



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

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November 2021

INTERREGNUM Month 17



10.45am SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE at ST LUKE'S

This is to be followed by wreath-laying at the War Memorial at approximately 11.30am. Refreshments will be available afterwards in church. *NB At 10.45am there will be an alternative Act of Remembrance at the Memorial Park in Station Road organised by the parish council and a Service of Remembrance at the Methodist Church.*

6.30pm MEMORIAL SERVICE at ST LUKE'S

for families who have been bereaved. Please pass the name of your bereaved relative to Barrie if you would like it to be read out. Also please inform Shirley if you would like a name written in the Book of Remembrance. See above Roy Horley, a WW2 Normandy veteran who died in Endon on Remembrance Sunday last year aged 104. He served in the army as a radio operator from 1940 – 1945 and took part in the Liberation of Brussels. He was one of many soldiers who may not have been involved in a particular act of heroism but nonetheless were often in danger and willing to give their lives for their country and a lasting peace.

NOVEMBER at ST LUKE'S

SUNDAY Nov 7th

9.15am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Rev Barry Wilson

11.00am CONNECTIONS

SUNDAY Nov 14th

**10.45am SERVICE OF
REMEMBRANCE**

led by Roger / Barrie

11.00am CONNECTIONS

6.30pm MEMORIAL SERVICE

led by Barrie and Rev Eleanor

SUNDAY Nov 21st

9.15am MORNING WORSHIP

led by Roger / Barrie

11.00am CONNECTIONS

SUNDAY Nov 28th

ADVENT

9.15am HOLY COMMUNION

led by Rev David Nicol

11.00am CONNECTIONS

ECUMENICAL MIDWEEK SERVICES

Wednesdays 9.15am

Nov 3rd at St Luke's MP

Nov 10th Meth Ch HC

Nov 17th St Luke's MP

Nov 24th Meth Ch HC

**NB All CONNECTIONS meetings
are held in the main hall of
St Luke's CE Academy (along Leek
Road) and not in the church.**

ST LUKE'S MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES CANCELLED

There are currently no bible studies or prayer groups running.

ST LUKE'S ZOOM MEETINGS

11.00am COFFEE & CHAT on Fridays

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

ST LUKE'S CHURCH OFFICE

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE – Barrie will no longer be manning the office on Tuesdays.

Unless involved with funeral duties, Barrie will man the church office in the vestry on Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri from 10.00am to 1.00pm using tel: **07517 653370**. At these times the church is also open for private prayer. All enquiries relating to baptisms, weddings and funerals should be directed to Barrie.

DATE FOR THE DIARY

Our **TOY SERVICE** in support of 'Glow' (formerly 'The Elizabeth Trust') will be held on Sunday, **12th December** at both 9.15am and at 11.00 am Connections.

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!



NOVEMBER AT ST CHAD'S

Nov 7th Family Service KH and team

14th Remembrance Service - KH/MF

21st Holy Communion - Rev Barry Wilson

28th Morning Prayer - KH/MF

DATE FOR THE DIARY

St Chad's **CHRISTMAS FAYRE** will be held in Bagnall Village Hall from 12.00noon on **Saturday 4th December**.



MESSAGE FROM JOE PORTER – Well done Joe!

A huge thank you to everyone in Endon and beyond who encouraged and helped me run my first ever Potters Arf Marathon and in 2 hours. Thanks for helping me raise £500 for the Donna Louise Children's Hospice and Douglas Macmillan Hospice – two amazing local causes that are very close to my heart. The support motivated me to the finish line!

HARVEST GIFTS

Thank you everyone for your generous response to our appeal for donations to Leek Food Bank at our Harvest Thanksgiving Services on September 26th. Thank you also to Roger and Sue Forrester who kindly loaded their car with bags and bags of packets, cartons, tins and bottles and took them all across to the depot in West Street where they were well received.

ST LUKE'S CE ACADEMY Pupils will be bringing some of their poetry and pictures into the church for our Service of Remembrance.

FLOWER & CRAFT CLUB



We have had two successful meetings so far this autumn and also met to arrange flowers for the wedding of Andrea Platt and Matt Hill on October 2nd. It was a very wet day but nothing could spoil the occasion. They were very pleased with the flowers in church and sent a message of thanks.

Our next meeting is on **November 10th** when we will be making arrangements for a display on Remembrance Sunday. New members are always welcome or bring your knitting or sewing and enjoy a chat and cuppa. **Sue**

CONNECTIONS

As you know, the Connections service restarted in the school hall at the end of the summer holidays and continues each week at 11am. The service is child friendly and lasts about 40 minutes. The children have thoroughly enjoyed parachute games outside recently. The first Sunday of the month is particularly aimed at families and is very interactive. A warm welcome awaits new members. **Sue**

CHRISTMAS WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOP

The workshop will take place on **Saturday 13th November** in the village hall from 2pm to 4pm. Tickets are **£20** and include a wreath ring, spool of wire, moss and evergreen foliage. Bring your own decorations. Drinks and snacks will be served and are included in the cost. Places are limited so please see **Sue** for your ticket.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

I intend to publish greetings as usual in our December newsletter so that we can still support the Christian Blind Mission. Please submit your greetings by November 23rd together with your donation (suggest £5 minimum). Cheques can be made payable to **Endon St Luke's PCC.** **Ros**

CHRISTMAS FOOD BANK COLLECTION

During November we will be collecting special Christmas food for the Leek Food Bank such as Christmas cakes, mince pies, tins of biscuits and children's selection boxes. These should be in church by **Sunday 28th November** so that they can be taken to the Food Bank at the beginning of December for distribution before Christmas. Please check that sell-by dates are at least January 2022. **Sheila H**



Come follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad

PRAYERS HEARD: JOY ABOUNDS

NOVEMBER IS SOMETIMES THE MONTH WHEN THE CHURCH'S NEW YEAR BEGINS AND THAT IS THE CASE THIS YEAR AS ADVENT SUNDAY FALLS ON NOVEMBER 28TH.

DR LINDSEY HALL FINDS IT ALWAYS BRINGS JOY...

A very senior priest, well-loved and well-respected was given a great honour and asked to perform a very important aspect of worship in a significant service. As he did this, he was surrounded by people praying, and it was an incredibly special moment. He felt God speak to him and the word he was given was that his prayers were heard. He was overwhelmed by this and wondered if it could possibly be true. There was one thing in particular that he had been praying about for years. He believed God heard his prayer, but was reconciled to the idea that God was giving him a different answer than the one he really wanted. He and his wife had been hoping for a child for years, but whilst all their friends had started families, it never happened for them, and he didn't believe it would happen now. But that was the word he heard God say to him: your wife will have a child.

Well it wasn't just recently, it was 2000 years ago. This is the story with which the evangelist Luke begins his account of the Good News of Jesus. He tells about Zechariah and Elizabeth, faithful believers who experience a much-hoped for miracle. But that is only the intro! The story that unfolds includes many more surprising acts of God with the birth of Jesus to a young, unmarried woman. A birth celebrated by shepherds and angels. And it's a story that just gets better and better! Luke's is a Gospel of joy! From the angel who proclaims the good news of great joy for all the people in chapter 2, to the rejoicing over finding the lost coin, the lost sheep and the lost son in chapter 15 to the two disciples who after encountering Jesus on the road to Emmaus return to Jerusalem with great joy in chapter 24, joy abounds in this gospel.

From the beginning of Advent, the lectionary will give us passages from Luke most Sunday mornings for the next year. Like each of the four gospels, Luke has its own distinctive feel and way of sharing the Jesus-story. Luke's joyful sharing seeks to capture the way lives were changed by Jesus, the way in which outsiders were included, the extravagance of God's love shown in Christ and the way in which with Jesus, riches way beyond money can be received. These aren't one offs that happened long ago, but are an invitation to each of us to receive the good news of Jesus and all that means. As you hear passages from Luke over the coming year, remember Zechariah, surprised by God all over again, and listen for the angels proclaiming good news of great joy for all people.

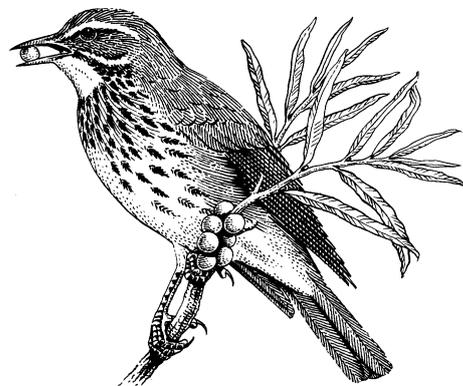
*Dr Lindsey Hall
diocesan 'Shaping for Mission' enabler*

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REDWINGS ON THE WING

Throughout October and November something special is happening in our night skies. Huge numbers of redwing are migrating from Northern European forests, which empty of most bird species before winter strikes. Coming from Scandinavia and Russia



they migrate into the UK, Ireland and western France. Bird books describe the redwing call as *seeih* and once you have learned it, you may hear a redwing call overhead every few minutes, wherever you are in the UK, as they pass over in a wave of birds. There are a few pairs (about 80) of redwing breeding in Scotland but really, they are a winter visitor to our shores.

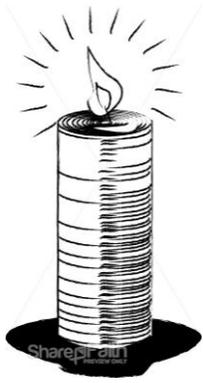
Redwings are a small thrush, of similar size to our song thrush but with darker brown plumage and the characteristic flash of colour from the red feathers on their under-wings as they fly. Look out for them feeding in the churchyard, you may be seeing birds fuelling up on migration or winter visitors who will stay for a few months. Redwings feed on berries, fallen fruit and will find soil invertebrates in short grass, pulling up worms or digging out leather jackets. They can be seen in flocks, with other thrushes such as fieldfare, mistle thrush and song thrush, feasting on yew berries and making a real mess! Winter thrushes descending on churchyard yews are one of the sights that chart the changing seasons for me.

You can help redwing and other thrushes by providing berry bearing shrubs and trees and thinking of your hedges as larders for weary travellers. Leave hedges untrimmed until February or early March so that birds may shelter within them and feed on hedge fruits such as hawthorn berries. Churchyards are usually free of pesticides which allow soil invertebrates to thrive, providing lots of nutritious meals. Yew trees provide both food and shelter and also give us the opportunity to really look at these lovely birds and think about the long journey they have made to reach us. Please let us know if you see redwing or other thrushes in your churchyard or cemetery.

All the best, Harriet Carty

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

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CANDLE DEDICATIONS for NOVEMBER

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.

Nov	CANDLE OF HOPE	SANCTUARY LIGHT
7 th	Marilyn Plant in remembrance of a dear mother, Beryl Turner	Maureen Foster in loving memory of her grandparents, George and Catherine Davenport
14 th	Lyn Pickering in loving memory of Ronald Pickering on his birthday (15 th Nov) from all the family	Mabel McGrath to celebrate the birthday of great grandson, Donnie
21 st	The candle is kept burning by Avril Weaver	The candle is kept burning by June and Peter Pope
28 th	The candle is kept burning by Mabel McGrath	Shirley Brindley to celebrate Roger's birthday Also by Ros Benson in loving memory of parents Roy and Evelyn Horley on their wedding anniversary (married at St Luke's 30 th November 1940 on an army 48hr leave)

Happy Birthday!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to

Ivy Faulkner (4th), Gary Millington ((9th),
Lauren Benson (22nd), George Greatbach (23rd)

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

WALKS: Thank you Shirley for organising the walk along the canal to Ego last month. Listen out for details of further walks!

November Prayer Focus

- COP26 in Glasgow and the need for the immediate co-operation of worldwide governments to combat climate change
- The release of Iranian-British mother Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe who has lost her appeal against a further 5 yr sentence and her husband Richard who is now on hunger strike
- A peaceful resolution to the current dispute between France and the UK over fishing rights
- The prospect of rocketing energy prices and those fearful of being unable to pay their bills this winter
- Those areas in danger of severe flooding
- The on-going problem of those not willing to be vaccinated against COVID
- More lorry drivers
- What we can all do as individuals to combat climate change
- **AFGHANISTAN**...the plight of those left behind in fear of their lives after the take-over of their country by the Taliban
- Those countries accepting refugees
- Citizens of poorer countries who have not yet had a COVID vaccine
- Responsible behaviour following the removal of COVID restrictions
- The release of Roman Protasevich in police detention in Minsk
- 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
- Bishop Matthew and the appointment of our next incumbent
- Archdeacon Megan who took 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

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For the duration of the interregnum the newsletter is 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, November 23rd.**

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