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December 2024

INTERREGNUM Month 54



**ADVENT &
CHRISTMAS
SERVICES**

Advent Sunday, 1st Dec
9.15am Holy Communion at
St Luke's
11.00am Connections

Sunday 15th Dec

6.30pm Community Carol Service at Endon Methodist
Church

Sunday 22nd Dec

11.00am Connections Candlelight Carol Service

Tuesday 24th Dec CHRISTMAS EVE

6.00pm Candlelight Carol Service at St Luke's
11.30pm Midnight Communion at Endon Methodist Church

Wednesday 25th Dec CHRISTMAS DAY

9.15am Holy Communion at St Luke's

Sunday, 29th Dec

10.30am Combined Morning Worship w Connections
at St Luke's

DECEMBER at ST LUKE'S

1st ADVENT SUNDAY

9.15am HOLY COMMUNION

– Rev Philip

11.00am CONNECTIONS

8th SUNDAY

9.15am MORNING WORSHIP –

Barrie / Roger

11.00am CONNECTIONS

15th SUNDAY

9.15am HOLY COMMUNION

– Fr David

11.00am CONNECTIONS

6.30pm CAROL SERVICE at EMC

22nd SUNDAY

9.15am MORNING WORSHIP –

Barrie / Roger

11.00am CAROLS at CONNECTIONS

24th CHRISTMAS EVE

6pm CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

11.30pm HC at Methodist Church

25th CHRISTMAS DAY

9.15am HOLY COMMUNION

29th SUNDAY

10.30am COMBINED SERVICE

MORNING WORSHIP with

CONNECTIONS



CONNECTIONS

There is a “soft start” from 10.30 prior to the service at 11am when folk are welcome for a coffee and chat.

St Luke's CE Academy,
Leek Road in the school hall
with games for the children and refreshments.

DECEMBER at ST CHAD'S

1st ADVENT SUNDAY

10.45am FAMILY CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

8th SUNDAY

10.45am HOLY COMMUNION – Rev Barry

15th SUNDAY

4.00pm CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

22nd SUNDAY

5.00pm CRIB SERVICE – Rev Carrie

24th TUESDAY: CHRISTMAS EVE

5.00pm OUTDOOR CAROL SERVICE followed by refreshments at The Stafford Arms

11.30 MIDNIGHT HC – Rev Carrie

25th CHRISTMAS DAY: *No service*

29th SUNDAY

10.45am CAROLS, POEMS & COFFEE - MF

ECUMENICAL SERVICES

DEC / JAN

Wednesdays:

Holy Communion at 9.15am

4th Dec at St Luke's

11th Dec at Methodists'

18th Dec at St Luke's

NB 25th Dec & 1st Jan NO SERVICE

8th Jan at Methodists'



CONNECTIONS

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE

11.00am SUNDAY 22nd December

All welcome!

December 2024: ST LUKE'S CHURCH DIARY

(ESL Endon St Luke's; EMC = Endon Methodist Church)

Su	1 st	ADVENT SUNDAY: 9.15am HC 11.00am CONNECTIONS
M	2 nd	
Tu	3 rd	2.00pm ADVENT COURSE at EMC
W	4 th	9.15am MIDWEEK HC at ESL 7.00pm LIFE GROUP
Th	5 th	
F	6 th	
Sa	7 th	8.30am PRAYER BREAKFAST 10.30am ART CLUB chapter house
Su	8 th	9.15am MORNING WORSHIP 11.00am CONNECTIONS
M	9 th	
Tu	10 th	2.00pm ADVENT COURSE at EMC
W	11 th	9.15am MIDWEEK HC at EMC
Th	12 th	
F	13 th	
Sa	14 th	
Su	15 th	9.15am HC 11.00am CONNECTIONS 6.30pm COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE at EMC
M	16 th	
T	17 th	10.30am COFFEE MORNING with CAROLS
W	18 th	9.15am MIDWEEK HC at ESL 11.00am HILLSWOOD LODGE
Th	19 th	
F	20 th	
Sa	21 st	
Su	22 nd	9.15am MORNING WORSHIP 11.00am CONNECTIONS CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE
M	23 rd	
Tu	24 th	CHRISTMAS EVE: 6.00pm CANDLELIGHT FAMILY SERVICE at ESL 11.30pm MIDNIGHT HC at EMC
W	25 th	CHRISTMAS DAY: 9.30am HC
Th	26 th	BOXING DAY
F	27 th	
Sa	28 th	
Su	29 th	9.15am MORNING WORSHIP
M	30 th	
T	31 st	NEW YEAR'S EVE



TOY SERVICES with FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS:

Thank you for all your donations! Food items will go to Leek food bank (see p6 - p7). Toys and toiletries will be taken to Leek Salvation Army.



CANDLE DEDICATIONS for DECEMBER

For £2.50 you can keep the Candle of Hope or the Sanctuary Light burning for a week with a dedication. Thank you to all of you who have supported the candle dedications this year.

Please contact Shirley on 504089 if you would like a particular date.

PLEASE NOTE: Shirley is now taking dates for 2025. Do get in touch with her soon if you would like a particular date.

Dec	CANDLE OF HOPE	SANCTUARY LIGHT
1 st	The candle is kept burning by Marilyn Plant	Barrie in celebration of Fay's birthday
8 th	Barrie in loving memory of his Mum, Dad, brother Ron and grandson Tom	In loving memory of Mabel McGrath
15 th	Maureen and Alan Payne to celebrate Tracy's birthday (17 th)	Ann Boulton to celebrate Evie's birthday (14 th)
22 nd	Maureen Foster in loving memory of Malcolm, a dearly loved husband, father and grandfather	Anon in loving memory of Joyce and Graham Forrester
29 th	The candle is kept burning by Marilyn Plant	Ann Boulton in loving memory of Les on his birthday



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS to

Thomas Morris (6th), Maurice Woolliscroft (10th), Bob Morris, Evie Greatbatch (14th), Tracy Payne (17th)

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



GREET & TREAT...MARSHMALLOWS FOR ALL HALLOWS

Thank you yet again to our stalwart volunteers who went out into the highways and byways of Endon on the dry but cold evening of Oct 31st to distribute 'Hope' bags to youngsters. About 30 (including some mums and dads) took up their invitation to the chapter house for hot chocolate and marshmallows served by young Malachi from Connections.



GREETINGS 2024

Christmas greetings to everyone at St Luke's and St Chad's...
Stan and Sheila Hurst

Christmas Greetings to all at St Luke's from all at St Chad's! ...**Kath Howell**

Peace at Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone at St Luke's and St Chad's
...**Ann Boulton**

Hello all! A Merry Christmas and here's to a great and safe 2025.
Love and God bless, **Sophie and Jean xxx**

To all our friends at St Luke's, the Methodist Church, St Chad's and Connections we
wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. ..**Alan and Maureen**

Revs Philip and Patricia send Christmas greetings to everyone at both our churches.

A merry Christmas and a happy new year to all my friends, worshippers and
colleagues at St Luke's. May the Lord Jesus Christ lead each and every one of you
into a closer relationship with Him to life eternal... **David Moss**

A very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year to all at St Luke's and St Chad's and
especially to members of our pastoral team ... **Ros**

Roger and Sheila...Best wishes to all our friends at St Luke's, especially to all those
who help to keep the boat afloat.

A very happy Christmas to everyone at St Luke's and St Chad's...**Muriel Buckle**

Very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year ... **Chris and Sue
Wilson**

To everyone at St Luke's Church and Connections, wishing you all God's blessings
over Christmas and the New Year...**Shirley O'Brien**

Happy Christmas to everyone at St Luke's and St Chad's and blessings for a happy
and prosperous 2025... **Debbie and Dave Podmore**

Margaret & Maurice – we wish for a peaceful Christmas and a blessed 2025 to all
our friends in St Luke's Church and the wider community

Wishing everyone at St Luke's and St Chad's a very happy Christmas and a peaceful
New Year....**Sylvia Bradshaw**

John Moss sends Christmas greetings to all at St Luke's and St Chad's

***THANK YOU to all who have sent greetings and supported the Christian
Blind Mission with donations.***



Project Manager, Lindsey Stockton writes...

I send a massive thank you for your amazing response to our harvest appeal. We received a simply breathtaking total of **2822.15kg** of donations. We tried to take photos of everything that was delivered or collected, but we soon got to the stage where we couldn't move for bags - what a lovely dilemma to have! **Thank you St Luke's for your donations which amounted to 82kg.** I shall start with the facts and figures for the last month, but then very joyfully, move on to talking about this absolutely astonishing harvest season. First of all the numbers, with the figures from the same month last year in brackets:

Total vouchers fulfilled	= 79 (85)
No. of Adults fed	= 118 (123)
No. of Children fed	= 49 (99)
Total no. fed	= 167 (222)

Most notable in this set of figures is the huge difference (reduction) in the number of children whose parents sought help during the month. We have noticed that we have been seeing more single clients and couples, and, whilst it is heartwarming that the number of children is reducing, I'm sure this will increase again over the course of the winter as parents struggle to pay for everything. In order to help with this, we are starting to gather items which can be given out as gifts to those families most in need and we are exploring the possibilities of vouchers for Christmas dinners.

Now to harvest ...! As I said in last month's newsletter, a number of organisations were pledging their support with harvest donations, but I could have had absolutely no idea how huge this support would be. **We received donations from 32 different schools and churches, which amounted to a staggering 2822.15kg!!! The boxes and bags just kept coming, and, for the first time in years, we ran out of storage space, both in our ops room where we process the donations, and in the warehouse!** A huge shout out to our amazing volunteers who just kept on going as the donations kept on coming! A great team effort, especially as, towards the end of the harvest period a number of us were struck down by Covid, and, as mentioned last month, I chose to be away for the first two weeks of the month! We will hopefully now enjoy a few weeks of "normality" before the Christmas rush starts.

October also saw the temporary closure of our café for a number of reasons, and gave us time and space to reconsider its future use. It has now reopened, but will only be for those who have Foodbank vouchers or who have appointments to see Citizens Advice or one of the agencies doing drop-in sessions. I am delighted to report that Beat the Cold (Staffordshire fuel poverty charity) and Your Housing (local social housing provider) will be attending the Foodbank on various dates through November and December, which I think will be of huge benefit to our clients.

Drop-in sessions by the Social Prescribers (attached to local GP surgeries and advising on health and social care issues), Adullam Housing (homelessness advice and support) and Residential Energy Services – apologies for the length of the following description, but they do offer quite a lot! - (specialising in targeting the energy efficiency needs of each individual household and maximising thermal performance, energy usage and the smart management of energy costs for each business or building. As part of their services, they run their Warmer Homes Project and this provides energy advice and support to hard-to-reach groups, including the elderly and/or those with low incomes, as well as those living in hard-to-treat properties including those not connected to the gas network.

The service also helps those communities to take control of their energy usage, as well as connect them to available funding which is targeted to improve home efficiency and reduce bills for the service user) will continue. I hope that by bringing all these agencies together in one place it will help our clients to address the issues which lead them to need our services, and to improve their financial

situations and general wellbeing. Despite our bumper harvest gathering, we realise that there is a very long winter ahead and we must keep up our efforts to attract donations. Here is our current list of most needed items:

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| Longlife semi-skimmed milk | Fruit squash | Tinned soup |
| Pasta sauce | Longlife sponge puddings | |
| Tinned carrots/corn | Tinned rice pudding | Coffee-100/200gm |
| Instant mash | Tinned custard | Tinned meat |
| Tinned tuna | Tinned fruit | |
| Rice – 500gm/microwave pouches | | Pasta n sauce / instant noodles |
| Tomato ketchup | Chocolate biscuits/bars of chocolate | |
| Dry dog food | Jam | |
- PLEASE NO PASTA, BAKED BEANS, TINNED TOMATOES OR TEA, THANK YOU**

- Household cleaning products:**
Washing up liquid
Multi surface cleaner (no bleach)
Cleaning cloths/sponges
Laundry liquid/capsules/powder

- Toiletries:**
Shampoo and conditioner
Shower gel
Toothpaste and toothbrushes
Deodorant
Razors and shaving foam
Toilet rolls

We are also happy to receive donations of Christmas food – cakes/puddings, mince pies, selection packs, Advent calendars, chocolates/biscuits, savoury snacks/nibbles – anything which will provide a nice treat for our clients. If purchasing these items, please could you try to ensure that the use by date is after 25th December, thank you.



OUR NEXT COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT MORNING with CAROLS... DEC 17th

What a lovely buzz at our November coffee morning at St Luke's despite the snow. Thank you to all those who worked hard to make it happen. If you missed it, make sure you come along to our next one. If you need a lift there is bound to be someone who can help to get you there! The next Coffee Morning is planned for Tuesday, **December 17th** from 10.30 to 12.30. Do come along and bring a friend or two!

OUR ECUMENICAL ADVENT COURSE continues on 3rd & 10th Dec at Endon Methodist Church at 2.00pm.



ST CHAD'S NEWS

This year...a Christmas Tree Festival in St Chad's church on Sat 30th Nov (church open 10.00 – 18.00). The trees will be on view throughout December.





Come follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad

A Gospel of Songs

It's Advent! Christmas and New Year are on the horizon – but for the church, a new year has just started. The next twelve months at church will be full of readings from Luke's Gospel.

Like each gospel, Luke's very much has its own character. For many, Luke is the gospel of inclusiveness and especially the poor. The parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son appear only in Luke.

For others it is the gospel of the Holy Spirit. Luke depicts the Spirit as a lively, intervening aspect of God. The Holy Spirit bursts into the world, actively guiding people and leading events. It's a testimony that God pushed us in the right direction at a critical moment in history. This theme is carried right into the book of Acts.

Perhaps you think of Luke in a particular way too. For me, especially at this time of year, Luke's is the gospel of songs. The three great 'songs' – the Benedictus (Luke 1.68-79), the Magnificat (Luke 1.46-55) and the Nunc Dimitis (Luke 2.29-32) all appear early in Luke's gospel.

Each is a song of God's promise fulfilled. In them, Zechariah, Mary and then Simeon each speak about what they long for and see coming. The songs are personal and prophetic, all at once! They are songs of freedom, release, and the coming ('advent') of God's kingdom. They demonstrate a sense of joy that God is taking the burden of sin off humanity.

Tell Out My Soul! written in 1962 by Timothy Dudley-Smith, wonderfully captures this spirit through its reworking of the words of the Magnificat. Each of these songs is used every day in formal Church of England worship. The Benedictus is the climax of Morning Prayer. The Magnificat appears in Evening Prayer, and the much shorter Nunc Dimitis summarises our night prayer. In Daily Office, we usually speak them rather than sing them, but even so, they flow with their own rhythm and sound. They anchor us and tell our story – a bit like saying the creed together on Sunday morning.

If you are lucky enough to regularly attend daily offices, you will know the power of these three songs. They will have seeped into your soul and you probably almost know them off by heart! Different words will emerge into your mind at different times of day or moments in life. If you can't attend the daily office, you could join one online (perhaps Lichfield Cathedral, which streams Morning Prayer six days a week).

Or, why not read one of these three songs regularly at your time of prayer? You will be praying them alongside thousands of others each day. They will refresh you and remind you of your faith. As you speak them, they will become a way of expressing your Christian desire for the 'advent' of God's Kingdom. It's a desire which you share with me, and with millions of other praying Christians today and every day.

Revd [Simon Foster](#) is the diocese's Mission and Strengthening Communities Team Leader and can be contacted via [07496 638805](tel:07496638805) / simon.foster@lichfield.anglican.org

You can join Lichfield Cathedral for morning prayer online six days a week – visit www.facebook.com/LichfieldCathedralDailyWorship/

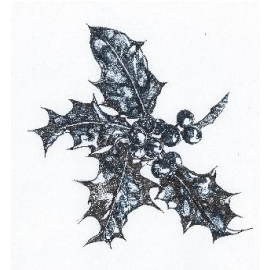




Christmas decorations

Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria is often credited for making Christmas trees fashionable in Britain but the tradition of decorations and of bringing greenery into our houses and places of worship is far older than that. There are records of decorations for Saturnalia in ancient descriptions from the 5th century BC. Saturnalia fell in mid-December, around the time of the solstice, which is of course when Christmas falls. Decorating trees is also an ancient Celtic custom. A tree would be decorated at the winter solstice as a symbol of life and the Scandinavians did so to celebrate Yule, also a mid-winter festival.

Celtic tree dressing was not solely associated with the solstice, Piny the Elder describes a festival on the 6th day of the moon which involved sacred oak trees. Ash, apple, hazel alder, elder all have particular importance, with oak, ash and thorn the three primary 'magical' trees, employed by Puck, in Rudyard Kipling's Puck of Pooks Hill to transport the children back through time. Yew features in many traditions and beliefs, as a symbol of both death and life and yew boughs, along with holly were brought indoors to decorate homes and churches for Christmas, probably because of their evergreen foliage and red berries.



Decorating churches and homes for Christmas has been part of the church calendar for many centuries with almost all surviving church records from the late Middle Ages including entries for purchasing holly and ivy. The Christmas carol *Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly* dates from 16th century Wales. It was Prince Albert who popularised the use of spruce trees however, not a British tree species and imported from his native Coburg in Germany. Periodicals such as the Illustrated London News began to describe the royal Christmas tree each year and the custom took off amongst the public. Wreaths hung on the door also became popular during Victorian times although, like decorations and the use of greenery, wreaths were not new, having been presented in Ancient Rome as a reward for military success and excellence. Advent wreaths may have originated amongst Lutherans in 16th century Germany.

Kissing boughs are an old tradition now lost, but which may have led to the custom of kissing beneath the mistletoe. Kissing boughs consisted of a hoop of pliable sticks, probably hazel or willow, made into a sphere on which decorative greenery could be fixed. These would be hung on walls or in doorways to welcome people into the building and could be quite large. Popular in Tudor times, they became more elaborate in Georgian times and included apples, oranges and coloured paper or baubles. Gentlemen could pluck a berry and then kiss a lady on the cheek until the berries ran out and the kissing stopped!

Most of our churchyards and cemeteries contain a ready supply of the greenery traditionally used for decoration; holly, ivy, yew and sometimes mistletoe too. A small contribution towards more sustainable ways could be to increase use of these natural 'decorations' and reduce the need for imported flowers or artificial baubles and lights. You will be following in the footsteps of many generations celebrating both Christmas and the solstice with the hope in a dark season that both bring.

Harriet Carty, *Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor*, harriet@cpga.org.uk,
www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk - individuals and groups in the diocese receive 20% members discount on all CfGA materials. Use the discount code **diomem22**



**COMMUNITY CAROL
SERVICE with READINGS**
Sunday, December 15th at 6.30pm
Endon Methodist Church
**Don't miss this celebration of our Saviour's
birth!**



CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

Saturday, 7th December

2.00 - 4.00pm in the chapter house.

The ticket price of **£22.50** includes all you need to make a wreath with the exception of your individual decorations e.g., lights, baubles and bows. This year we will be weaving the wreath ring from ivy strands making it a very organic and recyclable Christmas decoration. Please see Sue for tickets. Only 20 places.



ENDON COMMUNITY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This will be held in the Methodist Church on Tuesday, 10th December at 7.00pm. There will be a good mixture of old and new Christmas songs guaranteed to send you home smiling! **Please contact Ros or Ann if you would like tickets at £7 each.**



Leek Phoenix Singers present 'A CHORAL CHRISTMAS'....

If you enjoy singing and listening to Christmas songs you may like to attend the Phoenix Singers Christmas concert on **Saturday 14th December** at 5.00pm at All Saints Church in Leek. Tickets are £10 from Leek Post Office or Picture Book or by phone 01538 388900 or from Sue Wilson



THE FLOWER & CRAFT CLUB

Thank you to all the members of the Flower & Craft Club who provided us with such beautiful displays to grace our church on Remembrance Sunday for both our special services. The next meeting will be on Wednesday **December 11th** at 1.00pm in the chapter house. As usual all are welcome even if you don't want to arrange flowers and just come for a chat and a cuppa!



THE ART GROUP is meeting on Saturday **December 7th** from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the chapter house following the prayer breakfast. Here is a recent picture "Winter Trees" by a member of the group.



PRAYER BREAKFAST

The next prayer breakfast will be held on Saturday, **December 7th** at 8.30am for breakfast and prayer at 9.00am.

LIFE GROUP MEETING

Wednesday, **December 4th** at 7.00pm in the chapter house led by Rev Patricia. All are welcome. Life group will resume in January on 8th and 22nd.

PASTORAL TEAM (Phone nos on back page)

HILLSWOOD LODGE CARE HOME:

next visit Wed December 18th at 11.00am

Volunteers are welcome to help boost the singing. There is room for 6 or 7 of us. Please inform Shirley or Rev Patricia if you are able to come.

HOME and CARE HOME VISITS: Pastoral team members regularly visit folk who are no longer able to attend church. Do get in touch with Shirley if you know of anyone who would like a visit.

WALKS followed by refreshments: Listen up for details of the next walk.



PASTORAL TEAM WALK

Thursday November 21st dawned with snow on the ground, the temperature in Endon at -5° C and much uncertainty as to whether the proposed walk in the Macclesfield Forest area should go ahead. However after a succession of phone calls it was decided to meet at 'The Leathers

Smithy' car park and see what folk wanted to do! 11 of us gathered, suitably attired, and voted unanimously to give it a go led by Patricia. It was a clear day, the sun shone, the scenery was spectacular (with good views of Tegg's Nose) and no-one fell over! We were delighted to be joined by Liz Bannister who lives in nearby Langley and who also joined us for lunch at the pub afterwards. Thank you Patricia for an unexpected joy! Do listen out for details of our next walk.

STILL MORE SQUARES!

We have now been sending knitted squares to Biddulph Methodist Church for over 4 years. Sue and Norman Millard are still faithfully delivering blankets to the refuge in Calais. Here is a blanket made from



the latest batch of squares from Endon. Thank you again to all who carry on

knitting and sewing them together!



December Prayer Focus

- Our Christmas services that our churches will be places of warmth and welcome
- The new President of the US and his team and its effect globally
- Our own government
- An end to people-trafficking and the ongoing problem of refugees and asylum seekers crowding into unsafe boats to cross the Channel
- Those severely affected by the severe floods in Valencia and other parts of Spain
- A ceasefire and lasting peace between Israel and Gaza.
- Non-escalation of war as Hezbollah and Lebanon are now involved
- Those affected by M-Pox and those trying to stop its spread
- Rev Denise Williamson our new Methodist minister based in Endon
- The desperate plight of the people of Afghanistan under harsh Taliban rule
- The people of South Sudan enduring great hardship and near famine conditions
- The wife and family of opposition leader Alexei Navalny and the repercussions of his death in Russia and around the world
- Ukraine and the urgent need for arms and an end to the war
- Safety for shipping in the Red Sea and the financial consequences of longer journeys around the Cape
- Our king and the Princess of Wales as they undergo cancer treatment
- The families of all those whose loved ones have been murdered
- The truly horrendous situation in Israel and Gaza and especially the hostages
- A permanent cease-fire and the release of all hostages and for desperately needed aid getting into Gaza
- Climate change and the urgent need to combat its effects
- Those taken prisoner
- The current threat from China, Iran and N Korea supporting Russia in the war in Ukraine
- All aid agencies and volunteer recovery teams
- Those seeking justice for women in Iran and regime change
- All hostages in Iran awaiting release especially Morad Tahbaz and Mehran Raoff
- The huge problem of loneliness
- Loved ones and all in our parish who are currently unwell
- Improvements in the treatment of cancer, heart disease and neurological conditions
- Our church wardens and worship leaders during the interregnum
- The future of our benefice in our fifth year of interregnum
- 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
- The problem of the millions of plastic bottles afloat in our oceans and the tons of 'space junk' orbiting our planet
- The problem of river pollution brought about by discharge of sewage
- All who have lost loved ones recently
- The Trussell Trust food banks still needed as much as ever

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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 submit notices for our next newsletter to Ros Benson

by **Tuesday, January 2nd 2025**

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

ST LUKE'S CHURCH OFFICE

Unless involved with funeral duties Barrie mans the office on Mon, Wed, and Fri from 10.30am to 1.00pm using **07517 653370**. During these times the church is open for private prayer.



POTTERS HALF-MARATHON SUCCESS

I was thrilled to complete my 4th Potters Half Marathon in 1hr and 58 mins and I raised over £1,100 for the Dougie Mac! A personal record for time and fundraising in an incredible atmosphere on the day! A HUGE thank you to everyone who sponsored and supported me! **Joe**