



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

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

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## INTERREGNUM Month 16



**On October 18<sup>th</sup> this year we celebrate St Luke's Day with a drawing by Percy Williamson showing the west side of St Luke's church. Drawn in 1957 it provides a record of the churchyard before its transformation into a lawn cemetery in the 1970s and also before the vestry extension and the chapter house were added.**

*Percy was a well known local artist who worked on site and not from photographs. This picture is reproduced with kind permission from Alan Williamson, Percy's son.*

## **OCTOBER at ST LUKE'S**

**SUNDAY Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**9.15am HOLY COMMUNION**

**led by Rev Barry Wilson**

**11.00am CONNECTIONS**

**SUNDAY Oct 10<sup>th</sup>**

**9.15am MORNING WORSHIP**

**led by Roger / Barrie**

**11.00am CONNECTIONS**

**SUNDAY Oct 17<sup>th</sup>**

**9.15am MORNING WORSHIP**

**led by Roger / Barrie**

**11.00am CONNECTIONS**

**SUNDAY Oct 24<sup>th</sup>**

**9.15am MORNING WORSHIP**

**led by Roger / Barrie**

**11.00am CONNECTIONS**

## **ECUMENICAL MIDWEEK SERVICES**

**Wednesdays 9.15am**

**Oct 6<sup>th</sup> at St Luke's MP**

**Oct 13<sup>th</sup> Meth Ch HC**

**Oct 20<sup>th</sup> St Luke's MP**

**Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## **MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES**

**Monday evening** at James and Ros's at 7.30pm led by Barrie. This has now resumed and open to anyone who would like to come along. We are currently looking at John's gospel. Please phone James, Ros or Barrie for further information.

**Tuesday evening** bible study on Zoom fortnightly. For more information please contact Deb Podmore.

All phone nos are on the back page.

## **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**

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**.

The church is also open for private prayer. All enquiries relating to baptisms, weddings and funerals should be directed to Barrie. *\*He will be back in the office after October 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

## **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!*



# OCTOBER AT ST CHAD'S

3rd Oct

**HARVEST FAMILY SERVICE\*** - Kath w team

Please bring gifts suitable for the food bank rather than fresh produce.

**10th** Praise and Prayer - KH/MF

**17th** Holy Communion - Rev Barry Wilson

**24th** Morning Prayer - KH/MF

**31st** Annual Memorial Service - KH/MF

## \*HARVEST SUPPER

**NB** There will be a harvest supper at **The Stafford Arms** at 7.00pm on Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Julia Podmore to book (07980 802121). This is a change from the original plan to hold a cold buffet lunch.



## CLOCKS BACK on OCTOBER 30th

Make sure you get to church on time on the 31<sup>st</sup>!  
Remember to put your clocks and watches back one hour on Saturday night October 30th. (If you have a radio-controlled clock then of course you will not need to bother.)

**REMEMBRANCE DAY** *this year falls on **November 14<sup>th</sup>**. Details of St Luke's Service of Remembrance and annual Memorial Service will appear in our November newsletter due out on October 31<sup>st</sup>.*



# FLOWER & CRAFT CLUB

It was lovely to be able to meet again in September. Jeanette joined us as we tried to remember all that we had learned 18 months ago. She was as reassuring as ever, and some beautiful arrangements resulted. We have another wedding in October and will be decorating the church for the marriage of Andrea and Matt. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October from 1pm to 3pm when we will be using Jeanette's demonstration arrangement as our inspiration. Everyone is welcome to join our friendly group and if you



don't want to arrange flowers then bring your knitting or sewing. We send all our love and best wishes to Pauline Shaw and hope that she will be back with us soon.

*Sue Forrester*

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## ENDON METHODIST CHURCH

### Rev Eleanor writes...

We are delighted that the work of our church is coming back to life:

**Sunday** 10am Worship

**Monday** 10.30am – 1.30pm  
Community Café

**Tuesday** 2pm – first Tuesday of the month –  
Friendship Group

**Wednesday** 9.15am Holy Communion  
– alternating venue with St Luke's

**Thursday** 10.30am 'Fit-as-a-fiddle' exercise class



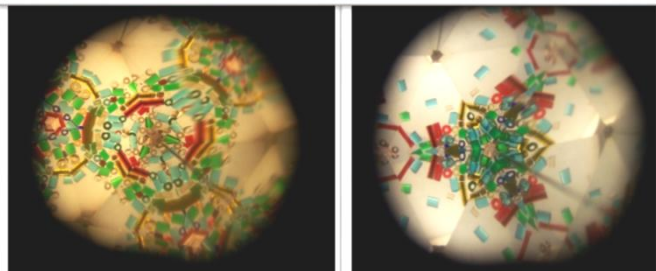


**Come follow Christ** in the footsteps of St Chad

## WHERE'S GOD IN THE UNCHOSEN CHALLENGES OF LIFE?

I wonder if you know anyone living with dementia – perhaps someone from your family, perhaps someone from your church or your local community, perhaps you yourself. Over 700,000 people across the country are living with dementia, many supported by family carers. Many people affected by dementia are part our local churches – and the pandemic has had a heightend impact on many of them.

People affected by dementia live through unchosen challenges. Within our Diocese of Lichfield dementia-friendly churches network, we are focusing this autumn on three pictures that help us to see the bigger picture, noticing God's presence as dementia progresses. Perhaps these three pictures can help us all, in journeying together through the changes and challenges of the pandemic and of life.



*CHANGING PATTERNS (Picture - Creative Commons v1ctory\_1s\_m1ne)*

If I look through a kaleidoscope and see a lovely pattern, I may want to show you. But if my hand jogs as I pass it across to you, it's gone – the pattern's changed. Rather than focusing on the old pattern that's gone, can we together see the light shining through in a different pattern?

With dementia, we could spend all our time focusing only on the old pattern that used to be good but has gone; or we can acknowledge that the pattern's changing and look for the light within the new pattern that is emerging.

How have patterns changed for you and others recently? Can you use the picture of the kaleidoscope to help you to notice the light shining through, in a new pattern? In Hebrews 13:1-3 the writer says "Imagine what's it's like to be a prisoner. Imagine what's it's like to be mistreated." It's all about entering wholeheartedly into another person's world.





CROSSING THE BRIDGE (Picture – Creative Commons Chris)

In dementia, it's important to go with the feelings rather than the facts, not to contradict or challenge, but to cross over the bridge. When we cross the bridge, we enter another person's world, meeting them where they are.

God always meets us where we are – but never leaves us there! Can you use the picture of the bridge to meet someone else where they are, journeying to be alongside them, seeing things from their point of view?



Have you ever wondered about why wild geese fly in a "V" formation? Scientists have discovered that the geese work together, taking it in turns to take the lead. Flying in formation, they can fly 70% further than any one bird could one bird could fly alone. We've found it's the same with dementia. When we can work together, we work as a

team and we are able to help people live well with dementia for longer.

WORKING TOGETHER (Picture – Creative Commons James Wilamour)

Through the pandemic, we're rediscovering the need to work as a community – both locally and globally. None of us can go it alone. Can the picture of the geese flying in formation encourage us to work across our churches and communities, journeying together in new ways?

To know more about the Diocese of Lichfield dementia-friendly churches network, contact Sarah Thorpe, Dementia-Friendly Church Enabler, on [sarah.thorpe@lichfield.anglican.org](mailto:sarah.thorpe@lichfield.anglican.org) or 0798 224 8949



## Helping Hedgehogs

*Hedgehogs need our help; numbers have declined in the last few decades, and churchyards can really help them,*

*providing a place to nest, feed or hibernate.*

Nocturnal in their habits, hedgehogs will travel 1 or 2 miles every night with a home range of about 40 acres. They cover this foraging for food, looking for invertebrates such as slugs, snails, worms, beetles and also carrion and fallen fruit. Hedgehogs breed between May until as late as September with 2 to 6 hoglets in a litter. The young stay in the nest for about 4 weeks, then they begin to go on night-time foraging trips with their mother. Shortly after this the young become independent and are often seen on their own in late summer and early autumn as a result.



Hedgehogs hibernate from late autumn onwards in a nest made from old dry leaves, grass and other vegetation. This looks a bit like a leaf football and may be at the base of a hedge, in a compost heap, amongst tree roots or under piles of logs.

**You can help hedgehogs in many ways:**

- Make it easy for them to move through your churchyard. Trying to shut them in to keep them safe usually results in shutting them out or causing them to spend time and energy climbing barriers. Make it easy for them to move around too, put ramps out of drains or other steep sided drops too.
- Long grass, dead wood, the base of stone walls, compost heaps and leaf litter are all excellent hedgehog larders, full of invertebrates. Don't be too tidy in these areas and pile up any deadwood in a shady spot.
- Be aware of hibernating hedgehogs looking like a leaf football! Be careful with sharp tools particularly brush cutters and never leave a bonfire pile over night before lighting it, in case a hedgehog crawls into it.
- Avoid chemicals such as slug pellets and wood preservers unless known to be non-toxic to mammals.

You are unlikely to see a hedgehog in the churchyard but look out for their droppings which are almost black in colour and can contain shiny beetle parts.

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*

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## **A few smiles ...from newspaper headlines:**

**SHEEP RUSTLING IN HILLS**

**QUEEN SEES DANCER TAKE TEN CURTAINS**

**DOCTORS REVIEW BODY**

**POLICE FIND CONSTABLE DRAWING IN ATTIC**

**DINNER LADIES TO GET CHOP**

**STAR'S BROKEN LEG HITS BOX OFFICE**

**COUNCILLORS WALK OUT OVER TYPISTS**

**SPOTTED MEN STEALING SALMON**



# CANDLE DEDICATIONS for OCTOBER

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.**

Oct	CANDLE OF HOPE	SANCTUARY LIGHT
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Marilyn Plant to celebrate the 5 <sup>th</sup> birthday of her granddaughter, Annabelle Mabel	Ann Boulton to celebrate Emma's birthday (6 <sup>th</sup> )
10 <sup>th</sup>	Marilyn Plant to celebrate the 8 <sup>th</sup> birthday of her granddaughter , Phoebe Samantha	Maureen Foster to celebrate the birthdays of her grandchildren Emily(5 <sup>th</sup> ) and Joe(13 <sup>th</sup> )
17 <sup>th</sup>	Sheila and Stan to celebrate the 25 <sup>th</sup> birthday of their granddaughter, Bethany	Barrie In celebration of Amy's birthday
24 <sup>th</sup>	Sheila and Stan to celebrate the 13 <sup>th</sup> birthday of their granddaughter, Anne (26 <sup>th</sup> )	The candle is kept burning by June and Peter Pope.
31 <sup>st</sup>	Sheila and Stan to celebrate the birthday of their son, Paul	Marilyn Plant to celebrate the birthday of son, Andrew Edwin

**Happy Birthday!**



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to

George Rigby (2<sup>nd</sup>), James Porter (4<sup>th</sup>),  
Emma Greatbatch (6<sup>th</sup>), Neil Taylor (9<sup>th</sup>),  
Mabel McGrath (10<sup>th</sup>), Robert Brindley (13<sup>th</sup>),  
Bethany Salt (20<sup>th</sup>), Chris Sproston (30<sup>th</sup>),  
Paul Hurst (31<sup>st</sup>)

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



# October Prayer Focus

- The prospect of rocketing energy prices and those fearful of being unable to pay their bills this winter
- More lorry drivers to distribute food and household goods to supermarkets
- The immediate co-operation of worldwide governments to combat climate change
- What we can all do as individuals to combat climate change
- **AFGHANISTAN**...The families and friends of all those killed or badly injured in the suicide attacks near Kabul airport as well as the medical services striving in very difficult circumstances to do their best for the injured
- The desperate plight of those wanting to leave Afghanistan after the takeover by the Taliban
- Those countries accepting refugees
- Those reluctant to have a COVID vaccine and especially those attending large gatherings
- All poorer countries whose citizens 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
- 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

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<b>Shirley Brindley, candle dedications / pastoral tm</b>	<b>01782 504089</b>
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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, October 26<sup>th</sup>** .

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