

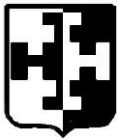


# THE UNITED BENEFICE of ST LUKE'S, ENDON with ST CHAD'S, BAGNALL

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

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September 2019

## HARVEST TIME



On Sun Oct 6th we shall be holding our harvest thanksgiving services and we again shall support Leek food bank.



Please be generous as the colder weather is approaching.



You may like to look at the items listed on p 19 for current food bank shortages or consult the website.



# Services for September

## ST LUKE'S

1 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am MORNING PRAYER – Barrie 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's Primary School
8 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am HOLY COMMUNION – Rev Barry Wilson 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's School
15 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am MORNING PRAYER – Barrie w Deb 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's Primary School
22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15am HOLY COMMUNION – Rev Alan 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's Primary School
29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am JOINT SERVICE w St Chad's at St Chad's – Rev Alan

## ST CHAD'S

1 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am HOLY COMMUNION BCP – Rev David Primrose 10.45am PET SERVICE – Ian Perry and the team
8 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am PRAISE & PRAYER - Kath & Muriel F
11 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 10.45am Common Worship HC - tbc
15 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am ALL AGE HC – Rev Alan
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.45am MORNING PRAYER – Muriel F & Terry Bagguley
29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am JOINT SERVICE w St Luke's at St Chad's – Rev Alan

## MIDWEEK ECUMENICAL HC SERVICES

Wednesdays at 9.15am

4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at St Luke's

11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> at the Methodist Church



## **WELCOME ELIJAH!**

We are delighted to welcome our newest member to our congregation. Baby Elijah was born to proud parents Steve and Emily who were recently married at St Luke's. Congratulations and may the Lord bless you and keep you now and always.



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## **OPEN AND ACTIVE**

### **The Bishop's Pastoral Letter for August 2019**

#### **Bishop Geoff challenges us: ARE WE FIT FOR PURPOSE?**

In my last Pastoral Letter in April, I expressed the hope that Brexit would have gone smoothly and everything would be wonderful!

Things have not gone as many hoped and frankly you do not need me to tell you what a mess our Nation seems to be grappling with. Please continue to pray for all our MPs and especially whoever happens to be Prime Minister by the time you read this. Pray too for the healing of divisions within our (far from) United Kingdom, between young and old and between friends and within families (including the Family of the Church). Prayer works where so much else fails.

Someone once wrote that 'Society at its worst needs the Church at its best' and while so much attention is necessarily focused on our relationship with Europe and post Brexit trade, there is a real need for us as the Church to keep reminding those who are elected to govern this country that there are also many pressing domestic issues that need their attention – housing; education; health and well-being; effects of climate change; challenges facing our agricultural sector and rural communities etc etc – I am sure you can add to the list!

I firmly believe that we have to offer a voice to the voice-less and through our daily living out of our faith come alongside those who are struggling in the cities, towns and villages of our Diocese of Lichfield.

Our 'mandate' comes not from the electorate but from Jesus Christ – his own example and his command that we should care for one another expressed so directly in Matthew 25:31ff. We have to ask ourselves if we are a 'sheep' or a 'goat' – we know what we should be doing and we have enough Saints to remind us that through the Grace of God and with the guidance of the Holy



Spirit our Lord's will can be done. But we also have to ask ourselves the hard question: 'Are **we** fit for purpose?' The Prayer of Intercession in the Book of Common Prayer Communion Service urges us to 'pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth'. The 'militant' Church is the visible earthly Church as opposed to the Church 'triumphant' that is invisible in Heaven. On earth the Church is militant in that it daily battles with the powers of darkness – in Heaven it is triumphant because it has overcome those powers of darkness.

**We** are the Christian Church on earth and we must be prepared to make our concern for all people visible by our militancy. There is no point 'talking the talk' unless we are prepared to 'walk the walk'! There are so many good examples within our Diocese where this is already happening and through its social concern the Church is militant. But there is so much more that we could be doing to serve our local Communities. I have always thought that the House of Bread in Stafford offers an amazing template for what more of us could be doing. The doors are open to all and the welcome is truly inclusive and hospitable. Refreshments are readily available but more importantly people are there to listen and to talk with one another in a friendly and non-judgmental manner. Prayer and Bible study are offered in an unfussy way alongside practical help with people's immediate needs (usually about finding somewhere to sleep) and there is a willingness to come alongside people and help them in their dealings with the various authorities.

It is no wonder that The House of Bread has been honoured with The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service but itself is honouring God through the ministry that it is offering. If your Church is at present closed for most of the week how about asking what you might be able to do to make it more militant in your own community – and bring your Church and your own faith alive!

Every blessing, + **Geoff**



## ***FAREWELL BISHOP GEOFF***

*Our Bishop of Stafford, Rt Rev Geoff Annas will be "hanging up his mitre" in November this year. We thank God for his faithful service over several years (including help with the washing up!). We pray he and his wife Ann will be blessed with many happy years in retirement.*



## How did your churchyard grow?

Since the 1940s over 97% of flower-rich grassland, that was once widespread in the countryside, has vanished. The beautiful ancient grassland found in a churchyard is a relic of that once common meadow and the community of meadow plants, fungi and creatures is very special.

By August any areas of grass that were left to flower in the summer should have been cut and raked off. Since the flowers we are looking to encourage are perennials, we do not need to wait until they all set seed and the grassland should be cut whilst still green and vigorous. If left uncut for too long the grass dies back which looks unsightly and also allows nutrients to go into the roots, increasing fertility and encouraging lush grass growth next year (at the expense of more delicate flowers and finer grasses). Wildflowers thrive in low fertility soil so removing nutrient-rich cuttings is vital.

A good trick to reduce grass growth is to introduce the wildflower Yellow Rattle which is partly parasitic, drawing nutrients from grasses. This is the time of year to purchase seed which needs to be sown before the winter. Please have a look at 'News and Blog' on our website for more information about Yellow Rattle. This wildflower will assist you in managing for wildflowers, looks pretty and may also save you cutting costs!

All the best  
Harriet Carty,

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

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## Eco-Residents

### The Bishop's Pastoral Letter for September 2019

#### THREE WORDS TO PUT OUR HOUSE IN ORDER

Where were you at 21.17 (British Summer Time) on 20th July 1969? Like almost everybody my age or even older, I was glued to a television set, watching very blurry images of Apollo 11's lunar module touch down on the moon – followed a few hours later by the first human moon walk.

And where was I at 21.17 on 20th July this year? I was in Lichfield Cathedral, for a celebration of the Eucharist beginning exactly 50 years to the day, hour and minute after that momentous event. We used Eucharistic Prayer C from the American Book of Common Prayer: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. Those words, written ten years after the moon landing, express powerfully both the vastly enlarged horizons which space exploration has opened to us, and at the same time the focus it shines on our own small planet, *'our island home'*. Viewed from beyond, our earth looks both very beautiful and very vulnerable.

The recognition that together we need to care for this home of ours is an ancient one, as can see from three related 'eco' words, all of them from the Greek oikos, 'a house'. First is eco-nomics, literally the way in which a household is to be ordered. In Christian tradition, the 'Divine Economy' means in the first place the Incarnation, the coming among us of God as the man Jesus of Nazareth to recast and renew our relations with one another. In everyday terms, that momentous event of economy means that we have to look for right dealings, fairness and justice among us, and a sustainable use of our resources.

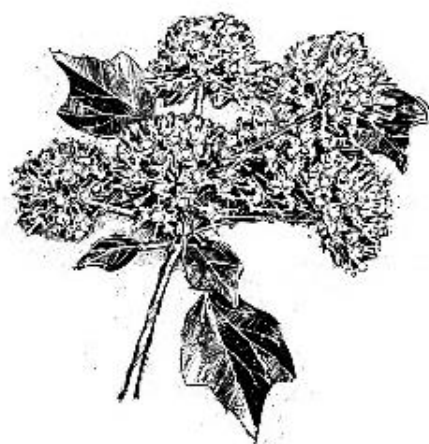
Then there is the word ecu-menical. In its deepest sense, this is not just about relations between different denominations of the church; it refers to all who dwell within our own home – that is, all the citizens of earth. The future of our planet belongs to us all, and it can only be saved by all of us together: as members of a worldwide communion, we Christians should of all people know

that being part of a wider belonging is the only way to bring change in our divided world.

And third, of course, there is eco-logy. We have come to see, as never before, how fragile our world is, how precarious its survival, how great the responsibility laid on us to care for this, the home God has given into our stewardship. On 20th September this month, led by young people around the world, there will be a great day of mobilisation of Christians, people of other faiths, and all of good will to raise awareness of the challenges facing us, and the urgency of collective action to change our collective behaviour.

Bishop Clive writes in Spotlight about some of the practical ways in which we can join together on 20th September, and as we do that we need to hold to the big picture. Ecological mobilisation, ecumenical partnership and economic justice go together as we commit to the future of **'this fragile earth, our island home'**, which God loved so much that he gave his only Son for its life.

**+ Michael**



## Ivy, friend or foe?

Ivy comes into flower in early autumn and will be literally buzzing with bees. This late supply of nectar is a boon for species preparing for winter, while ivy berries provide a welcome winter food source. Dense ivy provides a great place for birds, mammals and invertebrates such as spiders and insects to shelter in bad weather. The Holly Blue butterfly has two caterpillar food plants, holly in spring and ivy at this time of year. No wonder this is the iconic churchyard butterfly! Ivy protects stonework, reducing erosion by weather and air pollution, whilst an ivy-covered wall may be being held up by it. So, think twice before waging war on ivy.



BUT...ivy can smother the slow-growing yew, constricting trunk and branches and competing for light. Lichens need sunny conditions and die beneath dense ivy. It pushes apart stones in complex monuments like chest tombs or crosses and within walls. So, ivy can be destructive as well as an asset.

I've concluded that there's a place for ivy but also places where it should be controlled or even removed. Always strip ivy from yews but leave it on other trees. If ivy is covering monuments, leave it unless you are recording or restoring them, but try and stop it growing over other stonework. Leave ivy on walls but try and clip it in late winter to stop it spreading further. If in doubt, please contact Caring for God's Acre for advice.

All the best

Harriet Carty,

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**SPECIAL WELL  
DRESSING FESTIVAL  
THANKSGIVING  
SERVICE held on  
Sun 7<sup>th</sup> July  
at St Luke's**



Above: Jeanette Lackey and Pauline Shaw from Endon Floral Arts.



Left: Yvonne Hannon, Sheila Gerrard and Jean Bell representing Endon Community Choir.



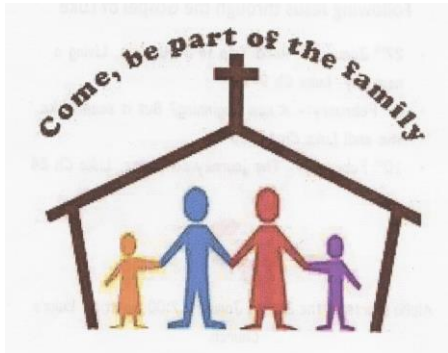
# CAN YOU BELIEVE IT ?!!

## Roy Horley

celebrated his 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday on 12<sup>th</sup> July at Hillswood Lodge. He says "thank you" to all of you who sent him greetings and cards!



June and Peter were among several visitors he received during the day.



## 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.



## NATURALLY SUPERNATURAL

Rev Alan, Maryanne and other members of the Connections team attended this camping event at Staffordshire Showground from Sat 27<sup>th</sup> July to Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> August. Despite torrential rain on at least two days they still managed to

enjoy their time and return spiritually refreshed. Mark Hatcher, a former diocesan youth worker, was also there along with Rev Duncan and Pam Leake who were regulars at St Luke's until Duncan left for ordination training in 1990. Duncan has now retired and he and Pam live down the road from the showground at Weston.



# SAFEGUARDING

Maryanne will be running some basic level safe guarding training on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am at the Vicarage. This is the first level of training and will be good for ALL church members.

The online link is

<https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/> if you want to complete it at home. Just let Maryanne know that you have completed it.

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# C of E DIGITAL CHARTER

Those who use Social Media can sign up to a C of E Digital Charter. We have signed up to this as a Church.

The link is

<https://www.churchofengland.org/terms-and-conditions/our-digital-charter>

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# YARN BOMB



We may be embarking on a Christmas 'Yarn Bomb'! This will entail knitting angels and placing them around the village before Christmas. More details to follow. Anyone interested please see Sue, Shirley or Maryanne.



CHRISTMAS ANGEL

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# Barrie's concern... SITUATIONS VACANT

In less than 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. Please talk to Barrie if you consider yourself a willing and available volunteer.



# ST LUKE'S CE ACADEMY

## Sue Forrester writes...

There are big changes happening at St Luke's Academy. Head teacher Phil Wright left at the end of the summer term to pursue his dreams of a life in the Lake District and we wish him and his family all the best in the future. From September the Deputy Head, Anna Elkin, will take on the role of Acting Head while the recruitment process begins to find a new head. As a Church of England Academy it will be very important to appoint a Christian head who will continue the work that Phil began. Please pray that the right person applies. At the recent PCC meeting we discussed church links with the school. This will be very important next time we have a SIAMs inspection. We thought that, maybe, we could link up with any charity event started by the children. This year they have been working with Christian Aid as we do.

I am now Chair of the Local Academy Committee so please feel free to pass on any ideas you may have that will strengthen links between church and school.

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## 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:**

19<sup>th</sup> September

17<sup>th</sup> October

21<sup>st</sup> November

19<sup>th</sup> December for carols



# ST LUKE'S FLOWER CLUB



We have been having a short break from the middle of August but we are back with our tutors in September. Dates have yet to be finalised but I will let everyone know as soon as I can.

We have welcomed up to 20 people at sessions over our first year and new friendships have been made while learning new skills. The church has looked lovely with the arrangements members have

created and we are all very grateful to them. The Flower Festival was a real highlight of the year. I wonder what our second year will bring. We will definitely be starting a Craft Club to run alongside the Flower Club and hope that those who love to knit, crochet, sew and craft will enjoy getting together, perhaps, to make flowers for display or angels for Christmas.

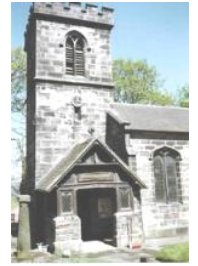
Everyone will be made very welcome when we start back. Why not join us?

Congratulations to Flower Club member Avril Weaver who won a prize at the Leek Show with her container of garden flowers.



**Sue Forrester 07854 043187**

# NEWS FROM ST CHAD'S



## Bagnall Fete and Crowning of Chestnut Queen:

The end of June seems such a long time ago but "Thank you" to everyone who attended and made it such a success for both St Chad's and the village. A big thank you to everyone who worked so hard displaying the church flower arrangements so beautifully, interpreting the titles of their chosen books viz: The Bible - Creation and Revelation; Peter Rabbit; Treasure Island; The Lost World;

The Poet - George Heath and garden flowers; The Shell Seekers; Romeo and Juliet; The Secret Garden



The time and talent involved proved very authentic and thought provoking. Amazing! The church looked amazing and there were lovely comments from visitors. We had plenty of people enjoying our beautiful church and welcome refreshments on a hot day! Please

visit our website: [www.stchadsbagnall.org](http://www.stchadsbagnall.org) to see photos of the displays.

My thanks to Leonie and Muriel who did most of the work during my hour on duty. I am rubbish at making tea but I can talk and collect the dirty dishes! I don't know how I would



have coped without them.



The sale of cakes and refreshments went well at the hall and Joan made £306.35 which was slightly up on last year's taking. Patrick made £87.60 on the plant stall, donations from the service and refreshments in church raised £40 and sale of jam netted another £10. All in all a successful and enjoyable day.

# HOLY COMMUNION AT ST CHAD'S

Six of us met for the first service in a six month trial on the second Wednesday of each month. This gives an opportunity for those who want a quiet prayerful time without music and in a more traditional form yet cannot manage the early time of the first Sunday in the month 9.00am Holy Communion. The six included two neighbours who attend their own church but welcomed an opportunity to join in a St Chad's service. It was a very informal and friendly occasion. As it was an "experiment" there were short discussions on the ways we took part.

We all stayed for a really happy time having a chat and a cup of coffee before we went home. However, for those in a hurry we quite understand if you have to "dash away." If you want to join us, please do. No need to dress up. Just take off your pinnie or garden shoes and stay for the half hour the service takes if you have to get back home.

This Sunday the reading is about finding time for God in our busy lives and if only we can support this opportunity to give Him about three quarters of an hour in our activity filled week once a month it will refresh us. Spread the news about this new opportunity to meet God in prayer and fellowship.

*Pat*

## Barbecue: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August



A good time was had by all including the wasps. A very good chef produced very good hotdogs and burgers with all the trimmings followed by super desserts. Lots of conversation



and evidently Someone up There approved of our gathering because the rain, never very far away, kept off. Thanks to the noble gang of preparers, servers and clearer-uppers who worked so hard for our enjoyment and special thanks to Julia and Arnie for use of their home.

*Pat*

*More pictures on our website: [www.stchadsbagnall.org](http://www.stchadsbagnall.org)*



# 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.

**Creative Corner craft club** meets on Mondays at 1pm to 3pm at The Stafford Arms. Next session: **2<sup>nd</sup> September**.

## Beetle Drive:

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September** is the date for this year's Beetle drive. It will be in Bagnall village hall with food served at 7.00pm. The usual pies, peas etc will be on offer with the usual scrumptious desserts. Please bring your own drinks. The cost will be £6 per adult; £4 per child; £18 family ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children.) A child is anyone under 12. More details, tickets etc from me.

**Harvest Service and lunch: Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>**. Details have yet to be sorted and will be available later. Just keep this free, for a fantastic lunch and entertaining speaker.

## Accordion concert:

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October** is the date for a special concert in church by a group of 18 accordion players. Their theme includes variety and sing-a-long numbers in two 45 minute sessions with a half hour break for refreshments, either alcoholic or non-alcoholic punch with cakes, tray bakes etc. It will commence at 7.30pm. £5 per head. Ticket details later.

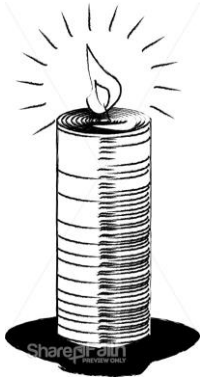
## Christmas flower arranging demonstration:

Further details later, but will be in church around the beginning of November. This should be a really interesting evening with chance to learn some techniques to make your Christmas celebrations a little bit more special.

## Christmas Fayre:

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November** is the date for this year's Christmas Fayre. This is one of my favourites and a good chance to meet friends, enjoy a cup of tea and a cake and pick up some Christmas bargains. What could be better! **Sheila T**





# 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 for a particular date or fill in a form at the back of church.

Sept	CANDLE OF HOPE	SANCTUARY LIGHT
1 <sup>st</sup>	Anon in memory of Noreen Gould	The candle is kept burning by Mabel McGrath
8 <sup>th</sup>	Ann and Les to celebrate Emma and Lee's wedding anniversary	Maureen Foster to celebrate the birthdays of grandchildren Emily(5 <sup>th</sup> ) and Joe (13 <sup>th</sup> )
15 <sup>th</sup>	Sylvia Bradshaw to celebrate the birthday of her twin granddaughters, Lily and Emma	Margaret and Maurice to celebrate Laura's birthday (13 <sup>th</sup> )
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ann and Les Boulton in loving memory of our parents	Shirley and Roger Brindley to celebrate the 10 <sup>th</sup> birthday of twin grandsons William and Thomas
29 <sup>th</sup>	Marilyn Plant to celebrate the 3 <sup>rd</sup> birthday of granddaughter, Annabelle Mabel.	<i>No dedication</i>



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to

Rev Julie (1<sup>st</sup>), Justin Tyson (3<sup>rd</sup>), Matthew Stone (8<sup>th</sup>),  
Laura Morris (13<sup>th</sup>), Elizabeth McLintock (23<sup>rd</sup>), Duncan  
Woolliscroft, Simon Jackson (26<sup>th</sup>), Shirley Brindley  
(27<sup>th</sup>), Alastair Stone (29<sup>th</sup>), Cat Mellor (30<sup>th</sup>)

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

**CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S PROJECT (UK)**

**ПОДДЕРЖКА ДЕТЯМ БЕЛАРУСИ**

*Supporting Children of Belarus since 1995*

*Charity No 1059832      [www.chernobyl-children.org.uk](http://www.chernobyl-children.org.uk)*

## CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S PROJECT

Thanks to both St Luke's congregations for your support of the Chernobyl Project.

Your donations of food and cleaning items were much appreciated as the teenagers moved into Cicely Haughton School for their last 2 weeks in the UK.

The money donations went to provide a picnic for the teens and the staff who travelled with them from Belarus as they made their way to Solihull for a weekend camp. We also gave them money for an ice cream on a trip to London. Thanks to your generosity the surplus of £22 will be given to the ECCP treasurer to start the fundraising for the 2020 visit.

*Sheila H*



The annual Leek Deanery social will be at St Luke's Church, Fountain Street,

Leek on **Thursday 17th October** at 12.30. As usual it takes the form of a come and share lunch (bring something for the food table). The entertainment will be provided by the Leek Ukulele Band. There will be a Bring and Buy stall and the MUE sales stall will be open (stock up on Christmas cards and get your 2020 diary).

*Sheila H*



# 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, a

group at the vicarage on alternate Wednesday evenings and a group at Bagnall Heights on Tuesday mornings.

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

*\* Our groups are starting a new study 'Story Lines of the Bible' in September. Currently our Monday evening group consists of Barrie, James and myself. Although we enjoy each other's company and are more than happy to pray together we should nonetheless be delighted to welcome new folk. Do get in touch (504137) or simply come along. Tea/coffee and biscuits are supplied. We look forward to seeing you!*

*Ros*



**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.

# LEEK FOOD BANK\* UPDATE



## URGENTLY NEEDED PLEASE:

- Shaving foam
- Razors
- Jam
- Brown and red sauces
- Tinned meat
- Tinned mackerel/sardines
- Shower gel
- Male deodorant
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Size 6 nappies
- 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

### **\*Vacancy:**

Leek Food Bank is currently looking to appoint a new project co-ordinator. If you are interested please e-mail [trinitychurchleek@uwclub.net](mailto:trinitychurchleek@uwclub.net) for more information and an application form. Closing date for applications is September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **We are well supplied with....**

- Dried pasta
- Soap
- Toilet rolls

***Remember...harvest gifts from St Luke's will be given to the food bank. We know we can rely on your generous support!***



# AN UPDATE FROM PETER DAVIES....



Dear Friends

During July we honoured 59 vouchers (45 in June and 34 in April) which helped 79 Adults and 54 children, (June - 58 adults and 38 children; April - 49 adults and 21 children).

Sadly our stock has dwindled. It should be a matter of serious concern for us all and we need to respond with our giving, prayers and in making known this situation as widely as possible.

We received 1232 kg. The greater part of this is a decline in donations through supermarkets. If this should continue then we will need to look to other ways of increasing our stock levels. We have distributed 1553 kg. These figures don't give the complete picture but they should increase our efforts to ensure that there will always be sufficient to meet the needs of those who through no fault of their own find themselves in such hardship.

Our website is updated regularly with our needs.

Thank you for all the help and support you have given during the time I have been Project Co-ordinator. The Trustees are currently advertising for a new co-ordinator and will hopefully appoint someone during September.

In the meantime, Ian Smith, the assistant Project Coordinator is 'caretaking', and will be happy to deal with any issues that you may have. Please pray for him during this time especially as there are the challenges of a quality assurance visit from the Trussell trust and a stock take during August.

***Peter Davies***  
***Project Co-ordinator***

# September Prayer Focus

- The wife, family and friends of PC Andrew Harper who lost his life in the line of duty aged just 28
- The families of victims of the recent shootings in the USA and those addressing this serious problem
- The people of Hong Kong seeking a change in the law from the Chinese government
- Modern day slavery and all striving to end this unjust and often brutal practice. There are more slaves now than ever before.
- Rev Julie and Richard in their new life together
- Our new Methodist minister Rev Eleanor Smith
- All starting a new school, college or university this month
- All starting a new job or are newly retired
- Yemen – the on-going crisis and those trying hard to get aid into the country and the children coming into the USA from Mexico
- 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
- Our global warming crisis - that world leaders will take appropriate action urgently
- Those affected by the recent upsurge in knife crime
- The problem of social media affecting our young people
- 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
- 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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## Acts 4 vv 32-35

### The Believers Share their Possessions

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and much grace was upon them all. There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet and it was distributed to anyone who was in need.

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