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March 2020



**AN INVITATION FROM ARCHBISHOP WELBY &
FORMER ARCHBISHOP SENTAMU...**

"This Lent we hope both adults and children might engage in God's plea for us to 'Care for Creation'. It is an opportunity to rebuild our relationship with our planet, and in turn with the God who is Lord of everything. We hope you might engage in prayer, learn more about the remarkable world we have been given and build habits that last beyond the season to protect and honour the earth."

#LIVELENT: CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION is the Church of England's Lent Campaign for 2020. With weekly themes shaped around the first Genesis account of creation, it explores the urgent need for humans to value and protect the abundance God has created. **#LIVELENT CHALLENGE** offers 40 short reflections and suggested actions to help you, your family and your church live in greater harmony with God, neighbour and nature.

YOU ARE ALSO INVITED TO JOIN WITH ENDON METHODISTS for a 5 week ecumenical Lent Course 'Operation Noah' starting on March 2nd (see p13)

Services for March

ST LUKE'S

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| 1 st | 9.15am MORNING PRAYER – Barrie w Roger 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's CE Academy |
| 8 th | 9.15am– HOLY COMMUNION – Rev Alan 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's CE Academy |
| 15 th | 9.15am MORNING PRAYER – Barrie w James 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's CE Academy |
| 22 nd | MOTHERING SUNDAY 9.15am HOLY COMMUNION – Rev Alan 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's CE Academy |
| 29 th | 10.30am JOINT SERVICE HC at St Chad's – Rev Alan |

ST CHAD'S

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| 1 st | 9.00am HOLY COMMUNION BCP – Rev Alan 10.45am MORNING PRAYER – Muriel F |
| 8 th | 10.45am PRAYER & PRAISE - Muriel F & Terry Bagguley |
| 11 th | Wednesday 10.45am COMMON WORSHIP – Rev Alan |
| 15 th | 10.45am ALL AGE HC – Rev Alan |
| 22 nd | MOTHERING SUNDAY 10.45am FAMILY SERVICE – the Family Service team |
| 29 th | 10.30am JOINT SERVICE HC w St Luke's at St Chad's – Rev Alan |

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES

Wednesdays at 9.15am

Mar 4th and 18th at St Luke's

Mar 11th and 25th at Endon Methodists

All welcome!

Tea/coffee and biscuits served afterwards



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. Lots of fun!



St Luke's Meal Out

If you enjoy Indian cuisine, come along to
'The Spice Exchange' in Milton on

Monday 30th March 2020

7.00pm for 7.30pm at £17.00 pp

Please see Jean Brough, Shirley Brindley or Sue Forrester to book your place
(proceeds to church funds)



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Come follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad

Do the Little Things

Bishop Sarah's pastoral letter for March 2020

The month of March begins with the day on which we remember St David, patron saint of Wales. A sixth-century monk, St David was an abbot and bishop known for his compassion and kindness, particularly to those who were sick or poor. During his life, David travelled far to spread Christianity among the pagan Celtic tribes of Western Britain and was also a founder of more than a dozen monasteries.

Nearly five hundred years elapsed between David's death and the first manuscripts recording his life and, as a result, it isn't clear how much of the history of David's life is legend rather than fact.

However, according to historic account, written in the 11th century, an angel foretold the birth of David to St Patrick, 30 years before it happened. It is claimed that David lived for over 100 years, and it is generally accepted that he died in 589. His last words to his followers were in a sermon on the previous Sunday:

'Be joyful, and keep your faith and your creed. Do the little things that you have seen me do and heard about.'

His words, 'Do the little things' have proved an inspiration to many down the ages.

St Chad, first Bishop of Lichfield, is remembered on the 2nd March. Chad was known as a person of wisdom, gentleness and humility, who often brought peace in the midst of difficult situations. He was committed to a life of prayer and teaching and the example of his life brought many to faith as he travelled from Northumbria, the place of his birth, through what is now Yorkshire and on to Mercia, where he became bishop.

As Bishop Michael has said previously:

'Chad's legacy is threaded through the history and the geography of our diocese, but all its power derived from the simple-hearted commitment with which he himself followed his Lord, and the friendly openness with which he invited others to join him.'

St Patrick, a saint particularly close to my heart as I was born on his feast day, was also a traveller, sometimes not of his own volition. He was captured by Irish raiders when he was sixteen years old and taken to Ireland as a slave, escaping after 6 years. It is thought that he travelled to continental Europe, where he trained as a priest and later returned to Ireland as a bishop.

Patrick brought people to faith in Jesus as he walked all over Ireland and although he was faced with opposition and persecution, he continued his missionary journeys. He was humble and courageous and his determination to accept suffering and success with equal patience and endurance enabled many to hear the message of the gospel.

So, as we journey through Lent, let us take from the stories of these three ancestors in the faith, a desire to be joyful and 'do the little things' as St. David did, that help others to encounter the life transforming gospel message through our words and actions.

Let us 'walk in the footsteps of St Chad bringing wisdom, gentleness and peace in our encounters with others as we build good relationships in our homes, churches and communities, especially at this time of political transition.

And let us have the courage and determination of St Patrick as we look to challenge unjust structures, as we partner with others in seeking the common good and working for justice as a people of hope.

***+ Sarah Bullock
Bishop of Shrewsbury***



Food for a Queen

At the start of spring queen bumblebees emerge from hibernation to feed on pollen and nectar from early flowering plants. Larger and hairier than other bees, bumblebees are better adapted to cold weather so the first spring bee you see is probably a queen bumblebee. She searches for a dry cavity to build a nest; a vole hole, the base of a grass tussock, gaps within a chest tomb or beneath graves kerbs. A thimble-sized waxen pot is filled with pollen, nectar and eggs and the summer cycle begins.

Bumblebees are social insects living in nests of up to 400 individuals. Unlike honeybees they do not swarm, only the queen can sting, and a nest only lasts one season.

There are 24 species of bumblebee in the UK but only eight are common so if you want to try your hand at biological recording this is a good place to start and please send us your records.

Churchyards are great for bumblebees in the spring as so many have an array of spring bulbs and other flowers. Amongst your planted bulbs look out for the shiny yellow flowers of the native Lesser Celandine. If you have flowerbeds, then try to include plants which will flower at the start of the season and also in autumn. This gives a welcome food source the queen bees when they stock up for hibernation and first emerge hungry! Have a look at our Action Pack sheet B5, Bumblebees & Other Bees, Wasps and Ants for more information.

All the best
Harriet Carty

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

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World Day of Prayer

Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk

6th March 2020 – Zimbabwe



The annual

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

will be held at Endon Methodist Church on

Friday 6th March at 2pm.

Please support this special service. All are welcome.

Electoral Roll Revision 2020

The Electoral Roll Revision will take place from Sunday March 8th to Sunday March 15th. If you are new to St Luke's, and would like to be a voting member of our congregation, please ask for a form. If you are aware of any changes that should be made to the Roll, please tell me. A copy of the Roll will be on the notice board in Church from March 15th onwards. After revision the new list will be displayed from March 15th until the APCM on April 2nd.

Sheila Simpson

'A MIND TO SING'...

Anyone who has Parkinsons or any type of dementia (and their carers) are very welcome to this special singing group on Thursday afternoons at St Lawrence's Church in Biddulph between 2.30 and 4.00pm. It is run by John Gibson who leads the singing and sometimes accompanies us on his ukulele. It is a very friendly group...we start with coffee/tea and biscuits and usually celebrate birthdays with cakes! More information from...

James & Ros Benson

FLOWER AND CRAFT CLUB

Sue writes... The photo below shows our February arrangement using spring flowers, a variety of foliage, twigs, sticks and bark.



If you haven't been before, come along and see if you think flower arranging is for you. This is a friendly group and you don't need to have any experience.

A warm welcome awaits you and expert help from Pauline and Jeanette is on hand.

We meet fortnightly on a Wednesday afternoon. The dates are as follows:

- 11th March
- 25th March

**All meetings are from
1 pm to 3 pm in the chapter house.**

‘ART IN THE LANDSCAPE’

A LOOK AHEAD TO WELL DRESSING WEEKEND

This year, instead of scarecrows, the parish council is planning to have art installations around the village created by community groups under the banner ‘Art in the Landscape.’ Installations are to be made using recycled materials. As the event will take place in conjunction with Well Dressing Weekend and our Flower Festival I thought we could use flowers as our inspiration. I’m really looking for some creative people with ideas on how to do this! If we could come up with a design perhaps people could make flowers at home or make

them with others on Craft Club afternoons and the installation could be assembled later. As Flower Club members will be involved with the Flower Festival I really hope that there will be others to help with this



project.

Some lovely flowers could be made from empty plastic bottles and old CDs.

St Luke's needs to be represented in this project along with our schools, youth groups and the Methodist Church.

Please give it some thought and get back to me to volunteer or discuss ideas. Thank you.

Contact Sue Forrester

07854 043187 for further details

and keep an eye on the church notice board for updates.

Remember...it is hoped to develop the craft section of this group beyond "knit and natter"! If you know anyone who could give instruction in any kind of handicraft please contact Sue.



ENDON CARERS' CAFÉ

This is another friendly group welcoming and supporting those having dementia and their carers. It is held once a month at the

Methodist Church from 10.30 to 12.30pm. Refreshments are served including fruit, oatcakes and cheese! Often there is some form of entertainment and always an opportunity to chat and share good tips. Dates are all **Fridays: 13th March, 17th April, 15th May, 12th June, 10th July, 14th August, 11th September, 9th October, 13th November and 11th December.**

THE FORTHCOMING INTERREGNUM

July 5th 2020 will be Rev Alan and Maryanne's last Sunday with us and so we need to think seriously how our many jobs are to be done both in and around our Church during the interregnum. We need volunteers to fill vacancies such as vergers duties. Please talk to Barrie if you consider yourself a willing and available volunteer.

On this Sunday there will be a farewell service at St Luke's at 6.30pm to which members of all the churches including Endon Methodist are invited.

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:

March 19th

April 9th (Maundy Thursday)

OTHER DATES:

- Next St Luke's PCC at 7.30pm **Thursday, 19th March** in the vicarage.
- Annual Parochial Church Meeting **Thursday, 2nd April** in the chapter house at 7.30pm preceded by a short PCC meeting at 7.00pm to approve the accounts.

NEWS FROM ST CHAD'S



DEANERY SYNOD 21st Jan

St Philip & St James Church, Milton: Report by Leonie Siegertsz

A light hearted introduction was received from our guest speaker **Bill Marsh, a retired Minister and the Team Leader of the Black Country Urban Industrial Mission (BCUIM)** which places chaplains in industrial work places to seek to connect the church with the economy of the area.

The topic was 'God is at Work in the World' – how we can bring faith into our everyday life. Bill encouraged guest interaction as he asked how do we see God at work in our working lives; one attendee said a Relief Worker, another said a Nurse being a clear example of God at work in our workplace for their caring, listening and ability to help people; even Hairdressers – yes a hairdresser...Bill told of a Christian lady who made it her mission to pray for all those who visited her salon, adding 'for we are all in the business of seeing the difference God wants to bring in the whole world'.

Bill quoted from Colossians 1:19, 20 (NIV) – ¹⁹*For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,* ²⁰*and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.* Bill mentioned the NIV "Faith & Work Bible" with 75 accounts of Christians integrating faith with their work, it is an ideal read for anyone seeking to see their work as sacred, part of God's purposes in His world.

Other people expressing their Faith at work included:

Alan and Debra Hirsch known for their innovative approach to mission, they co-wrote "**Untamed**", through their book they seek to answer the question, 'How are we to think and live day to day as followers of Jesus?' Each chapter ends with suggested practices to help readers live out their discipleship.

The 1940s author best known for her detective novels, **Dorothy L Sayers**, wrote "**Creed or Chaos**" where she states, "if Christians don't steep themselves in doctrine, the Christian Faith – and the world outside the Faith – will descend into chaos." She argues passionately for her Faith.

What steps the Local Church can take:

- **Faith in the Workplace Course** (part of the Diocese MAP) – publicise the courses available to help people relate their faith to their daily life and work: - the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity (LICC) offer “Life on the Frontline” and “Fruitfulness on the Frontline”.
- **‘TTT’ – This Time Tomorrow** – invite someone to stand up in church and ask what they will be doing at the same time on Monday. What decisions will they be making?
- **Prayer** – pray for people in their daily work and tasks.
- **Commissioning** – ask of any life changing moments e.g. they might be starting a new job or moving to a new area.
- **Chaplaincy** – there may be people in the church who have some time and interest in people. There could be a ministry for them, or, on your local high street.
- **Informal Meetings with Speakers** – get some people together, in a local pub, give a talk about people’s faith in their work, this is a great evangelistic opportunity.
- **Get Involved** – local business groups e.g. business breakfasts
- **WWW (Where We Work)** – create a map of the area on a church notice board of where people work, maybe with ‘Selfies’.
- Speak about our Faith.

This was an interesting and inspiring talk that showed how easily we could implement the Three Priorities (Discipleship, Vocation and Evangelism – DVE) of the Vision for Lichfield Diocese in our everyday lives and the steps our Church can take to encourage its congregation.

LET IT SNOW! *Sheila Tipper writes...*

What about the snow on Monday 10th! My social life, mostly by choice, is not extensive, but one thing I do enjoy is Monday’s craft club at the Stafford Arms. This Monday we had an early lunch, I packed my “Crafty” bag (I’d had a lesson in crocheting traditional granny squares the session before and I was eagerly anticipating showing off my skills. I had completed and stitched together 9 squares and I was very proud of them). Then at 12.45 as I was getting my shoes on, the snow came, slowly at first but then fast and furious. I decided to wait a while to see if it stopped but by 1.15 I gave it up as a bad job! Our drive is not the easiest to negotiate even in summer and on a cold snowy day it’s just about impossible! So much for pride coming before a fall!!!! To add insult to injury, it stopped almost bang on 3pm when the meeting would’ve ended!

HELP WANTED:

Does anyone know of a domestic help for four hours per week in Bagnall? Pat Adams recently lost the services of her long term helper and would like to replace as soon as possible. Anyone interested or anyone who can recommend someone please get in touch with Pat on 01782 503697. Thank you.

Don't forget.....

The church will **not** be open on a Wednesday morning during the winter months. Watch this space for when it will open again.

Tuesday study group - now on winter break

Wednesday 11th March 2020— Communion service at 10.45am with prayers for the sick.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

There has been a change in the services for March. As Mothering Sunday falls on the 4th Sunday, 22nd March we will have this as the family service and the first Sunday, 1st March will be Morning Prayer.

ACCORDION CONCERT

The next social item is in March, the accordion concert on Saturday 28th March at 7.30pm in church. Tickets cost £5 including refreshments and are now available from Muriel Finney—phone number 07739431494. The accordion group will be playing variety and sing-a-long numbers so it should be a lot of fun.



CREATIVE CORNER CRAFT CLUB

meets at 1pm to 3pm at The Stafford Arms on Monday 9th and 23rd March.

THE NEXT JOINT SERVICE with St Luke's will be held at St Chad's on 29th March at 10.30am.



CANDLE DEDICATIONS for MARCH

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** or fill in a form at the back of church as soon as possible if you would like a particular date. Thank you to all who support the candle dedications!

| Mar | CANDLE OF HOPE | SANCTUARY LIGHT |
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| 1 st | Sheila and Stan Hurst to celebrate the birthday of their daughter, Clare (4 th) | Sheila and Stan Hurst to celebrate the 17 th birthday of their grandson, William Alan and Maureen Payne to celebrate grandson Olly's birthday (2 nd) |
| 8 th | Maureen Foster in loving memory of parents, George and Catherine Davenport | Sue Gibbons to celebrate the birthday of grandson Max |
| 15 th | Roger and Shirley Brindley to celebrate the 4 th birthday of their granddaughter Emma | Mabel McGrath to celebrate the birthday of grandson Ewan McGrath (14 th) |
| 22 nd | Maureen and Alan Payne in loving memory of Joe and Lil Brierley, parents of Maureen Payne | Ann and Les Boulton in loving memory of their parents Barrie to celebrate Emma's birthday |
| 29 th | Alan and Maureen Payne to celebrate Maureen's birthday | Mabel McGrath in loving memory of brothers William and Joseph |



MARCH BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to

Olly Payne (2nd), Steve Dale (3rd), Claire Salt (4th),
Adrian Davis, John Gater (5th), John O'Rourke (6th),
Joe Benson (8th), Eric Millward (12th), Emily Hurst
(14th), Ros Benson (15th), Deb Podmore (16th),
Vicky Barlow (17th), Chris Jackson (20th),

Craig Davis (21st), Wendy Bardell, Maureen Payne (28th),

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



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 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| Monday | Claremont St George's Ave | James & Ros | Barrie | 7.30pm |
| Tuesday | Bagnall Heights Lounge | Barrie | Barrie | 11.00 am |
| Wednesday (fortnightly) | Vicarage | Maryanne | Maryanne | 7.30pm |

NB CHANGE OF PLAN...we go ECUMENICAL! How Much Do We Care About Our Planet??

This Lent our groups will be following a course entitled "Operation Noah" with members of Endon Methodist Church (Mondays 7.30 – 9.00pm) and it will be held there as last year. Even if you don't usually attend a home group do consider joining one for this Lent. The theme is hugely relevant to the climate and environmental crisis we are now all facing. How can 'people of faith' make a real difference?

Come and share your thoughts and let's find ways of turning words into actions and hopefully motivate others!

The course will run from March 2nd. See sign-up sheet and poster on the noticeboard.

**ALEXANDER L'ESTRANGE
STAFFORDSHIRE SINGS**

VOCAL SCORE

ZIMBE!

ENDON COMMUNITY CHOIR will join other choirs to sing this collection of African songs accompanied by a professional jazz quintet. Another performance will be held at the Victoria Hall, Hanley on Wednesday, 25th March. More info from Ann or Ros.

**“Come, sing
the songs
of Africa!”**

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On Sunday February 9th Joe Porter, in his role as a Staffordshire Moorlands district councillor, presented St Luke's with a cheque for £50 to help pay for repairs on our chapter house lift*. Several members of our PCC were there to receive it. As a councillor Joe has a

sum of money each year to share between various community groups in the area which he represents. He has also presented a cheque to Endon Community Choir. Thank you Joe!

****PLEASE NOTE: To keep our lift working well it must be used regularly.***

MOTHERS' UNION

Sheila H writes...It is with sadness I have to inform members that Sue Egerton, our Diocesan President lost her courageous battle with cancer on Monday 10th February. Sue visited our branch on several occasions either as a speaker or supported our meetings as our President. Our condolences and our prayer support go to husband Tom and Sue's family.

The annual Mothers' Union Lady Day Service will be held on Wednesday 25th March at 2.00 pm. The venue is Norton church.

2019 CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The total raised for Christian Blind Mission was **£170**. Thank you to all who made donations.

LEEK FOOD BANK UPDATE



Registered Charity No. 1153990 in England and Wales

Current needs include the following:

- Milk (UHT or powdered)**
- Sugar (500g)**
- Fruit juice (carton)**
- Soup**
- Pasta sauces**
- Sponge pudding (tinned)**
- Tomatoes (tinned)**
- Cereals**
- Rice pudding (tinned)**
- Tea Bags/instant coffee**
- Instant mash potato**
- Rice/pasta**
- Tinned meat/fish**
- Tinned fruit**
- Jam**
- Biscuits or snack bar**

Also welcome are:

- Toothpaste**
- Toiletries**
- Toilet rolls**
- Kitchen rolls**
- Razors**
- Shaving foam**

MORE CHUCKLES FROM ANN & LES...

'I can't remember how to write 1, 1,000, 51, 6 and 500 in Roman numerals. IM LIVID'

I went to the doctor. He said "You've got a very serious illness." I said that I wanted a second opinion. He said "Alright, you're ugly as well."

I bought my friend an elephant for his room. He said "Thanks". I said "Don't mention it".

This is my step ladder. I never knew my real ladder.

My friend said to me "What rhymes with orange?". I said "No it doesn't!"

Two men meet on opposite sides of the river. One shouts to the other "I need you to help me to get to the other side." The other man replies "You are on the other side!"

Why don't ants get poorly? Because they have little anty bodies.

Why wouldn't the shrimp share his treasure? Because he was a little shellfish.

What do you call an apology sent in dots and dashes? Remorse Code.

A dyslexic man walks into a bra

And one from Tommy Cooper:-

I went to the doctors. He said "I'd like you to lie on the couch." I said "What for?" He said "I want to sweep the floor."

March Prayer Focus

- Syrian refugees (especially children) in camps in freezing conditions and under constant threat of bombs
- Those suffering the effects of the coronavirus and/or in quarantine as well as those seeking ways to stop its spread
- Those whose properties have been damaged in recent storms
- Thankfulness for rain in Australia and support for those who have lost their homes and livelihoods in the bushfires
- The ecumenical Lent course and how we can make a positive difference in responding to climate change
- All fighting for justice and fairness
- 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 practice
- Rev Eleanor recovering from hip surgery
- Eric Cartlidge recovering from heart surgery
- All starting a new job or 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
- The release of Iranian-British mother Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe serving a 5 year gaol sentence on alleged spying charges
- 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
- Lou Macari's hostel for the homeless in Hanley
- The problem of the millions of plastic bottles afloat in our oceans and the tons of 'space junk' orbiting our planet
- 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 nationally and locally
- The unemployed or in work but not earning a living wage
- For all suffering from depression
- For all in care homes or needing care at home and their carers
- For all involved with the Chernobyl Project
- Our Vicar, PCCs and Pastoral Team and visitors to our church
- For Barrie Jackson as a lay reader and Ian Perry at St Chad's as he prepares for ordination and all who lead worship in our churches each Sunday.
- Ministry in our benefice after Rev Alan's retirement in 2020

A Look Back at HILL TOP MISSION..a real family affair!

St Luke's used to include the two missions of Hill Top, Brown Edge and Stanley until both closed. Hill Top closed in 1978 and the money raised from its sale went towards paying for our chapter house (see plaques.) Hill Top (known as "Harveys' Mission") was looked after by my great-grandparents Isaac and Jane Harvey who lived in the adjoining cottage and I recently unearthed this photo of them both sitting outside the mission. (They are also great-grandparents of Joan Lawley.) I'm not sure of the date of this photo but probably early 1900s. The building (at the junction of Sandy Lane and Broad Lane) is now a private house.



The photo below shows Ethel's brother George Harvey who is my granddad. Here is with his horse. He worked for Boyce Adams delivering bread in Brown Edge and Endon. I think this photo was taken in Broad Lane in the 1940s.



Isaac and Jane had several children. Their daughter Ethel married George Biddulph and they took over as caretakers. Ethel and George can be seen on the far right of the above photo at their daughter Francis's wedding at St Luke's in the 1940s. Joan's mother Elsie (daughter of Ethel) was also a mission caretaker. Elsie's brother Vincent played the harmonium while another of Ethel's daughters, Jinnie, was a lay reader and often preached there. As a child I remember parties at the cottage which were crowded and noisy but very jolly!

Ros



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ST LUKE'S CHURCH BOOKINGS

Barrie Jackson is keeping the church diary. Please contact him on **07510 074097**.

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cupboard, please check that they are
Fair Trade, Ethical Tea Partnership or
similar organisations that guarantee
that small traders are not
disadvantaged.*

Barrie writes...

WANTED!

I'm looking for 2 items (second hand):

- 1. An indoor exercise bike (for obvious reasons!) and**
- 2. a portable cassette/CD player - I've just found a number of useful training cassettes but no longer possess a cassette player.**

So if you're having a clear out of either of these items, please let me know.

**Barrie – 07510 074097 or
bcjreceau@gmail.com**

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| Rev Alan Betts / Maryanne Lloyd | 502166 |
| Roger Simpson, St Luke's warden | 502006 |
| Ann & Les Boulton, warden's team | 503162 |
| June Pope, warden's team | 503269 |
| Lyn Pickering, warden's team | 07891 213284 |
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