I have enough. What can I do to bless others?

Recently Justin Welby the Archbishop of Canterbury was criticised for speaking up about such issues. Some say he should not speak about politics. However, he is a member of the House of Lords, part of our political system. But he did not just speak out in a political way. He spoke out as a passionate follower of Jesus. He spoke from the Word of God. He spoke from a desire to see God's Kingdom here on earth. Yes he spoke from a political point of view but not a party one there is a subtle difference.

During his speech he said this:

"I dream of empty night shelters. I dream of debt advice charities without clients. When justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, the food banks close, the night shelters are empty, families and households are hopeful of better lives for themselves and their children, money is not a tyrant and justice is seen."

Let's take that into our own lives. Would it not be great for someone to say in a couple of years time to say we are not collecting for the food bank? It has closed because it is no longer needed. Would it not be fantastic for Ros to say we are not collecting stamps for the Leprosy Mission or donations to the Christian Blind Mission as every person is receiving treatment? Would it not be wonderful for our Christian Aid walkers to say we are not walking this year because every person has clean water to drink and enough to eat?

I wonder if it is time for another year of Jubilee as we saw in the year 2000 where Christians joined together to shout out about injustice. I know Joyce Forrester took some of you to Birmingham to form a human chain. One of Joyce's favourite phrases was ***"to walk on the water you need to get out of***

the boat". Perhaps it is time for Christians worldwide to get out of the boat and out of their churches, to raise their voices to cry for a Harvest for the World...to see the world economic system that favours the rich and the powerful **change** to God's economy that is an economy for all.

I recommend that you read 'Dethroning Mammon' by Justin Welby. I have a copy if you wish to borrow it.

Maryanne



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.



CANDLE DEDICATIONS for NOVEMBER

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

Nov	CANDLE OF HOPE	SANCTUARY LIGHT
4 th	Marilyn Plant in memory of a dear mother, Beryl Turner	Mabel McGrath to celebrate Donny's birthday
11 th	Lyn Pickering in loving memory of Ronald Pickering on his birthday (15 th) from all his family	Maureen Foster in loving memory of George and Catherine Davenport, loving parents of Maureen
18 th	Ann and Les Boulton in loving memory of our parents	Elaine Clarke and Dominic in loving memory of Roy, a wonderful husband and father
25 th	Anon	<i>No dedication</i>



NOVEMBER GREETINGS

to Ivy Faulkner (4th), Sam Dale (7th), Gary Millington (9th), Lauren Benson (22nd), George Greatbatch (23rd), John Bailey (25th), Madeleine Clarke (28th)

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

ST LUKE'S POPPIES



An enormous thank you to everyone involved in the creation of our poppy cascade.

Sadly the finished display cannot be in place in time for a picture in this month's newsletter.

However, you can view the real thing on and after Remembrance Day, November 11th.

What's the point?

When you're feeling totally powerless, as the civilised world seems bent on tearing itself to bits and all the old certainties have been dismissed as "old fashioned nonsense", you might find this meditation from the Northumbria Community's Book of Celtic Prayer a source of reassurance.... a reminder that we are all important to God.

*Seven times a day, as I work upon this hungry farm,
I say to You, "Lord, why am I here? What is there here to stir
my gifts to growth?*

*What great thing can I do for others – I, who am captive to
this dreary toil?*

*And seven times a day, You answer," I cannot do without you.
Once did my Son live your life, and by His faithfulness did
show My mind, My kindness, and My truth to men.*

But now he has come to My side, and you must take His place."
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Barrie

FLOWER ARRANGING...

LESSONS TWO and THREE!

October 10th brought a return of Pauline and Jeanette to bring our novices to the next stage in technique using five flowers



and greenery in a flower pot. Here are some of the results which you will agree are very creditable. Pauline then demonstrated the arrangement she suggested for the third session, being a more

horizontal design in stunning autumn colours (see below). Do come along even if you just want a cup of tea and a chat and to watch the others! Next dates are Nov 7th and 21st, 1 – 3pm in the chapter house.





USED STAMPS

Please remember to save your used stamps for **The Leprosy Mission** to enable it to continue its work restoring limbs damaged by leprosy

and helping those who are cured to set up businesses so they can earn a living. The collection box is in its usual place behind the main door at St Luke's. St Chad's folk may like to hand used stamps to Muriel Buckle. Please remember to trim off excess paper. Stamps will be sent off at the end of January. TLM Stamps & Collectables has raised over £1 million to benefit people affected by leprosy. It takes seconds to rescue a used stamp from an envelope destined for the recycling bin but, by doing so, healthcare and opportunities can be provided for people in desperate need.

The Leprosy Mission Christmas catalogue has a wide range of Christian books, cards, calendars, diaries, CDs, DVDs and stationery as well as various items made by those who have been treated. I can lend you my copy but you can order any of the products on-line. **Ros**

HOW ABOUT THIS IDEA FOR ADVENT?

Instead of opening a window and eating a chocolate during Advent, why not find a large box or basket and each day add an item suitable for the foodbank? On Christmas Eve donate the contents!





**Send your
CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS to
fellow church
members in the
December
newsletter**

**and by doing so help
THE CHRISTIAN BLIND MISSION restore sight
to thousands of people.**

One of the best Christmas presents to a fellow human being must surely be the gift of sight.

Your Christmas greetings will be welcome for inclusion in next month's newsletter in exchange for a donation to **CBM**.

All you need to do is

- ***Put your donation and wording in an envelope***
- ***Hand it to Ros Benson before November 20th please.***

You could also send your message by e-mail (see back page) but please put your donation in an envelope marked ***'Christmas Greetings – CBM'***

Please make cheques payable to ***Endon, St Luke's PCC***. Our treasurer will then send a cheque to **CBM** from the church. I suggest a minimum donation of £5, but if you could spare a tenner, even better! Thanks. Ros

THE REAL ADVENT CALENDAR 2018



You can order on-line from Traidcraft or the Meaningful Chocolate website. Calendars should also be available in Tesco supermarkets at **£3.99** each.

This is a great way to share the Christmas Story

The Real Advent Calendar is a fun way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story. The calendar comes with a free 28-page Christmas story activity book designed to be used every day in Advent.

Behind each of the 24 windows there is a festive Fairtrade chocolate made from our new and improved Fairtrade blend.

The Real Advent Calendar is designed to share and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas so that Christ is not written out of Christmas.

As well as celebrating the true meaning of Christmas, the calendar makes a charity donation, from every sale, to Traidcraft Exchange and the Funzi & Bodo Trust.



The Real Advent Calendar is available directly from on-line shop, from larger Tesco stores and select retailers. Supplies are limited so buy early.

NEWS FROM ST CHAD'S, BAGNALL



Sheila Tipper writes...

HARVEST

The Harvest service on 7th October was a lively, joyous affair despite certain technical hitches. Once again technology



reared its ugly head and the computer



refused point blank to party with the projector. After much coaxing by Caryl and Charlie, they managed to get the 2 together and they proceeded to behave beautifully (well, almost!). Poor Kath was left to act out the "setting the scene" with words and

gestures which did seem to be very popular because it was so funny.

Everyone was in a great mood and, I must admit, that at St Chad's we do cope well with these little hiccups!

People generously donated baskets of goodies during the service. These were



sold off after the service with the proceeds going to St Chad's and Help for Heroes, the designated charity. The baskets and the lunch meant that we donated the sum of £300 to Help for Heroes, plus the

proceeds of a collecting box. An excellent lunch followed the service and was enjoyed by a full house, as was the talk given by Martin Burrows. Everyone agreed that it was a lovely way to spend a few hours with good food and good company.

Harvest

Ears hear,
the green to gold
of gowns spread far,
a procession, dresses
mud, to dirt, to earth again.

Mouths eat,
or sometimes not,
elbows on each other's
tables, laughter of a meeting,
field, to meal, to lips again.

Bread breaks,
because it's not
a fracture, or an end,
but something that grew.
Hands, to fists, to new again.

Thank you for the sun.
Thank you for the rain.
Thank you for the circle of the world,
the round shape of a plate,
the constant mess of change,
the power of a people,
all looped around a cause.
Thank you for enough.

Matilda Houston-Brown

Poppies

We are hoping to open the church during the week after Remembrance Sunday so that everyone who has helped with the knitting of the poppies (and anyone else who's interested) will be able to enjoy them in situ.

The suggested times for opening are as follows: Monday 12th in the afternoon so that the craft club can see their poppies; Tuesday 13th afternoon; Wednesday 14th morning during the usual coffee time; Thursday 15th afternoon and Friday 16th morning.

St Chad's Christmas Fayre



**Saturday 24th November
at 2pm
in Bagnall village hall**

Once again, our village Chestnut queen will have the honour of opening the Fayre and will be introduced by the chair of the P.C.C., Kathryn Howell.

Admission is 50p per adult with children going free

There will be refreshments (tea/coffee and cake), stalls, including cakes and preserves, crafts, plants, toys etc, tombolas, raffle, games and fun for all.

Help us to make it the best year ever!!!!

Advance notice for Christmas

This year St Chad's has been designated a Christmas card free zone. We want to do our bit for the environment, to donate to charity and save those of us who don't send cards the feelings of guilt! Nearer the time there will be a large card for everyone to sign and a collecting box where you can donate what you would have spent. The proceeds will go to swell St Chad's coffers and, in line with our policy, a tenth will go to a chosen charity.

You will, of course, also be able to write a Christmas message in the newsletter which will run throughout December.

Dates for your diary


Church is open for coffee, biscuits and a chat between 10.45am and 12.15pm every Wednesday.

Creative Corner craft club meet on Monday 12th and 26th November at 1pm to 3pm at The Stafford Arms

The Carols by candlelight service will be held on Sunday 8th December at 4pm.

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ENDON, ST LUKE'S CE ACADEMY CHRISTINGLE SERVICE: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED and DONATIONS PLEASE!

In September this year St Luke's school became an academy.

The children will be holding a

Christingle Service in church on **Friday 23rd November** which will be a good opportunity for church members to connect with both pupils and staff.

Rev Alan is appealing for 6 - 8 volunteers to arrive at the school at 9.30am and help the children construct their Christingles. Later that day he needs a couple of volunteers to act as welcomers at church from 1.30pm for the Christingle Service at 2.00pm.

Please contact Rev Alan as soon as possible if you can help at either of these times.



FUNDING:

He would like the Church to fund the materials which include oranges, candles, ribbons/red tape, cocktail sticks and sweets. If you are able to make a donation please contact Rev Alan.



ONE SMALL ACT OF KINDNESS ...BIG RIPPLES

During the summer Chernobyl Children's Project (Endon Group) welcomed two groups of Belarusians. In May a group of five mums and their young

children, and during the school summer holidays a group of seventeen teenagers were hosted by local families.

Our local CCP team has invited such groups for over twenty years and hundreds of children, all of whom have been in remission from cancer, have benefitted from the uncontaminated environment and just having fun, giving a boost to their impaired immune systems. The Group organises a wide range of activities and our guests return home with many good memories.

Unfortunately, the long-term effects of the 1986 nuclear disaster in Chernobyl still lead to higher than normal incidences of cancer and related radiation disorders among the population of Belarus, which was the part of the former USSR most affected by the nuclear fall-out.



One of the mums who was hosted by Endon families was Alena, with her son Kyril. On their return, she wrote about a very memorable experience that made their trip extra special. While here, she and her host family visited the Endon well dressing car-boot sale. She marvelled at the many things that people were selling for a mere pittance. Her eye caught something unusual that she had never seen before: a boatswain pipe or bosun's whistle (*Historically the boatswain's call/whistle*

was used to pass commands to the crew when the voice could not be heard over the sounds of the sea. Because of its high pitch, it could be heard over the activities of the crew and bad weather. It is now used in traditional bugle calls such as Evening Colours/ Sunset and in other ceremonies in most modern

navies. It is sometimes accompanied by other auditive features such as ruffles and flourishes, voice commands and announcements, or even a gun salute. – ref. Wikipedia).

Her host bought the pipe for Alena and she was delighted. Beautiful as the boatswain pipe was, on reflection she felt, it would be a pity to keep such an interesting object just for herself and her family. Alena got an idea: she lives near Brest in Western Belarus, a landlocked country. This town, however, has the only training centre for ‘young sailors for the river fleet’, where students can study the basics of navigation. Adjacent to this school is a naval museum.

After the holidays she and her children visited the Centre where they spoke to the teachers, who were all experienced sailors and who appreciated the uniqueness of the boatswain pipe. The students, who gave them a tour of the museum and explained the exhibits on display, were all delighted to receive such a special addition to their museum collection, coming all the way from the UK. Alena finished her letter: *“Thus our trip to England turned out to be historic – for my family, for the Centre, for my country. I am really happy that this object will be in the right place. My son’s disease has taught me a lot of lessons. I am grateful to God and to those people whom I met when my son Kyril fell ill”.*

If you would like to know more about Chernobyl Children’s Project please speak to the coordinators John and Julie Gater on mob 07816 842 322 (or landline 01782 535000) or visit the website:

www.chernobyl-children.org.uk/local-groups/endon-stoke

FUNDRAISING

Please try and support the Chinese Meal evening which Ingrid and Nigel are organising at The Arch Restaurant in Newcastle on **Sunday November 25th**. It is always a good evening with wonderful food and is a great fundraiser. Tickets are £22.00 from Ingrid on mob 07887 997558. Auction items would also be appreciated.

We are also in need of bric a brac for the CCP stall in Stoke Indoor Market, so if you are having a sort-out at home any suitable items would be greatly appreciated. Ask friends, family members and neighbours too. Items can be taken direct to the stall on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays or contact Julie to arrange a suitable time for drop-off or collection.

Best wishes **Lindsey and Julie**



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	Host	Leader	Time
Monday	Claremont St George's Ave	James & Ros	Maryanne	7.30pm
Tuesday (NB 2 nd week of the month, this is replaced by HC on Wednesday.)	Bagnall Heights Lounge	Pauline Hart	Barrie Jackson	11.00 am

Fair trade status

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 guarantee small traders and workers are not disadvantaged.





Lest we forget...

Everyone sang

Everyone suddenly burst out singing:
And I was filled with such delight
As prisoned birds must find in freedom,
Winging wildly across the white
Orchards and dark-green fields: on--on--and out of sight.

Everyone's voice was suddenly lifted;
And beauty came like the setting sun;
My heart was shaken with tears: and horror
Drifted away. . .O, but Everyone
Was a bird; and the song was wordless; the singing will
never be done.

Siegfried Sassoon

*Submitted by Roger Simpson
(this is Roger's final LWF submission...thank you Roger for your idea
and for keeping it going over the last four years!)*

LEEK FOOD BANK UPDATE



This update covers Sept 2018.

Since the last update the number of people helped by the foodbank was 129 and included 52 children.

Harvest usually brings a good number of items in for which we are grateful.

It does make it hard estimate our precise requirements. Our website will be updated as soon as we can but for your convenience we require....

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

- Porridge
- Tinned Salmon
- Nappies size 5/6
- Sturdy carrier bags

We are also beginning to collect Christmas goods. Christmas comes quickly and goods given in December are often too late to be distributed, so if you want to do something now is the time to do it.

WE HAVE PLENTY OF

- Baked beans
- Pasta
- Soup
- Sugar
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Soap
- Milk
- Cereals toilet rolls
- Nappies size 1-4

Cathy Malins has had the challenge of organising the October rota which is especially difficult as it is when most of the Harvest Goods arrive, and we need more folk to help. Our thanks go to the volunteers who step up to the challenge and to Cathy who has done very well.

Jenny Hogan our donor co-ordinator has stepped down but has supported us through October. A huge debt is owed to her for her reliable and sacrificial service. Our best wishes go with her as she explores different areas of volunteering.

We always welcome interest from those who might consider volunteering. The hours mean that many who express interest find themselves unable to operate during our 'open hours'. We give our thanks to them nevertheless and many thanks to those who are able to come on board.

If you'd like to have a look around then you would be most welcome, but please ask so that we can make sure that we have the right level of help rather than just turning up.

Yours sincerely

Peter Davies, co-ordinator

(Please note: Foodbank clients need to carry away their donations of food in some form of container. Even though we are all trying to limit our use of plastic, the folk running the foodbank would be grateful for any spare plastic bags you may be willing to donate.)



Thank you to all who donated so generously this year. These are just some of the items brought to church on Oct 7th. More items arrived the following week and Alan P took them over to the food bank on Oct 18th. The total weight was 114kg (last year 81.1kg). THANK YOU ALAN!

From Sheila Hurst....

Treasurer's Team (and all of us) say “Thank you Maurice!”

The treasurer's team is responsible for counting and banking the weekly income to the church. For several years this has consisted of Les Boulton, Sheila Hurst, Alan Payne and Maurice Woolliscroft. Reluctantly Maurice has had to resign from this task. Our thanks go to him for many years in this role. Chris Wilson has agreed to take Maurice's place. Thanks Chris and welcome to the team.



Endonian Society Harvest Auction

Our thanks go to the Endonian Society for their donation from their Harvest auction held in the village hall. **£265** was received towards our work with children. This will go a long way to funding the craft activities at the Connections service.

Gift Aid

Do you Gift Aid your donations to St Luke's Church? If so please inform Sheila Hurst (503622) if your details change. This includes your address and your tax status (i.e. you no longer pay standard rate tax or above.)

Mothers' Union Notices

The Autumn Council meeting will be held at 10.00am on Saturday 10th November at Doxey (Stafford). All members are welcome. (See Sheila H if you are interested).

*And finally a few chuckles
from Ann and Les Boulton...*

Humour

Things My Mother Taught Me

My mother taught me **TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE**—"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

My mother taught me **RELIGION**—"You'd better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My mother taught me **LOGIC**—"Because I said so, that's why."

My mother taught me **MORE LOGIC**—"If you fall out of that swing and break your legs, don't come running to me."

My mother taught me **FORESIGHT**—"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

My mother taught me **IRONY**—"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

My mother taught me about the science of **OSMOSIS**—"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

My mother taught me about **CONTORTIONISM**—"Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

My mother taught me about **WEATHER**—"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

My mother taught me about **HYPOCRISY**—"If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"

My mother taught me about **ANTICIPATION**—"Just wait until we get home."

My mother taught me **MEDICAL SCIENCE**—"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to stick that way."

My mother taught me about my **ROOTS**—"Shut that door behind you. Were you born in a barn?"

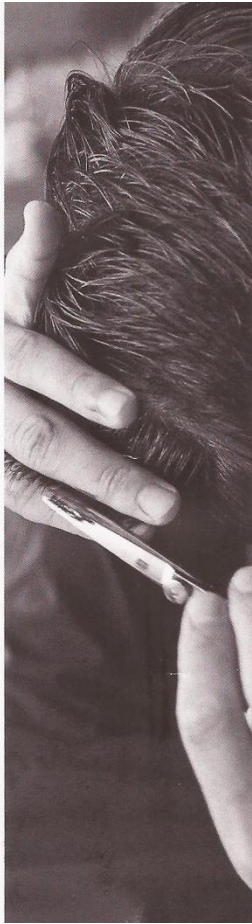
And my favourite: my mother taught me about **JUSTICE**—"One day you might have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

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November Prayer Focus

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- The family and friends of journalist Jamal Khashoggi murdered in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul and those seeking the truth
- The people of Indonesia affected by the recent earthquake and tsunami
- For the people in the Yemen facing starvation, an end to hostilities and for vital aid to get to where it is needed
- Victims of the typhoon in the Philippines, Hong Kong and China and the tropical storm affecting US states Virginia, North and South Carolinas
- All helping to re-build thousands of shattered lives
- Archbishop Justin Welby in addressing the need for an increase in taxes and for taking on Wonga and Amazon
- All fleeing persecution to Bangladesh from Myanmar
- Medical teams and relief agencies
- Those starving in Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan and all the aid agencies working there
- The problem of the millions of plastic bottles afloat in our oceans and the tons of 'space junk' orbiting our planet
- Brexit negotiations especially the problem of the Irish border
- Healing for those in our church and community who have been in hospital recently and are now recuperating
- Wisdom for world leaders in making decisions for peace
- Those in our parishes who are ill and those caring for them
- For all refugees and asylum seekers
- 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 as he begins his new ministry as a lay reader
- Our MPs and district and parish councillors

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Mark 10 v17 – v23

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered, "No-one is good – except God alone. You know the commandments: Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honour your father and mother." "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

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