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July 2021

INTERREGNUM Month 13

A Double Celebration for St Chad's!



We celebrate the ordinations of Ian Perry and Caryl Siegertsz.

Ian was ordained priest on Monday June 21st by our recently appointed Bishop Matthew at his new church in Doxey, Stafford and Caryl was ordained deacon on Sunday June 27th by Bishop Michael at Lichfield. Both of them have had to move from Bagnall into other parishes to serve their curacies. However they will no doubt be keeping in touch with folk at St Chad's and we hope to have news of them as they progress in their new ministries.



I'm sure they will appreciate our prayers.

Rev Alan and Maryanne were able to attend both services as well as a number from St Chad's in line with current government guidelines.



Caryl will be serving her curacy in the parish of Kingsley which includes Oakamoor, Cotton, Foxt and Whiston.

There are many more lovely photos on St Chad's Facebook page. Kath commented: ***"It was a fabulous day, words cannot really describe it. Exciting, emotional and very spiritual."***



From one of Caryl's friends...

Sunday 27th June was a day of joy that many of us had been looking forward to through a long, difficult and gloomy time. We could hardly believe it would be possible to sit in a cathedral and join in prayer of thanks for the determination and fulfilment of the talents of our dear friend, Carrie. When the day finally came and we knew that we could be part of Carrie's day of ordination, it was certain to be memorable and special.

Despite threatening rain, the day stayed dry as we queued in the Lichfield Cathedral close looking up at the stone saints and glorious spires. Everyone was looking forward to our first glimpse of Carrie and although the chairs were in socially distanced columns of two by two, screens placed around the nave allowed us to see the Bishop of Lichfield and the eight new deacons.

The medieval surroundings, stained glass and choral music added to the emotion of the event as we heard Carrie's responses. The sermon by Revd Canon Dr Prentis was full of humour and warmth. Pauline and I held hands at the moment of Carrie's ordination by the Bishop. The power and the importance of God's work through Carrie was felt by us all.

It was fitting and touching to receive communion in those surroundings and to give thanks to God for Carrie and her journey.

As the new Deacons walked towards the daylight of the main entrance, Carrie passed by us in her white robes and even through her mask, we could see her happiness shining.

Outside the cathedral we all met to congratulate her, thankful that the rain was keeping off and delighted to see that old friends, Alan and Mary Anne, were there too. The members of St Chad's couldn't have been more proud of her. We've seen the Holy Spirit at work before our eyes as her confidence has grown and she has become Reverend Carrie.

Meeting afterwards at the Stafford Arms we shared in a lovely meal together, had a chance to give cards and gifts and particularly to admire the stunning card made by Esther which perfectly expressed our congratulations for Reverend Carrie. We all had a chance to chat and say a few words.

Carrie has been an inspiration to me, a woman of about the same age, listening to God's plan and courageously starting on a new path. We will miss her and pray for her, certain that she will be a blessing to her new congregations.

See you soon, Reverend. Your St Chad's family will always be here for you. Xxx

Sunday 27th June 2021

- **J joyful**
- **E excitng**
- **S spiritual**
- **U unbelievable**
- **S spectacular**

These are just a few of the many words that I could use to describe the day and the emotions of Carrie's Ordination'

There were 19 of us at Lichfield supporting Carrie including St Chad's folk, a uni friend and some from Kingsley – her church for the next few years.

This wonderful service was followed by a meal with 28 of us at the Stafford Arms and then Evening Eucharist at Kingsley.

But the most outstanding thing about the whole day was the happiness on Carrie's face, the overwhelming joy at taking one more step with Jesus.

Thanks to all who commented and loved the photos on Facebook.

I know for sure she will be missed at St Chad's and Kingsley plus 4 other churches will be blessed.

Kath

CARRIE

I am very happy to write a few paragraphs about Carrie as she takes one more step, or should I say a big leap, in her life. During the last Zoom Bible Study when we discussed Psalm 23 and the loving care we receive from God Carrie summed up her life and her calling to the ministry in this way. Five years ago, on a quiet day spent at St. John's in Stafford, the participants were asked to choose from a large spread of pictures three which inspired thoughts about their lives and their faith.

Carrie chose these three:

- A lonely sheep, for she had often felt lonely as a child and, like all of us, had gone through times when she felt lost and needed help. She did not make friends easily and then she found St. Chad's and a flock of caring friends.
- Many shoes scattered about the road but no people. This picture gave her a sense of fleeing from some horror, maybe a danger we hope we never experience. She realized that we cannot know how others feel unless we have stood in their shoes. To understand the true depths of what people are suffering, either literally or in their minds, we need to walk in their shoes.
- Thirdly she chose a picture of a climber tackling an extreme climb with an overhanging rock. He was working hard as he tackled a dark crevice. At times our spiritual life and search for God can feel like a hazardous climb but the mountain tops around the climber illustrated the promise of a great reward and joy in reaching the summit.

As a young child Carrie attended an Anglican Sunday School. As with many of us there was a gap until she was about 15 when she went to St Luke's, Hanley, with her mum and she gave her life to Christ at 16. She continued to have faith but, as many do, she had a break from church during her early 20s.

In 1994 she came to St. Chad's and is still with us. I am minded of Ian who came here just to get married (or so he thought.) She was a willing worker for the church but she did things quietly and behind the scenes. However in 2016 she and Ian both felt strongly that God wanted more from them.

Our friend, Rev Bev, encouraged them to apply to do the Pathways course which meant 12 weeks of intensive study, weekend meetings and written assignments. At the end of this she decided to become a lay reader but she was persuaded to take a year off to consider her choice as it was felt she had much to offer.

Working with mentors she applied to be an Ordained Local Minister or non stipendiary minister (unpaid) to serve St. Chad's. For this sacrifice we should thank our Lord and realize how much Carrie is doing.

She sailed through the Bishop's Advisory Panel interviews at Ely and she was offered a place at Queen's Foundation, Birmingham. Three years' hard work followed for she followed the course while working as a full time Mental Health Nurse in the community. Training was extra difficult because of the pandemic with no visits to meet lecturers in person and all lectures on Zoom. Anybody who regularly uses Zoom or similar technology will know how tiring and frustrating this can be. God willing, she and a few of her friends will be ordained at Lichfield Cathedral on June 27th.

She will be ordained as a non stipendiary minister which means she works for our church without payment. Due to our lack of a minister to act as her mentor she will serve her curacy at Kingsley with Whiston, Foxt, Cotton and Oakamoor. Quite a challenge for she will commute there each day. It will be around three years before we get her back so it is our loss and their gain!

We wish her well and thank her for the sacrifices she is making to follow her call. We are extremely fortunate as a church to have inspired and encouraged such dedication to the Lord's work as is found in Carrie and Ian. I finish this appreciation by offering the comfort of one of my favourite songs to Carrie which always assures me if I have to tackle something new and unknown: " One more step along the world I go.....You'll be travelling along with me." Good luck and God bless you, Carrie.

Pat Adams

JULY PLAN FOR ST LUKE'S

SUNDAY July 4th

**9.15am HOLY COMMUNION
led by Rev Philip Swan**

SUNDAY July 11th

**9.15am MORNING WORSHIP
led by Roger**

SUNDAY July 18th

**9.15am MORNING WORSHIP
led by Barrie**

SUNDAY July 25th

**9.15am HOLY COMMUNION
led by Rev Philip Swan**

MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION

**Wednesdays at 9.15am in the
Methodist Church every week
during July led by Rev Eleanor.**

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 (hosted by Neil Taylor). All welcome. Contact Neil for further details.



11.00am CONNECTIONS on Sundays led by Neil and Deb (phone nos back page.). On the first Sunday of the month we have a child friendly, family service via Zoom with games, crafts and songs in a 25 minute package. Do spread the word!
The Zoom Connections passcode is **743 818 2108.**

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

At 8pm on alternate Wednesdays Sue hosts a Zoom bible study led by Deb using the same password as above. Currently studying Ephesians. For more information please contact Sue or Deb.

CHURCH FUNDS

Please bring your gift or envelope to church or issue a cheque and post it to Sheila Hurst or set up a monthly standing order or use the 'Just Giving' link on St Luke's website. If you bank on-line you could 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 H. Phone nos back page.) THANK YOU to all our regular givers!*

WE HAVE A NEW ARCHDEACON!

Latest news from latest Lichfield diocesan bulletin:

Megan is new Archdeacon of Stoke



The Rev'd Dr Megan Smith has been announced as the next Archdeacon of Stoke-upon-Trent.

Megan was born in Burton-upon-Trent and is currently Vicar of Lenton in Nottingham where she is also Chaplain to the University of Nottingham. She originally studied medicine, specialising in Paediatric Intensive Care and, following ordination, spent a further five years juggling her curacy with full-time medical work.

Megan, who will begin her role with her collation at Stoke Minster on 3 October, said: "I feel privileged to have the opportunity to support churches, chaplaincies and Fresh Expressions as they seek to share the good news of Jesus and be beacons of hope in the rich and varied communities they serve, as well as building strong partnerships with others in the community who seek the common good." *See Sentinel interview p7.*

JULY AT ST CHAD'S



SERVICES

July 4th Family Service KH/CS

11th Praise and Prayer KH/MF

18th Holy Communion
Rev B Wilson

25th Praise and Prayer KH/MF

**Kath Howell can be contacted on 01782 304616 or 07971 887039
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Cutting from
'The Sentinel'
Wednesday,
June 30th
2021

'Megan brings great gifts to the archdeaconry'

THE NEW ARCHDEACON OF STOKE-UPON-TRENT IS DUE TO HAVE HER COLLATION IN THE AUTUMN...

THE Reverend Dr Megan Smith has been revealed as the next Archdeacon of Stoke-upon-Trent.

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She originally studied medicine, specialising in Paediatric Intensive Care and, following ordination, spent a further five years juggling her curacy with full-time medical work.

Megan said: "I was delighted to accept Bishop Michael's invitation to be the next Archdeacon of Stoke-upon-Trent. I feel privileged to have the opportunity to support churches, chaplaincies and Fresh Expressions as they seek to share the good news of Jesus and be beacons of hope in the rich and varied communities they serve, as well as building strong partnerships with others in the community. "The last 18 months have brought many new challenges but I look forward to encouraging and partnering with parishes as they seek to discern the role God has for them at this time and grow in their own adventure of discipleship."

Megan spent most of her childhood in Doncaster before moving to Manchester to study

medicine. There she spent time in church ministry, inner-city development work and prison visiting. She also studied Master's degrees in applied theology and Medical Education. Her paediatric training saw her travel to Melbourne and Toronto before she moved to Nottingham to work as a Consultant Paediatric Intensivist.

Exploring a call to ordained ministry, Megan, joined the East Midlands Ministry Training Course and was ordained

deacon in 2007 and priest

in 2008. She combined her curacy with medical work in Wilford, Nottingham, before entering full-time ordained ministry as Vicar of Lenton in 2012. Lenton is a vibrant and diverse community,

home to university campuses and many people from minority ethnic backgrounds. Her work has seen her build others in discipleship and leadership and working closely with schools and families in the community.

Megan added: "I am passionate about anything which helps people discover who God has created and called them to be. Other passions are gardening, mountains, cycling and lakes, baking bread, Aga cooking and generally living life to the full."

Megan is due to begin her new role with her collation at Stoke

Minster on October 3. She follows previous Archdeacon of Stoke the Rt Reverend Matthew Parker, who she will work closely with in his new role as Bishop of Stafford. She will have responsibilities for supporting clergy and overseeing church buildings in the towns and villages of Stoke-upon-Trent and North and East Staffordshire.

Bishop Matthew said: "I am delighted that Megan has accepted Bishop Michael's invitation to be the next Archdeacon of Stoke-upon-Trent. I know from very personal experience what a wonderful role this is. Challenging and exciting times lie ahead and Megan brings great gifts to the archdeaconry along with a real love for Christ and the sharing of the gospel. We very much look forward to welcoming her to North and East Staffordshire!"

The Bishop of Lichfield, the Rt Revd Dr Michael Ipgrave, added: "I look forward very much to Megan coming to join us as Archdeacon of Stoke-upon-Trent. Her passion for the gospel, her organisational and administrative skills, and her track record of committed ministry in parish and in chaplaincy will be a great encouragement to our priests and people in North Staffordshire and will strengthen our leadership team across the diocese."





16TH-18TH AUGUST

10:00AM-12:00PM

FREE EVENT FOR PRIMARY AGED
CHILDREN!

ON YOUR MARKS!



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ON YOUR MARKS... GET SET... GO! COME
ALONG TO OUR OLYMPIC THEMED
HOLIDAY CLUB. WE WILL HAVE OUR OWN
MINI OLYMPICS ACTIVITIES AND SEE
WHAT IT IS LIKE TO BE PART OF JESUS'
TEAM.

ENDON METHODIST CHURCH, STATION RD, ST99DY

JEAN'S SPONSORED WALK ROUND MILTON PARK RAISED £1845.00 FOR ST LUKE'S FUNDS!



Jean celebrated her amazing achievement with a special lunch organised by daughter Sophie at The Stafford Arms, Bagnall on June 21st. She was joined by folk from St Luke's who had supported her and cheered her on.

THANK YOU JEAN and CONGRATULATIONS from all of us!



Jean had a further surprise at church when she was presented with a fitting reminder of her achievement in the form of five photographs mounted in a single frame. Jean has been amazed at the number of folk who have made donations including a lady from Milton Baptist Church who saw Jean walking in Milton Park and was very impressed with her efforts.

KNITTED SQUARES

It is still not possible to take completed blankets to refugees outside the UK due to COVID restrictions. However Ann at Biddulph Methodists is still joining squares together ready for a time when restrictions are lifted. She sends this message (see prints on next page):

“First I would like to thank all the hardworking people who have been so productive during lockdown. I feel so overwhelmed with your generosity of time and money in making so many squares. I have grouped the squares into sets of 9, 6 inch squares and crocheted them together using the same ball of wool and loads of safety pins. I do the vertical rows first and then extend each group into a set of 12. When I have finished the vertical rows I then do the horizontal rows and have made a quarter of a blanket. I hope this doesn’t sound too complicated.

If anyone feels that they would like to join the squares together, either sewing or crochet I would be very grateful. Lengths of 6, 8 or 12 squares are helpful, or blocks of 9 or 12. Thank you once more, Love Ann



**This how
Ann stitches
the squares
together.**





CANDLE DEDICATIONS for JULY

For £2.50 you can keep the Candle of Hope or the Sanctuary Light burning for a week with a dedication.

Please contact Shirley Brindley on 504089 as soon as possible if you would like a particular date.

Jul	CANDLE OF HOPE	SANCTUARY LIGHT
4 th	Ann Boulton in loving memory of Nicola	Barrie in celebration of Alice's 4 th birthday
11 th	Mabel McGrath remembering the life and witness of Winnie Taylor and May Pointon	Barrie in celebration of Zac's birthday Ros in loving memory of her Dad on his birthday (12 th)
18 th	Sylvia Bradshaw to celebrate the birthday of granddaughter Olivia (21 st)	Maureen Foster to celebrate birthdays of granddaughters Charlotte and Sophie
25 th	Ann Boulton in loving memory of Les	Sheila and Stan to celebrate their wedding anniversary (July 31 st)

Happy Birthday!



JULY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to

Matilda Houston-Brown (9th), David Morris (13th), Janet Bowyer (16th), Rob Barlow, Lynne Marshall (27th), Lyn Pickering (29th)

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

PAM LEAKE

We were very saddened to hear of Pam's death on June 24th at her home in Weston near Stafford after battling cancer for six years. Pam and husband Duncan took a very active role in the life of St Luke's between 1985 and 1990 when living in Stanley. They left when Duncan went to theological college in London and later was ordained in Carlisle cathedral. Pam was always a great support to Duncan throughout his ministry and she herself was licensed as a lay reader at Lichfield during their time at Chase Terrace near Burntwood. Our thoughts and prayers are with Duncan, daughter Clara, son Jonathan and their five grandchildren.

Ros



Come follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

JULY SEES A NEW INTAKE OF CURATES BEGIN THEIR MINISTRY AND A TIME FOR ALL TO CHECK UP ON HOW WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES, CHURCHES AND GOD:

At the end of June we celebrated the ordinations of deacons at Lichfield Cathedral and the ordination of priests in churches throughout the diocese. At the same time, we are busy in the Vocations and Training Team thinking about and preparing for all those who will begin training for ministry, both lay and ordained, in the coming months. At the heart of all we do is the question “who do you say I am?” which Jesus asks in the three synoptic gospels (Matthew 16:13-16, Mark 8:27-29, and Luke 9:18-20.)

The last 15 months have been, for many of us, a period of self-discovery. We may have rediscovered our strengths and our weaknesses or a new reliance on God and God’s unbounding love for us; we may have been astounded at our resourcefulness and adaptability, learning new skills and courageously finding new ways of being Church. We may also have found moments of stillness where we have wondered what God is calling us to do and be. Alongside this we have perhaps also rediscovered what it means to be part of community; as the old saying goes ‘absence makes the heart grow fonder’.

Vocations are never formed in isolation. In the Vocations and Training team we come alongside people as they discern their calling and in the case of those exploring ordination and lay licensed ministry we represent, alongside an individual’s local community, the wider body of Christ in which the individual stands before God in the discernment of who is to be sent (Isaiah 6:8). The question of ‘who do people say that I am’ is writ large over the work that we undertake within the team, and our starting point has to be in discipleship. There is something in exploring our vocations about the need to remain open to the Spirit at work and that may come from surprising quarters. There is something about the need to remain open to the ways in which God speaks through others to affirm or to challenge. At its heart preparing for any form of ministry, living out our vocation, is about the qualities we inhabit as disciples of Christ; how open we might be to the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the lives of others. It’s an ongoing process. Our vocations may change as we grow in discipleship, and the gifts that God has equipped us with for God’s service grow and develop over time. That is what makes it such a joy!

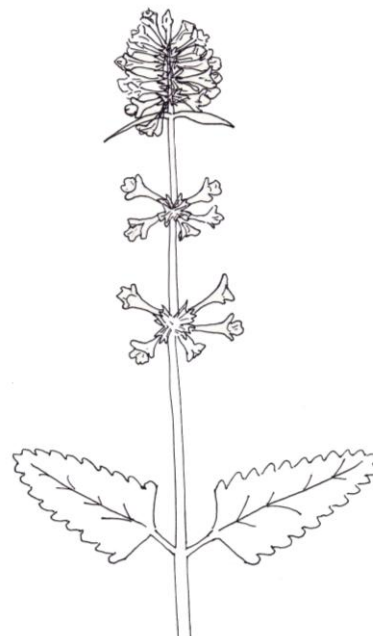
Revd Dr Jeanette Hartwell, Vocations and Training Team Lead

Find out more about the many kinds of vocation and training in the Church of England via www.lichfield.anglican.org/vocations-and-training/ or the team’s Facebook page, <http://facebook.com/Lichfieldvocations>





Late flowering Betony



Depending on the weather, July can be a month full of grassland flowers or one where many of them are now over, having peaked in June. It is certainly the month when you need to start to cut and rake your long grass, particularly if it did not receive a spring cut.

Have a look out for late flowering plants however, do you have Betony present? If so, then consider delaying the cut or cutting around the betony plants allowing them to flower, they are one of our most attractive wildflowers. Betony is a member of the woundwort family, close also to the dead-nettles. It has an angled stem, which if you were to cut it, would be square in cross section, has distinctive toothed leaves and lovely deep pink flowers.

Betony has long been prized for its curative powers, in the Medieval times it was viewed as an 'all-heal' or panacea. The Italians had a saying 'Sell your coat and buy Betony' and the Spaniards used the compliment 'He has as many virtues as Betony'. Antonius Musa, chief physician to the Emperor Augustus, wrote a long treatise, showing it was a certain cure for no less than forty-seven diseases! It is still used by herbalists for a variety of ailments including headaches.

Betony is found in ancient woodland and undisturbed grasslands so its presence may indicate species-rich grassland, please look out for the many other species found in this special habitat. It was also planted in churchyards, in part for its medicinal uses and also because it was believed to be effective against sorcery, warding off ghosts, goblins and any other unwelcome spirits. Please let us know if you find betony in your churchyard.

All the best, Harriet Carty

Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor, harriet@cfga.org.uk,
www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk - individuals and groups in the diocese receive
20% members discount on all CfGA materials. Use the discount code Lich19

July Prayer Focus

- The family of 6 yr old Sharlotte tragically killed in a road accident at Norton Green
- The release of Roman Protasevich in police detention in Minsk
- The release of Iranian-British mother Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe
- The deepening crisis in Dem Rep Congo with not only COVID but cholera, floods and volcanic eruptions. 5m have fled their homes inc 3m children
- All medical staff worldwide battling COVID
- Our politicians as they make decisions which affect us all
- Improved safety for women on our streets
- Our police force and the challenges they face
- UK businesses and trade problems following the Brexit deals esp in N Ireland
- Thankfulness for those who have worked tirelessly to develop the COVID vaccines and those administering them
- A determination among folk to continue to adhere to government guidelines to stop the spread of infection
- The huge problem of loneliness
- Refugees everywhere especially in Yemen and the US border with Mexico
- 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 Matthew and the appointment of our next incumbent
- Our new Archdeacon Megan who takes up her post in October
- The Church of England dealing with a shortage of clergy and funds
- Yemen – the on-going crisis and those trying hard to get aid into the country
- 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 still needed as much as ever
- All children 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 the Leek depot.

Urgently required items:

- pasta sauce jars
- coffee
- shaving foam and razors



Please do not donate :

- baby formula milk powder
- baked beans
- pasta
- tinned tomatoes

ST LUKE'S PCC

Meeting on Zoom –
Wednesday 7th July
at 7.30pm. PCC members please
make every effort to join in.

LEEK DEANERY

SYNOD

7.30pm at St John's Church,
Knypersley on Tuesday 6th July
2021.

Roger Simpson, St Luke's warden / worship leader / PCC chair	01782 502006
Barrie Jackson, reader / St Luke's PCC Sec / Administrator (* tel no for church enquiries)	07517 653370* 07510 074097
Sue Forrester, Flower & Craft Club / Foundation gov / Safeguarding Officer / St Luke's Facebook/sound desk	07854 043187
Deb Podmore, worship leader / Connections	01782 773383
Neil Taylor, worship leader / Connections	07961 652104
Sheila Simpson, St Luke's Electoral Roll Officer	01782 502006
June Pope, St Luke's warden's team	01782 503269
Shirley Brindley, candle dedications / pastoral tm	01782 504089
Steve Dale, St Luke's treasurer	07894 098011
Sheila Hurst, St Luke's Gift Aid Sec / MU rep	01782 503622
John & Julie Gater, Chernobyl Children's Project	01782 535000
James Benson, reader emeritus	01782 504137
Ros Benson, newsletter / St Luke's website	01782 504137
St Luke's vestry (church office)	01782 502166
Kath Howell, St Chad's PCC chair / warden / worship leader / safeguarding officer	01782 304616
Julia Podmore, St Chad's warden / treasurer	07980 802121
Pat Saul, St Chad's PCC vice-chair / secretary	07973 863930
Muriel Finney, St Chad's worship leader	01782 302229
Peter Millard, St Chad's buildings / warden's team	01782 505338
Emma Ashworth, St Chad's warden's team	07861 730806
Sheila Tipper, St Chad's news contact	01782 534647

For the duration of the interregnum the newsletter will be available on-line as a PDF attachment and on the church website.

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

by **Tuesday, July 20th**.

either by e-mail jandrbenson@btinternet.com or phone 504137.



Some folk have asked the name of the daisy-like plant that is currently abundant in our churchyard. It is **orange hawkweed** (*pilosella aurantica*) and has a bad press as an invasive species in parts of the USA! It is also called Fox and cubs and is a good source of nectar for insects. Google says: "One of few bright oranges in our native flora, the flowers are held on tall stems and look amazing when mixed with other wildflowers. It is great in grassland where competition from the grass keeps it in check."