

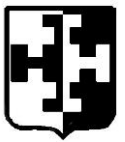


THE UNITED BENEFICE of ST LUKE'S, ENDON with ST CHAD'S, BAGNALL

Encounter, Encourage, Enable ... Committed to Sharing God's Love

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July – August 2019



Congratulations Adam, Wilf, Geoff, Sue, Sheila, Alex,
Matilda, Lee and Ashleigh who were confirmed by
our Bishop of Stafford,

Rt Rev Geoff Annas, on June 11th.

May you all know the Lord's blessings in your lives.

SPECIAL FLOWER FESTIVAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

at St Luke's on Sunday, July 7th at 9.15am (see p4)

Join us to show appreciation to members of Endon Floral Arts team
and our own novice Flower Club and anyone else who helped out in
whatever way.

Services for July

ST LUKE'S

7 th	9.15am MORNING PRAYER – Special flower festival thanksgiving service – Roger w Barrie 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's Primary School
14 th	9.15am HOLY COMMUNION – Rev Alan 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's School
21 st	9.15am MORNING PRAYER – Barrie w James 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's Primary School
28 th	9.15am HOLY COMMUNION – Rev Barry Wilson 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's Primary School

ST CHAD'S

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MIDWEEK ECUMENICAL HC SERVICES

Wednesdays at 9.15am

3rd & 17th July at the Methodist Church

10th & 24th July at St Luke's

There will be no midweek services during August.

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A JOINT NEWSLETTER FOR BOTH JULY and AUGUST 2019

Copy for September should be submitted by Tues August 20th please.

HAIL! WEDDING BELLS and FAREWELL...



We are delighted that Rev Julie Herbert, our Methodist minister and good friend to St Luke's over the last eight years, will be getting married to Richard Hassall later this month in a service to be conducted by her predecessor, Rev Ann Gibson here in Endon. However, we are also sad because soon afterwards she will be leaving Endon to take up her new post as Superintendent Minister of

the Staffordshire Moorlands Circuit based in Cheadle.

St Luke's has enjoyed a very good relationship with the Methodist Church for many years and we are sure that will continue. Rev Julie and Richard know they will always receive a very warm welcome whenever they are able to visit us. We pray that the Lord will bless them both with many happy years together.

In the meantime we look forward to welcoming Rev Julie's successor, Rev Eleanor Smith, in September.

ST LUKE'S CHURCH - ENDON

*** INVITATION ***

TO
OUR THANKSGIVING
SERVICE

TO CELEBRATE THE

2019

FLOWER FESTIVAL & WELL DRESSING

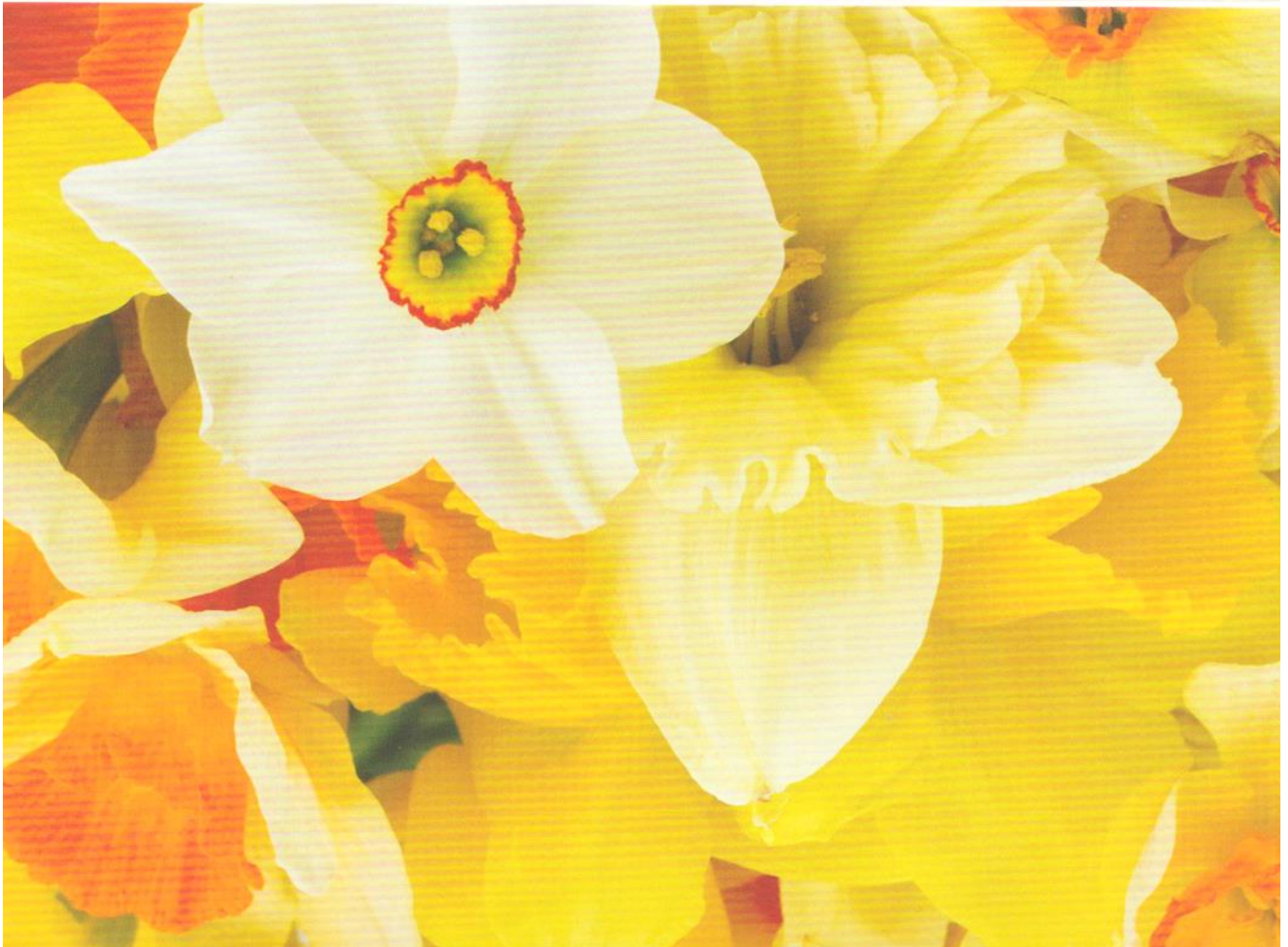
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SUNDAY 7th JULY 2019

** Join us for coffee

and

** cake **





Come follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad

BRAVE AND AMBITIOUS

The Bishop's Pastoral Letter for July 2019

THE NEW BISHOP OF SHREWSBURY,

**SARAH BULLOCK, LOOKS FORWARD TO DISCOVERING
LICHFIELD DIOCESE**

When I read the Bible I hear the voices of God's people and their stories of faith. These are not always straightforward or easy, but God is faithful and his heart is for all people to come to know him. In the New Testament we encounter God in his son, Jesus, and the Good News he brings is a message of love and justice for all people.

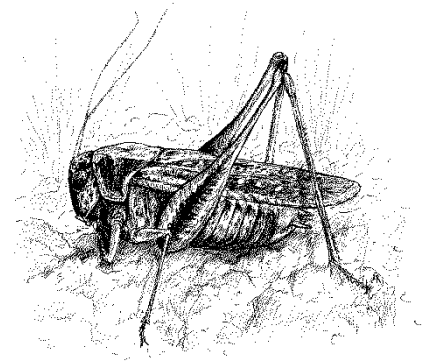
As Christians we are called to live out this message of love and justice in our relationships as we share in God's transformational work among his people and build communities of hope. Together we need to be open to the transforming message of God's love for us.

As Bishop of Shrewsbury I will be taking every opportunity to connect with people as we journey together as 'pilgrims on the road', discovering this message of hope for ourselves, our families, friends and communities, through conversation, relationship, worship, prayer and encounter. I believe that God has gifted me with a loving heart and a passion to walk with others as together we discover our place in God's story and our home in God's heart.

The gospel message is also a call to dynamic living - stimulating progress, hopeful in attitude and encouraging of others as we live the Good News. We need to be brave and ambitious, creative and entrepreneurial if we are to be truly outward-facing believers, engaged with the world.

I am really looking forward to our journey together!

+ Sarah Bullock



What a Racket!

In July the sound of birdsong has diminished but it is time to listen again, this time for grasshoppers and crickets! Like birds, each species of grasshopper has a distinctive sound and they can be identified by this, saving you going down on hands and knees to search. Churchyards can be brilliant for these and other insects which thrive in grassland, particularly when there is a combination of short, long and tussocky grassland and many churchyards have all three. So, churchyards provide grasshoppers with lots to eat and some sites can have more than three grasshoppers per square foot.

Grasshoppers 'sing' or *stridulate* by rubbing their legs against their wings; when females are present the male sings a particular courting song. Eggs are laid, buried in the soil just below the surface or at the base of tussocky plants. The young can often be seen jumping about in early summer.

Spare a thought for these amazing insects, there are 30 species of grasshopper and cricket in the UK and you can make your churchyard a refuge for them and for other insects, by having a mixture of close mown grass, wildflower meadow and leaving a margin of tussocky grassland against a wall or hedge. This provides a refuge for insects to overwinter and lay eggs, ready for next year's racket!

All the best
Harriet Carty,

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

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DISCOVER LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL



Now is a great time to visit your Cathedral. There is so much going on that there is not enough space here to tell you all. Cathedrals in Britain are booming. The latest Church of

England statistics for 2018 confirms that cathedral services are continuing a trend begun 20 years ago and attracting greater numbers of people every year. Cathedral congregations are larger than at any time since the millennium. But this is only part of the success story. Many more visitors come to Lichfield and other cathedrals attracted by an ever-widening range of liturgies, exhibitions, theological presentations and attractions. The national statistics of Cathedral visitors show that they number 10-11 million averaged over the last 5 years. The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby has commented very favourably on the Cathedral's programme of events and exhibitions and called them imaginative. Add to this the recent announcement that Lichfield Cathedral volunteers have been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. Your Cathedral is a thriving and vibrant place attracting 155,000 visitors annually.

2018 was a year of commemoration marking the centenary of the ending of World War I. The central theme in the Cathedral was therefore **"Imagine Peace"**. It encompassed a full programme of events, exhibitions and special services culminating in a packed Remembrance Day service with more people in the Cathedral than ever seen before. Exhibitions included a "Consequence of War" Exhibition from April to June visited by more than 20,000 people, "The

Great Exhibition 2018: Imagine Peace” in August visited by some 16,500 people and “The Cathedral Illuminated 2018: Peace on Earth” featuring 22,000 paper doves suspended in the nave, attracting over 20,000 visitors. The highlight of this commemorative year was the **installation of a cruciform icon of Christ Crucified, Risen and Lord of All** suspended above the nave. Written by the Bethlehem School of Iconography in a special studio in the Cathedral, the cross was blessed and dedicated by the Bishop of Lichfield on Holy Cross Day in September. It testifies to the main purpose of the Cathedral as a Cathedral in Mission. A place of prayer, worship and pilgrimage welcoming all.

This year 2019 is the 50th anniversary of the first Moon Landing and so the theme in the Cathedral is **“Journeys: Through Space, Light and Time”** with services, concerts and special events. The first Moon Landing captured the world’s attention and imagination, opening up new perspectives on space and how we see Earth in the vast expanse of the universe. This summer from July to September **“One Small Step” created by Peter Walker, the Cathedral’s Artist-in-Residence** will transform the Cathedral floor into a lunar landscape, giving you the opportunity to walk on the Moon and watch the galaxies emerge above you while standing there. The theme of The Great Exhibition 2019 in August is **“Space: God, the Universe and Everything”**. This will take you on a journey through stunning sound, light and art installations revealing the Universe, Space and Creation. It is an experience not to be missed.

Tickets are available at www.lichfield-cathedral.org/space

Throughout the year, **tours** of all descriptions are available at the Cathedral for groups and individuals to enjoy led by the Cathedral’s team of trained, enthusiastic and committed volunteer guides. They will take you on a journey through 1,300 years of history including seeing the Cathedral’s two great 8th Century treasures, the St Chad Gospels and the Lichfield Angel. The tours include twice-daily free Highlight Tours, pre-booked tours both general and themed, the very

popular Library Tours, a new Hidden Heights Tour as an alternative to our popular tower tour while conservation work is taking place on the central spire, and Candlelit Tours in the winter months. Specialised tour topics available include the Anglo Saxons, The Life of St Chad, Stained Glass, Architecture, The Close and The Civil War. To book a group tour contact visitorservices@lichfield-cathedral.org or call **01543 306150**.

Finally, to mark 1,350 years since the Cathedral's patron saint St Chad arrived in Lichfield in 669 AD, the Cathedral has commissioned its Artist-in-Residence, Peter Walker, to create a **new statue of St Chad**. The public sculpture will be cast in bronze and stand 3 m tall in the Cathedral Close facing Dam Street to welcome pilgrims and visitors to the Cathedral. If you would like to make a donation to help create a lasting monument to this great central figure in the history of the Cathedral and the Diocese contact the Cathedral at www.lichfield-cathedral.org/chadstatue

Anne Parkhill, trustee & guide, Lichfield Cathedral

ORGAN RECITAL

If you were unable to attend Malcolm Nierinck's organ concert you missed a treat. I have been attending St Luke's for (dare I admit) nearly 70 years and I can't ever remember an evening devoted solely to listening to our wonderful old organ. After his recital Malcolm was kind enough to give us an impromptu lesson in how the



organ works. I hadn't realised how much more difficult it is to master than the piano with two keyboards as well as foot pedals and stops. Organ players have certainly gone up enormously in my appreciation needing hours and hours of practice and dedication. Thank you Malcolm and congratulations on an entertaining and very educational evening! **Ros**



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.



Coming up at Connections **PICNIC TIME!**

21st July There will be a short service then a 'bring and share' picnic - all welcome.

During August **Connections** will be running **Café Onze** (2nd breakfast). This will be a time to sit and chat with each other and share breakfast. The theme will be meals in the Bible.

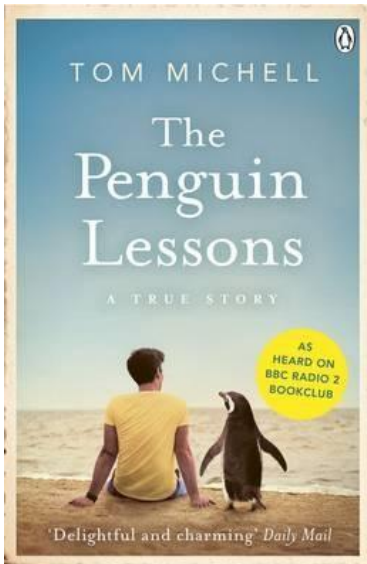


28th July : NO Connections - many of us are at 'Naturally Supernatural' (see above) at Staffordshire showground. You are more than welcome to join us. Day tickets are available from the website or talk to Maryanne.

SAFEGUARDING

Maryanne will be running some training on September 21st at 10:00 am. This is the first level of training and will be good for ALL church members. Venue to be confirmed.

We also need someone to take over the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer. Full training will be given. Talk to Alan or Maryanne.



HOLIDAY READING

James and I thoroughly recommend “The Penguin Lessons” by Tom Michell. This is a delightful and true account of a man’s relationship with a penguin which he rescued while working in South America. How to get a penguin through customs is just one of the problems he has to overcome and he shows how a penguin can help his school rugby team win a match! It has both humorous and tense moments. This is a really good read. Borrow our copy if you wish. **Ros**

Barrie’s concern...

SITUATIONS VACANT

In a year’s time we shall be saying farewell to Rev Alan and Maryanne and so it is not too early to start thinking seriously how our many jobs are to be done both in and around our Church during the interregnum. It is no means certain how long that interregnum will be or indeed whether we shall have a new priest at all. We hope and pray that we shall have a new priest but in the meantime we shall need volunteers.

Following on from Roger Simpson's appeal at our APCM we will be minus Vicar + Maryanne + all sorts of others and we need volunteers to fill the forthcoming vacancies such as vergers duties.

Talk to Barrie if you consider yourself a willing and available volunteer.

NEXT ST LUKE’S PCC

This is planned for Thursday **18th July** in the chapter house at the usual time of 7.30pm. Please try to attend if you are a member of the PCC. May’s meeting had to be cancelled when too few were able to come.

ST LUKE'S FLOWER CLUB



As Kermit the frog used to sing, *"It's not easy being green!"* With commercial 'oasis' being non-recyclable it was decided to try a few displays using small glass bottles and plant pots instead. The result was the creation of some very attractive arrangements in the corner of

church on and near the font with the seasonal theme of Autumn. Well done folks!



The Flower Club members had originally decided to take a break over July and August but things have now changed! Take a look at Sue's message on the next page for details.

You are invited you to come along to see what happens, or just have a cup of tea. It is open to everyone.

Sue adds.... Our last Flower Club session with Pauline and



Jeanette featured a 'Constance Spry' style summer garden arrangement using chicken wire to support the flowers and foliage.

Although we had planned to take a break over July and August it was suggested that we keep going to provide flowers for the church over the summer or to make our own arrangements and to continue our laughter-filled afternoons.

Visitors welcome as always on Wednesdays 10th and 24th July and 7th August. I'm going to be away after that.

Leek show is on **Saturday 27th July** and Avril Weaver will provide us with the schedule of Flower

Arranging classes. I wonder who fancies having a go!

Our first year has been a great success; thank you to everyone for making it such fun!

Sue Forrester
07854 043187

On the right are some members of Endon Floral Arts who have inspired us!



FLOWER FESTIVAL TOTAL £1225

WELL DONE EVERYONE!

A total of **£1225** was raised at the Flower Festival over the Well Dressing weekend. We say a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who played a part in this event, whether it was cleaning and decorating the church, sprucing up the surroundings or showing hospitality to our guests.

GIN TASTING

It would seem that a good time was had by all at the gin tasting evening in Milton on Friday, 21st June. Proceeds (£300) to church funds and Parkinsons UK.



ST LUKE'S PASTORAL TEAM

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

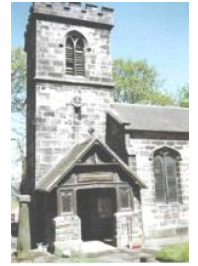
HILLSWOOD LODGE VISITS

Meet at Vicarage 10.50am for 11.00am

Next dates:

July 18th and Aug 15th

NEWS FROM ST CHAD'S



Sheila Tipper writes....

My apologies for not having very much to report this month. Partly this is because we've been away on holiday during June so I'm still a bit out of touch with what's been going on but also the big event of Bagnall's social calendar, the annual summer fete takes place this weekend, **June 29th** and St Chad's is putting all its energies into supporting this and in so doing, promoting our beautiful church.

By the time you read this it will all be over and, I hope, that if you've had chance to come and visit St Chad's you will have enjoyed the decorations (my favourite book) and had a chat with us over a drink and a biscuit. Any of you that visited between 2 and 3 in the afternoon will have probably met me!

The next big social event in our calendar is the annual summer barbecue at Julia's house. This takes place immediately after our family service on August 4th. If you'd like to come but will be at church at St Luke's on that day we aim to start just after 12 noon and we'd love to see you.

Important Notice:

New Holy Communion Service

As from **Wednesday 10th July 2019** we will be holding a new service in church at 10.45am on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. This will last for a trial period of 6 months to evaluate the popularity and usefulness of continuing with it. It will be using the Common Worship format with no music, just a quiet, meditative service with healing prayers for the community. There will be a time for coffee and biscuits afterwards when the church will be open to the public.

Please note: this will NOT be replacing the service on the first Sunday of the month but will run in conjunction with it.

If anyone would like to attend but has mobility problems, please let us know and we will try to arrange transport.

Congratulations!

.... to Cliff's niece, Clare Elizabeth Leal who will become a Deacon on Saturday 29th June. The service is at Christchurch Cathedral and will be conducted by Steven Lord, Bishop of Oxford. We would all like to wish her well and remember her in our prayers.

Confirmation:

On June 11th eight of us plus lots of family members went to the celebration of Confirmation at St Luke's with the Bishop of Stafford. Matilda Houston-Brown, Wilf Houston-Brown, Ashleigh Ball and Lee Ball from St Chad's plus five others, including Sue Beardmore and Sheila Beardmore whose daughter /granddaughter is shortly to be married at our church.

The service was very moving and spiritual and it was followed by drinks and cakes which were delicious. We are delighted to welcome them all as full members of our church family.



Dates for your diaries.....

The church is open on a Wednesday morning. If you can spare any time between 10.45 and 12.15 please pop in and enjoy a drink and a chat.

Sunday 4th August—Barbecue at Julia's following the family service.

September – Beetle drive, date to be confirmed – more details in September's magazine.

Creative Corner craft club meet on Mondays at 1pm to 3pm
at The Stafford Arms

1st July; 15th July; 29th July; 12th August.

CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S PROJECT (UK)

ПОДДЕРЖКА ДЕТЯМ БЕЛАРУСИ

Supporting Children of Belarus since 1995

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

Please contact John and Julie Gater on 01782 535000 if you can offer help especially during the two weeks at Cicely Haughton School during August. Next meeting is on Wed July 10th at Endon Methodist Church at 7.30pm.

As usual St Luke's will provide some items for the stay at Cicely Haughton School. There is a list at the back of church with items required. If you would like to help please sign for the items you are prepared to purchase, including the number you can provide. Please make sure these are in church by 14th July, when they are needed by Julie Gater. The list will be taken to Connections each week. THANK YOU!

In August we also provide a picnic for the teens and their helpers when they go on one of their trips. We also include enough money to cover the cost of an ice cream for them all. If you would like to make a donation towards this please put your donation in an envelope marked Chernobyl picnic. Please make sure your donation is in by Sunday 4th August.

The TV Drama Series on Chernobyl has brought a lot more awareness. John was invited to speak on Radio Stoke and spoke about the drama being very accurate and if you have not yet seen it, it is well worth watching. Here is a link to HBO if you haven't got Sky.

<https://flixtor.ac/watch/tv/1485844/chernobyl>

DEANERY SYNOD

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, KNYPERSLEY 12th MARCH 2019

Rev Darren Fraser introduced a portion of the Diocesan Vision: **“We pray that the two million people in our diocese encounter a church that is confident in the gospel”**.

“WE PRAY”

We work best when we pray together – Luke 11:1 “Jesus was praying...disciples said to him “Lord Teach us to pray”.” Then follows The Lord’s Prayer. St John’s church set out on a journey to discover Prayer. They used www.prayercourse.org which is six free study sessions at the heart of which is our relationship with God. We saw a taster session of this course. During a sharing session which followed we heard that St Lawrence’s church in Biddulph has set up Prayer Triplets as a Lent Initiative. They feel it is more important to pray together than be together so can use email, skype etc. we heard that a variety of prayer takes place in our Deanery, which must be good as we grow in our relationship with God.

“ENCOUNTER A CHURCH”

What type of Church do we want people to encounter? We want churches with the same mindset as Jesus, who is the God of self-giving love. We want Fellowship of the Spirit (Philippians 2:1) We want a caring and loving attitude of people in church, individually and corporately. “The anointed one lives his life through me” (Galatians 2:20). The sharing session included a need to be welcoming to all “Saw they had been with Jesus” and a sense of peace and understanding – surely such a church would be confident in the gospel!

“CONFIDENT IN THE GOSPEL”

God is hurt over and over again but He never gives up. God’s grace is unmerited and undeserved. We need to be confident in the gospel to share it, going to any lengths, just as God does for us. Be sensitive as well, particularly with those struggling in their faith. Please be encouraged to continue praying.

Rev Alan Betts added it is good that churches meeting together today could encourage one another in fellowship. He thanked Darren for reminding us of the central importance of prayer.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 2nd July**, 7.00pm for 7.30pm, at St Matthew’s church Meerbrook (or All Saints Leek if equipment is needed), Rev Frances Wilson (BDO) speaking on Vocational Training.

CANDLE DEDICATIONS

for JULY

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

Jul	CANDLE OF HOPE	SANCTUARY LIGHT
7 th	Ann and Les Boulton in loving memory of Nicola. Margaret and Maurice to celebrate Henry's birthday (8 th).	Barrie Jackson in celebration of Zac's 7 th birthday.
14 th	David, Janet and Robert in loving memory of David's parents (Thomas and Nancy) who were married in this church, July 12th 1946.	Mabel McGrath remembering the life and witness of Winnie Taylor and May Pointon.
21 st	Sylvia Bradshaw to celebrate the birthday of her granddaughter Olivia (21 st).	Barrie Jackson in celebration of Alice's 2 nd birthday.
28 th	Sheila and Stan Hurst to celebrate their wedding anniversary.	Anon

JULY GREETINGS to

Michael Taylor (6th), Matilda Houston-Brown (9th), Roy Horley (12th – **he's 103!!**), David Morris (13th), Janet Bowyer (16th), Pam Leake (18th), Alice Johnstone, Joshua Harrison, Ann Boulton (20th), Rob Barlow, Lynne Marshall (27th), Lyn Pickering (29th), Wendy Williamson (30th)

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



CANDLE DEDICATIONS for AUGUST

Aug	CANDLE OF HOPE	SANCTUARY LIGHT
4 th	Anon in memory of Muriel and Graham Salt Chris Morgan in memory of my much loved Mum and Dad on their birthdays (5 th and 6 th).	Ina Porter in loving memory of Stuart on his birthday (2 nd) Miss you.
11 th	Sheila and Stan Hurst to celebrate the birthday of their son in law, Phil (15 th).	Congratulations to Margaret Woolliscroft on her 80 th birthday. With love from The Mothers Union members at St Luke's.
18 th	Sue Gibbons to celebrate the birthday of her son, Dan.	Tony and David Machin in loving memory of a very special wife and mother.
25 th	Ina Porter in loving memory of Bob on his birthday(25 th) Miss you.	Chris Morgan in memory of a dear friend Gill and her husband Tom.



AUGUST GREETINGS to

Caroline Barker (2nd),
Margaret Woolliscroft (11th - 80th!),
Rachel Foster (13th),
Sylvia Bradshaw (16th)

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Home Groups

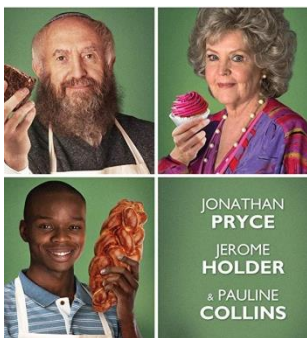
are a way of studying the bible in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. We can ask the questions that we do not always have time to on a Sunday. Not only do home groups help us on our journey of faith but they also strengthen the relationships within church. At the moment a group meets at James & Ros's

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

Day	Venue	Hosts	Leader	Time
Monday	Claremont St George's Ave	James & Ros	Barrie	7.30pm
Tuesday	Bagnall Heights Lounge	Pauline Hart	Barrie	11.00 am
Wednesday (fortnightly, continuation of Alpha)	Vicarage	Maryanne	Maryanne	7.30pm



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



FILM RECOMMENDATION

A Jewish baker takes on a Muslim apprentice. Although billed as a comedy 'Dough' addresses issues affecting our multi-cultural and multi-faith society. Added to this a small shop faces a take-over by a big business man ('David and Goliath'). Available on Netflix.

Dough
Definitely not Kosher.

A FEW NOTICES FROM ENDON METHODIST CHURCH....

'A Comedy of Errors' by William Shakespeare

A fast-paced comedy of confusion and mistaken identity. Featuring: Roy Hedges, Mel James, and Andrew Farrington (from Cheadle) and Sonia Boughey (from Dodsleigh) in a beautiful setting for a summers' evening of fun and laughter.

Wednesday 10th – Saturday 13th July 7.30pm

Hales Hall Camping & Caravan Park, Cheadle (cover available if wet). Ticket holders are cordially invited to come early and bring a picnic.

Open Air Service & Family Picnic

Sunday 14th July 2.30pm. Tean Recreation Ground

Bring a picnic and chair/rug. Free cake & drinks provided There will be cover in the event of bad weather and toilets. All are very welcome to join us.

Community Cream Tea Event!

Rudyard Methodist Church Sunday 7 July 2019 3pm. Enjoy scones with Jam & Fresh Cream and Tea or Coffee (free refills!) for only £5. Bring your family and friends! Limited places available, to book a place please contact Suzanne Sheldon 07518 074185/ suzsheldon@btinternet.com

Open Garden Evening

at Cotton Grange Farm, Ellastone Road, Winkhill, ST13 7QY.

Wednesday June 26th

6pm Onwards. £4 incl tea, coffee & cake, Plant Stall

Proceeds to Ashbourne & Cheadle Animal Welfare

Rev Julie Herbert will be taking some time off as part recovery from her treatment, and part moving into the new Cheadle Manse and will not be working from June 10th until July 12th, other than to take the Local Preachers meeting on June 19th. During this time Rev Chris Ambler will be acting Superintendent in the event of any emergencies.

To order your own copy contact UCB Westport Road Burslem ST6 4JF 01782 911000 or visit the website.

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WORD
FOR
TODAY



Three biblical rules for success (1)

'Then you will be prosperous and successful.'

Joshua 1:8 NIV

Prepared by
Bob and
Debbie Gass
(Bob has
recently died).

God told Joshua: 'This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and...have good success' (v. 8 NKJV). God views success as simple to achieve, and equally simple for Him to measure. If we are going to succeed in things that really matter, we must follow the instructions for life found in Scripture. So here are three biblical rules for success: First, look it up. 'This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth.' In other words, 'Don't leave home without it!' Success entails making the study of God's Word a constant part of your life. This may mean a radical change for you. In a survey commissioned by the Church of England in 2017, 55 per cent of people who identify as Christian never read the Bible, 29 per cent never pray, and 33 per cent never go to church. Only 6 per cent of adults in Britain said they were 'practising' Christians. Imagine going to a doctor when you're sick and getting a prescription that can make you well. But you only take it once a week, or when you feel like it, or never at all. Would you blame the doctor for not getting well? Some of us do that with God: 'Lord, why has this happened to me? I don't understand it.' Would you say the medicine doesn't work? Not if you don't take it. 'My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge' (Hosea 4:6 KJV). So the word for you today is: get into God's Word and get it into you!

LEEK FOOD BANK UPDATE



URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

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

We are well supplied with....

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

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

Peter Davies,
Project Coordinator

July - August Prayer Focus

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

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Enjoy your summer folks whether you are flying off to warmer climes or simply sitting in your back garden! See you in September.

We pray the Lord's blessing on our own Deb Podmore who has just retired from many years working in schools in one of the most deprived areas of Stoke-on-Trent.

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