



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

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April 2021

INTERREGNUM Month 10

**A VERY HAPPY EASTER  
TO EVERYONE!**



**HALLELUJAH! Christ is Risen!  
He is Risen indeed!  
HALLELUJAH!**

**Please see next page for details of our Easter  
services.**

## **APRIL PLAN FOR ST LUKE'S**

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

**2.00 – 3.00pm AN HOUR AT  
THE CROSS led by Barrie**

### **EASTER SUNDAY April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**9.15am HOLY COMUNION led  
by Rev Terry Bloor**

### **SUNDAY April 11<sup>th</sup>**

**9.15am MORNING WORSHIP  
led by Roger and Barrie**

### **SUNDAY April 18<sup>th</sup>**

**9.15am MORNING WORSHIP  
led by Roger and Barrie**

### **SUNDAY April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**9.15am MORNING WORSHIP  
led by Roger and Barrie**

**MIDWEEK SERVICES  
resume on Wednesday  
April 7th at 9.15am in the  
chapter house.**

## **ST LUKE'S CHURCH OFFICE**

Unless involved with funeral duties, Barrie mans the church office in the vestry on Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri from 10.00am to 1.00pm using tel: **07517 653370.**

While the office is open the church is open for private prayer. All enquiries relating to baptisms, weddings and funerals should be directed to Barrie. Currently a maximum of 30 (5 for weddings) are allowed in church but be aware that guidelines can change.

## **ST LUKE'S ZOOM MEETINGS**

**11.00am COFFEE & CHAT** on Fridays

**11.00am CONNECTIONS** on Sundays

led by Neil and Deb (phone nos back page.).

We are planning a child friendly, family service via Zoom for **Easter Sunday 4th April at 11am** with games, crafts and songs in a 25 minute package. Do spread the word! The Zoom Connections passcode is **743 818 2108.**

## **Matthew 28 vv 1 – 10**

After the Sabbath at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him. Now I have told you. So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran and told the disciples.

Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said.

They came to him, clasped his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

# APRIL AT ST CHAD'S

We have two reports from St Chad's this month concerning Mothering Sunday and the Lent Group. See p 10 -11.

St Chad's will be open with all the usual restrictions on **Palm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March** at 10.45am but you will need to book your place.

## YOUTUBE

Don't forget all of our services will still be available to watch on YouTube.

**2<sup>nd</sup> April GOOD FRIDAY**

**10:45 Short service of readings, prayer and music**

**4<sup>th</sup> April EASTER DAY**

**HOLY COMMUNION 10:45 led by Rev Barry Wilson**

**This service is already fully booked**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**HOLY COMMUNION by extension led by Kath for those unable to come on Easter Day**

**11<sup>th</sup> April MORNING WORSHIP 10:45**

**18<sup>th</sup> April MORNING WORSHIP 10:45**

**25<sup>th</sup> April MORNING WORSHIP 10:45**

Due to social distancing rules numbers will be limited therefore you will need to book and not just turn up. Please contact Kath either by telephone, text or email to book.

**01782 304616 or 07971 887039  
or howsie07@btinternet.com**

You will get a reply to say whether you have a place, this means the sooner you do it the more chance you have. It is not possible to have two services on the Sunday as there needs to be a 48 hour gap between events; however Kath offers a communion service by extension on **Wednesday morning April 7th** if enough people require it because they were unable to attend on the Sunday.

## FOOD BANK

Many thanks to everyone who contributes to the food bank. The boxes are in the church porch every weekend.

**Kath**

# BLANKET COVERAGE...

Be encouraged! **Sue Millard** who, with husband Norman, took the latest batch of blankets to France on March 9<sup>th</sup> has sent us her latest report...



*“The ladies of North Staffs have done it again! After a blessing at Biddulph Methodist church by Mrs Ruth Pickles on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 96 blankets were loaded and taken across the Channel to the Women’s refuge centre in Dunkirk. The camp where the women and their families stay is in a natural park called Puythouk in Dunkirk where the community is mostly Kurdish people from Iran and Iraq. The*



*centre also supports Arabic speaking women from Iraq and Kuwait. The centre in Calais supports single women, families and single fathers who arrive with their children. These people are from Afghanistan, Ethiopia and Eritrea. They leave their own countries for a variety of reasons, political repression,*

*poverty, sexuality or gender based repression or simply because following civil strife there is nothing left of their homes. Some women have extended family in the UK but many have left or become separated from their*



*families and don’t know how or when they will ever see them again. Despite the trauma of long journeys across Europe, especially for the little ones, the women do not see themselves as victims and they are not treated as such by the wonderful volunteers who manage the camps. They always have hope and are looking for a better life for themselves and their families. Monday, the day we*

arrived, was World Women's Day and an outdoor picnic was being organised for the women and children in the Calais camp or "jungle" as it is called. Our gift of blankets was received with joy and gratitude and immediately some of them were taken to the site of the picnic. My husband and I were invited to join them, but we were very aware of the COVID spread in this area and wished them well and God's blessing.

The photo below shows a blanket that a refugee woman took with her when she managed



to enter the UK. She sent this message with the picture: Anshalla, Awa hi jngala. To dat bamn, which translates: **This is from jungle. You gave it to me. Heartfelt thanks.** I think the ladies who have worked so hard making these blankets will feel very satisfied that their time is well spent. A huge thank you to all the knitters from Serena who runs the Dunkirk centre and from me who meets everyone on both sides of the Channel. Returning from Calais was not easy, due to the government demands for health and security but after yet another COVID test and several forms to fill in we arrived home ready to start our 10 day quarantine. Travelling during a pandemic is not encouraged, we know,

but to make sure these lovingly made blankets get to the right people, we were glad to take the risk.

Here are Ann Daniels (who painstakingly joins our squares together) and Jean Edwards with sealed bags of blankets.



The painted hand of friendship across the crocheted work.

Everyone can see what a worthwhile project this continues to be and I invite anyone who would like to knit or crochet a few 6-inch squares to get in touch with me, Sue Millard on 01782 512905 or contact Biddulph Methodist church. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated.

**Sue Millard**

We in turn extend our thanks to Sue and Norman for ensuring that our knitted squares, having been made into blankets, arrive where they are most needed at no inconsiderable cost to themselves. This time they had far more trouble trying to leave France than they did getting there! Thankfully Sue speaks fluent French. See Sue's account in the article she sent to **The Biddulph Chronicle** on the next page:

## MORE ENDON SQUARES! Can you spot yours?



# Border trouble after 'jungle' mercy mission

By James Connolly

Biddulph volunteers who travelled to the "jungle" refugee camp with almost 100 homemade blankets were met with "joy and gratitude", but had a tougher time leaving France than they bargained for.

Sue Millard, a senior steward at Biddulph Methodist Church, crossed the Channel last Monday with husband Norman and a car full of 96 crocheted blankets made by volunteers across the Moorlands.

The couple arrived at the camp in Calais on international women's day as aid workers and refugees were preparing for a picnic, for which some of the blankets were used immediately.

Mr and Mrs Millard could not visit the site of the picnic due to distancing restrictions, but

still heard some of the refugee's stories, including from one woman who made it across the border to the UK with a Biddulph blanket in tow.

However, when it came time to leave, the pair faced four hours of unexpected paperwork and a charge of more than £400 to return.

Mrs Millard said: "Our gift of blankets was received with joy and gratitude and immediately some of them were taken to the site of the picnic.

"We heard from one refugee woman who took one of the blankets we had previously sent all the way with her as she managed to enter the UK. She sent this text message: This is from the jungle. You gave it me. Heartfelt thanks.

"The ladies who have worked so hard making these blankets will feel very satisfied that their time is well spent. A huge thank you to all the knitters from the Women's Refuge Centre in Dunkirk and from me who meets everyone on both sides of the Channel."

The camp where the women and their families stay is in a natural park called Puythouck in Dunkirk where the community is mostly Kurdish people from Iran and Iraq. The centre also supports Arabic speaking women from Iraq and Kuwait.

The centre in Calais supports single women, families and single fathers who arrive with their children from Afghanistan, Ethiopia and Eritrea.

Mrs Millard explained that the refugees leave their own countries for a variety of reasons including political repression, poverty, and sexuality or gender-based repression.

She said: "Despite the trauma of long journeys across Europe, especially for the little ones, the women do not see themselves as victims and they are not treated as such by the wonderful volunteers who manage the camps.

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March 18 '20



# Church to cut paid clergy as a fifth of flock wanders off

Nicholas Hellen and  
Caroline Wheeler

The damage inflicted on the Church of England by the pandemic is revealed in a leaked internal document which warns up to 20 per cent of its regular worshippers may never return.

It calls into question “the sustainability of many local churches” and the continued financial subsidy given to 5,000 loss-making parishes out of a total of 12,000.

The document also warns that most dioceses intend to “prune [the] number of clergy and diocesan staff”. One bishop and another senior source said the number of paid priests could be cut by 10 to 20 per cent, as the church cuts costs by recruiting more unpaid clergy.

Stephen Cottrell, who took over as Archbishop of York during the pandemic, is leading a programme to transform the institution into what he describes as a “Jesus-shaped church”, focused on the wider world, which will attract a younger, more ethnically diverse membership. He will set out more details on February 25.

Traditionalists worry that he is “cashing in on the coronavirus” to abandon the burden

of abandoning the parochial system, which basically says the Church of England has a ministry to everyone in the land and we want a Christian presence in every community.”

The bishop added: “What we’re doing is looking at other ways of organising this with local teams, many of whom will be either self-supporting ministers or lay ministers



Cottrell: transforming institution into a 'Jesus-shaped church'  
IAN FORSYTH

of a network of 16,000 churches. They fear his reforms will lead to the sale of many vicarages, the departure of priests and the end of an era when churches were rooted in communities.

When the government ordered all church buildings to stay closed from March 24 to July 4, the church responded by going online. Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, conducted an Easter Day service from his kitchen.

The report concludes: “Online worship will have become a significant part of the mainstream. The Church of England could emerge from the pandemic smaller in terms of engagement by at least some

looking after local churches, local groups of Christians with stipendiary clergy, who will be fewer in number, looking after them and sort of managing larger areas, rather like minibishops.”

The church already has 2,870 unpaid clergy, 7,370 retired clergy who continue to officiate and 7,830 lay readers.

The Church of England said:

measures, but particularly physical attendance. This will inevitably have further impact on the sustainability of many local churches.” The average age of a churchgoer is 61.

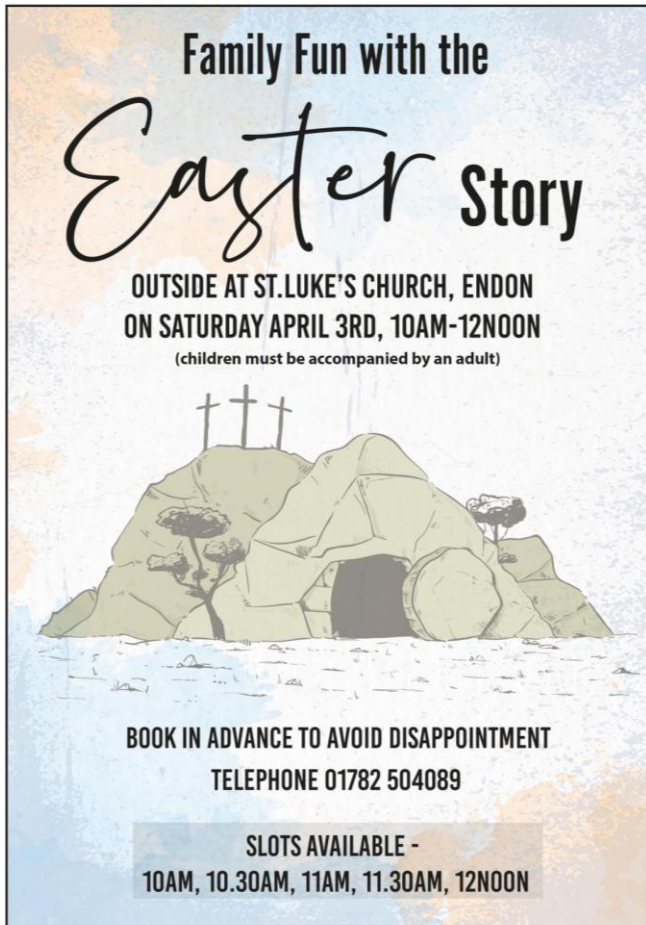
Money, People and Buildings, which was sent to the 42 diocesan secretaries this month, puts the clergy on notice to brace themselves for unpalatable cuts. “There has been some horror expressed at the clergy number reductions announced by a few dioceses, although they are in the context of the consistent decline in clergy numbers over recent decades and the unsustainability of ministry in many parishes.”

One bishop said: “We are not

“The findings, based on research during the first lockdown last year, are incomplete in the context of a developing situation. The Church of England will continue to assess ongoing research and analysis to understand how the pandemic may shape the church in the future.”

@NicholasHellen ■

# EASTER at ST LUKE'S



## THE STORY OF EASTER FOR FAMILIES Please spread the word.

We shall be holding a FREE outdoor event on **Easter Saturday** April 3<sup>rd</sup> in the churchyard for families to take part in with Fairtrade Real Easter Eggs for prizes. The story of Holy Week will be portrayed around the church yard with volunteers dressed up as characters from the story to explain each part of the Holy Week story. Please contact Shirley Brindley to book a slot. Social distancing must be observed. Please note that the Real Easter Egg is no longer on sale in supermarkets but can only be obtained on-line through The Meaningful Chocolate Company, Traidcraft, Tear Fund or The Leprosy Mission and unfortunately they have now all SOLD OUT!!

## THIS YEAR'S LENT APPEAL

In the absence of the Bishop's Lent Appeal, it's been decided that St Luke's will run its own Lent Appeal this year. The beneficiary will be: **TEENAGE CANCER TRUST 2020**. a registered charity: 1062559 (England & Wales), SC039757 (Scotland). Their aim is to provide: "world-class cancer services for young people in the UK, providing life-changing care and support so young people don't have to face cancer alone" [Full details are on their website [teenage cancer trust.org](http://teenagecancertrust.org)] Appeal envelopes will be at the back of church, to enable the charity to recover full tax relief on any donations. Please make cheques payable to *Endon, St Luke's PCC*.

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## VINTAGE ENDON NEWSLETTERS

An extract for April 1895 from Alan Williamson's book of old Endon parish newsletters is on p12.

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## CHURCH FUNDS.. a reminder

Thank you to those who keep up regular giving. Please continue to bring your gift or envelope to church or you may issue a cheque and post it to Sheila Hurst or set up a monthly standing order (not a direct debit as this creates more work for our treasurer). There is also a 'Just Giving' link on St Luke's website. Those who bank on-line may prefer to pay directly into the church account by setting up **Endon St Luke's PCC** as a new recipient\*. (\*Bank details from Steve Dale or Sheila Hurst. Phone nos back page.)





# CANDLE DEDICATIONS for APRIL

For £2.50 you can keep the Candle of Hope or the Sanctuary Light burning for a week with a dedication. **Please contact Shirley Brindley on 504089 as soon as possible if you would like a particular date.**

Apr	CANDLE OF HOPE	SANCTUARY LIGHT
4 <sup>th</sup>	Peter and June Pope to celebrate the birthday of their granddaughter Lydia (10 <sup>th</sup> )	Marilyn Plant to celebrate the birth of grandson Logan Harrison on January 29 <sup>th</sup> 2021
11 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Boulton In loving memory of Les's parents	Mabel McGrath in loving memory of sister Doreen and brother- in- law Harry
18 <sup>th</sup>	Marilyn Plant to celebrate the 6 <sup>th</sup> birthday of grandson, Jack Edwin	Anon remembering the life and witness of Edna Bond
25 <sup>th</sup>	David Moss and Janet Bowyer In loving memory of Thomas Moss, father of David and Robert	Anon remembering the life and witness of Betty Whitmore

Happy Birthday!



## APRIL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to

**Fiona Morris (8<sup>th</sup>), Tim Boulton, Lydia Marshall (10<sup>th</sup>),  
Pauline Hart (12<sup>th</sup>), Barrie Jackson (14<sup>th</sup>),  
Hannah Thomlins (16<sup>th</sup>), Eric Cartlidge (17<sup>th</sup>),  
Maryanne Lloyd (28<sup>th</sup>), Phil Benson (29<sup>th</sup>),  
Bex Bailey, Georgia & Millie Tellwright (30<sup>th</sup>)**

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

## WE HAVE A NEW RURAL DEAN

Our previous Rural Dean, Rev Barry Statham (vicar of Milton) retired last September and his replacement has just been announced. **Rev Nigel Irons**, vicar of St Edward's and St John's, Leek and St Matthew, Meerbrook is our new Rural Dean. As vicar of St Edward's he is also Patron of St Luke's, Endon.



# Mother's Day at St Chad's

How we were looking forward to this event! The promise of a Mother's Day service was cheering us all up – the only thing that was putting a “cloud” over the whole event (excuse the pun) was that the weather forecast was pretty abysmal! However, despite rain, chilly temperatures and energetic breezes in the run up to the big day, we held fast to the thought of attending St Chad's for the outdoor service, however drastic the inclemency of the weather!



The morning arrived and I think I can speak for everyone when I say we were all very pleasantly surprised! Although it was very chilly, it was thankfully dry, and (dare I say it) even quite pleasant!!! Mum and I headed to up to the village equipped with a camping chair, a rug (you can never be too well prepared), gloves and masks, with an optimistic air! We wouldn't have looked out of place at Glastonbury festival - we were just missing the wellies!!!

It was so lovely to see familiar faces (behind the masks!) – some, we hadn't seen for months and months! We set up camp and although Mum had initially thought that I was being a little over-prepared by bringing a warm throw with us, I think she was actually quite glad of it, if the truth be known!

We were all set and there was an air of anticipation as our outdoor service began! Several children who were pony riding even stopped and watched from over the wall. From where we were sitting (to the left), we could only really fully see Dave who was ensconced in the porch with his keyboard. However, he was obviously not alone since, one by one, the participants took it in turns to come forward to speak



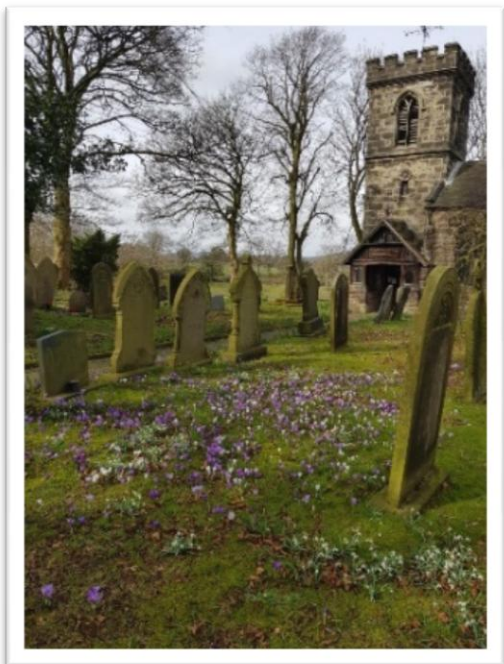
and then retreated, ready for the next person – all done in a very safe and socially-distanced kind of way. Kath began the service with prayer and an interactive “brainstorm” about the traits of a mother, followed by Julia with the reading, Muriel with the address, Grace with prayers and Fred reading the poem “A Mother's Love”. Caryl was set up on the pathway, filming the entire service (if you haven't yet seen it, I would recommend that you do so).

Mum was entirely delighted with the sound system as she could hear everything **REALLY** clearly which, if you know Muriel, is sometimes a struggle.

Actually being able to sing out loud during the service was a delight and something we obviously all miss – whilst we no doubt all sing along to the You Tube services, it isn't quite the same as singing en-masse with the rest of the church family is it? There was plenty of music during the service with Dave doing a marvellous job on the keyboard - ending with one of my all-time favourites – “You Shall Go Out With Joy” – what a rousing way to finish off a fabulous event!



Following the blessing, we all filed out in a very organised way, popping our collection into a basket. We were able to take a lovely potted primula (a bit of alliteration there!) as an alternative to the bunches of daffodils that are usually handed out during the service. Patrick and Freda kindly organised the plants and several people took one to give to those who they knew were not able to attend.



Interestingly, as we were preparing to leave, we felt the first spots of rain fall (rain had been promised but thankfully, it had not graced us with an appearance up until now). This gentle rain soon turned into an absolute deluge as we drove down to Baddeley Green to deliver a primula to Vera Tyson. When we arrived back home, Mum had to change her trousers, such was the ferocity of the downpour!!! How fortunate we were – had the service taken place just a little later, we would have been rained off for sure – we were certainly being looked after!

So, a beautiful Mother's Day service set in the most glorious of spaces – the great outdoors! A huge thank you to all of those who were involved in the planning, preparation, organisation and delivery of this really wonderful event! It was a resounding success!

Speaking for myself, I can't wait for the next one!!!

**Esther Buckle, St Chad's**

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## **ST CHAD'S LENT COURSE 2021**

Eleven members of St. Chad's church have been enjoying our Lent course on Thursday evenings, led by Kathryn and Caryl. Grace has enabled this to be done by Zoom....and it has worked so well, proving to be a means of getting together in fellowship ; we have learned much from our sessions and found them to be spiritually uplifting .

So far, we have studied the topics of Wilderness, Fasting, Temptation and Solitude. The final session was held on Thursday 25th March.

And so, in Lockdown, we have communicated, grown in knowledge of the Lord, and worshipped him together.

Thanks to all who have taken part.

**Pat Saul**



## Come follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad

### AS THE DAYS LENGTHEN – SPIRITUALITY FOR SPRINGTIME

I am grateful to Jeremy Sylvester, vicar of Darlaston, for reminding me that the word Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word Lencton which was the word for 'spring' and literally meant 'lengthen'. Our lives and that of our crops are governed by the seasons of the sun and as we pass the midwinter solstice



around Christmas, the days grow longer until the Spring Equinox, this year March 20th. This is often seen as the first day of Spring which therefore ends with the Summer solstice



around June 21<sup>st</sup>. Personally it makes more sense to follow what is often called a Celtic pattern that sees the shortest and longest days as marking the middle of Winter and the middle of Summer and thus the equinoxes marking the middle of Spring and Autumn. So, for me Spring begins at Candlemas with the snowdrops and first buds and ends on May Day. But whenever you count each season's beginning each has a spiritual character that sets a rhythm to the year that in many ways matches the rhythm of the seasons of our lives.

Spring is the time of new birth and exuberant youth. It emerges from the darkness of winter as a seed aroused from sleep, at first slowly amid the darker days and the cold of winter but like the snowdrops it rears its new life from out of the apparently lifeless sleeping earth. From these small beginnings the days lengthen until at the Equinox we pass from the dark half of the year to the light half and day becomes once again longer than night. The sun rises higher in the sky and its warmth draws closer and new shoots become full blossoms and trees come into leaf. The promise of new life becomes a fullness promising summer and autumn fruitfulness.

Easter is often near to the Equinox, indeed in the early church there was a belief that the first Easter fell on March the 25th which was in the old Roman calendar also the date of the Equinox. It still is the date of the Annunciation when Gabriel came to Mary with the promise of Jesus' new life to come. These festivals remind us as they come in the springtime that God is the one who brings new life in the times when our lives have

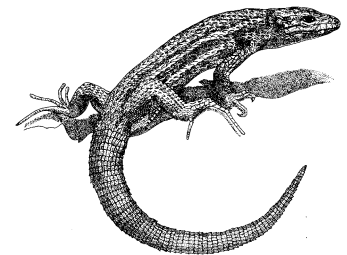
entered Winter. For many this year the Covid 19 pandemic will feel like a long winter and this spring is a time of waiting for life to return as the days lengthen towards mid-summer on June 21<sup>st</sup>. If that winter is one many of us share, there will also be many individual winters, times of lost hope, grief, illness and many other ways that our lives can feel trapped, on hold or deeply dark that we long to emerge from. For those who feel they are in winter the new shoots of spring remind us of God's gift of new life waiting in the tomb, in the earth to rise up. For all of it is time to reflect and ask God what new life God wants to bring in us, and how from small beginnings like seeds sown great things come.



*Revd Steve Hollinghurst is the diocese's Evangelism Enabler with an environmental focus*



## Looking for Lizards



April is one of the best times of year to search for reptiles such as lizards as they are getting active in the spring but need to bask a lot to warm up and so can be quite easy to spot. Reptiles are **poikilothermic**, meaning that their internal temperature varies, depending on the weather, as opposed to **homeothermic** animals like us, who can maintain a nearly constant internal temperature. These characteristics used to be called cold or warm blooded. In the spring reptiles need to be warmed in order to be active, but later in the year, when the weather is hotter, they do not need to come out into the open where predators might find them and may actually need to shelter to cool down.

Churchyards can be brilliant for all reptiles because they contain a mixture of warm places to bask such as stones and short grass, which are usually close to places where they can shelter such as gaps and cracks within stone walls, long and tussocky grass, uneven ground with holes and also larger gaps within the joints of monuments such as chest tombs. Churchyards are also rich in invertebrate food, in part due to the absence of chemicals such as pesticides.

When searching for lizards look several metres ahead of where you are walking, going slowly and quietly. Reptiles can pick up vibrations from sudden movement and are aware of shadows falling on them. Search on flat stones and south-facing banks of short grass, close to good hiding places. First light is the best time, when they are cold and need the warmth of the sun. Lift flat stones and pieces of wood to search for slowworms (a lizard without legs), who often 'bask' underneath something that will transmit heat.

Roofing felt is a favourite and you can put half metre squares of this out if you want to search for slowworms. Give them a few weeks to discover the felt squares then peep under them at the start and end of the day. Please let us know if you spot any of these fascinating reptiles in your churchyard.

All the best, Harriet Carty

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[www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk](http://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk) - individuals and groups in the diocese receive 20% members discount on all CfGA materials. Use the discount code Lich19

## April Prayer Focus

- The gradual easing of lockdown restrictions
- Improved safety for women on our streets
- Our police force and the challenges they face
- Teachers and children now schools have re-opened
- UK businesses and trade problems following the Brexit deals
- The new US presidency
- Thankfulness for those who have worked tirelessly to develop the COVID vaccines and those tasked with administering them
- The success of the vaccines that they may lead to effectively controlling the virus
- Our NHS staff still working hard
- A new determination among folk to adhere to government guidelines to stop the spread of infection
- The dire COVID situation in many poorer countries
- The huge problem of loneliness
- Refugees everywhere
- All suffering at the hands of deeply corrupt governments
- Loved ones in our parish who are currently unwell
- Our church wardens and worship leaders during the interregnum
- Our new bishop and the appointment of our next incumbent
- The Church of England dealing with a shortage of clergy and funds as congregations have shrunk in recent years
- Yemen – the on-going crisis and those trying hard to get aid into the country
- The release of Iranian-British mother Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe
- Those affected by the recent upsurge in knife crime
- The widespread drug problem especially in Stoke-on-Trent
- Lou Macari's hostel for the homeless in Hanley
- The problem of the millions of plastic bottles afloat in our oceans and the tons of 'space junk' orbiting our planet
- All who have lost loved ones recently
- The Trussell Trust food banks especially during this time of crisis
- All children who are in danger of going hungry

**DON'T FORGET THE FOOD BANK! Donations can be left in church and Barrie will ensure they are taken to Leek.**

# THE ENDON PARISH MAGAZINE.

APRIL, 1895.

## Baptisms.

*"I have lent him unto the Lord as long as he liveth, he shall be lent to the Lord."*

March 3—Eliza Ellen, daughter of William and Harriet Ethel Adams, Stockton Brook.

10—Mary Ann, daughter of Enos and Elizabeth Frost, Brownedge.

14—Mary, daughter of Thomas and Honour Davenport, Brownedge.

24—Samuel Waller, son of William and Jane Bowyer, Hough Wood Manor, Stockton Brook.

## Marriage.

*"Thy people shall be my people, and thy God, my God. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me."*

March 18—Mark Frost, widower, of Brownedge, to Hannah Gibson, spinster, of Brownedge.

## Burial.

*"The dust shall return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return unto God, Who gave it."*

March 17—George Wood, 75 years, Holden Cottage, Burslem.

## Hospital Sunday, March 10th.

The annual sermons on behalf of the North Staffordshire Infirmary were preached in Endon Church on Sunday last, by the Rev. J. H. Killick, Vicar of Little Compton, Gloucestershire, and formerly of Oakmoor, Staffordshire, who for upwards of twenty years has annually undertaken the same kind duty. The collections for the day amounted to £7 5s. 5d.

## Good Friday, April 12th.

*"Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by."*

The Services will be as follows:—

*Early Celebration, 8 a.m.*

*Morning Service, 11 a.m.*

*Litany and Address, 3 p.m. (Stanley Mission Room).*

*Evening Service, 7-15 p.m.*

## Easter Sunday.

*Services:—*

*Early Celebration, 8 a.m.*

*Morning Service with Mid-day Celebration, 10-30 a.m.*

*Afternoon Service, 3 p.m. (Stanley Mission Room).*

*Evening Service, 6-30 p.m.*

Flowers and plants and *personal help* will be gratefully accepted for making beautiful our village Church on "the Queen of Festivals." Will all those help who can, young as well as old?

Steps are being taken to organise a Church Defence Association. It is hoped an address will shortly be given by some well known clergyman from Wales on the great burning question of the day, "The Welsh Disestablishment Bill."

## The Weekly Offertory.

*"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him."*

	Morning.			Evening.		
	Coins.	£	s. d.	Coins.	£	s. d.
1st Sunday in Lent .....	77	1	0 2½	80	0	7 11
Children's Service.....	31	0	2 6			
2nd Sunday in Lent.....	89	5	11 1	124	1	14 4
3rd " " .....	84	1	1 6	92	0	9 9½
4th " " .....	54	0	16 2½	88	0	9 6

Here's another extract from Alan Williamson's collection of vintage Endon parish magazines. Looking at the baptisms I wonder how many of those named are ancestors of families still living in our area? Davenport of Brown Edge was a name I heard mentioned from time to time as my grandfather's family kept the Mission at Hill Top for many years. Stanley Mission (sadly closed in the 1990s) was also up and running at this time. Does anyone know anything about "The Welsh Disestablishment Bill"?

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Paper copies are available for those without internet access.

Please contact Barrie if you would like a paper copy or know someone who would.

Please submit notices for our next newsletter to Ros Benson

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## CHRISTIAN AID

A reminder that the annual sponsored walk around Tittesworth reservoir will not be taking place this year but Christian Aid is encouraging folk to take part in a virtual walk in May to raise much needed funds. For more

details consult the Christian Aid website.