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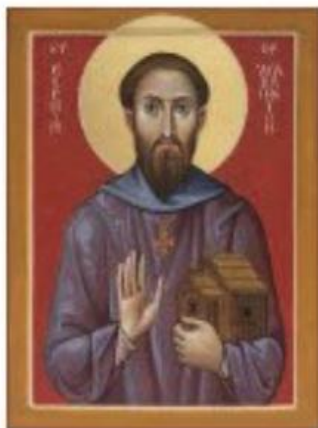
INTERREGNUM Month 61

Farewell to St Elphin's and Hello to St Luke's, St Chad's and St Michael's! REV DEBBIE IS ON HER WAY....

Our new vicar is hoping to move into Endon vicarage on July 8th so we must pray for her and be ready to welcome her as she leaves Warrington behind (where she has served as a curate) to begin life as a full-time priest with us. Rev Debbie will be licensed at St Luke's on Wednesday, 30th July at 7.00pm by Lichfield Bishop Michael.

Farewell Celebration for Reverend Debbie

Join us as we bid a heartfelt farewell to
Reverend Debbie
on her last Sunday at St Elphin's



Sunday 29th June
12pm Farewell Feast
at St Elphin's Church

Rev Debbie is leaving St Elphin's
to take up the post of
Vicar of Bagnall & Endon with Horton
in the Staffordshire Moorlands

*This is the last newsletter which will have the number of the interregnum month
as a heading!*

July 2025: ST LUKE'S CHURCH DIARY (ESL Endon St Luke's; EMC = Endon Methodist Church)		
Tu	1 st	10.30am – 12noon COFFEE & CHAT chapter house
W	2 nd	9.15am MIDWEEK HC at ESL
Th	3 rd	
F	4 th	
Sa	5 th	8.30am PRAYER BREAKFAST
Su	6 th	9.15am HOLY COMMUNION w Rev Philip 11.00am CONNECTIONS FOOD BANK collection
M	7 th	2.30pm ROCK COTTAGE visit
T	8 th	
W	9 th	9.15am MIDWEEK HC at EMC
Th	10 th	
F	11 th	
Sa	12 th	10.30am ART CLUB
Su	13 th	9.15am MORNING WORSHIP 11.00am CONNECTIONS
M	14 th	
Tu	15 th	10.30am – 12noon COFFEE & CHAT chapter house
W	16 th	9.15am MIDWEEK HC at ESL 11.00am HILLSWOOD LODGE visit
Th	17 th	
F	18 th	
Sa	19 th	
Su	20 th	9.15am HOLY COMMUNION w Fr David 11.00am CONNECTIONS
M	21 st	
T	22 nd	
W	23 rd	9.15am MIDWEEK HC at EMC
Th	24 th	
F	25 th	
Sa	26 th	LEEK SHOW Churches Together tent
Su	27 th	9.15am MORNING WORSHIP 11.00am CONNECTIONS
M	28 th	
T	29 th	
W	30 th	9.15am MIDWEEK HC at ESL 7.00pm LICENSING of Rev Debbie
Th	31 st	



'CONNECTIONS' is suitable for all ages and especially for children on Sundays at St Luke's CE Academy Leek Road, from 10.30 with service at 11.00 to 12.00noon.

ART CLUB: The next meeting of the Art Club will be on **Sat 12th July** at 10.30am in the chapter house.

FLOWER & CRAFT CLUB: Please note that there will be **no meetings** in July and August but they will resume in September.

WELL DRESSING DONATIONS:

Sheila H has supplied us with this year's figures which are as follows (last year's in brackets for comparison):

Raffle	£665.26	(£477.60)
Refreshments	£611.33	(£709.77)
Photo comp	£55.00	(£37.50)
Milk churn/buckets	£171.29	(£218.76)
TOTAL	£1502.88	(£1443.63)

These figures do not include donations and purchases via the card machine. There was no collection at the Saturday service. This usually is an ESL donation to 'Water gives Life'. Last year it was £115.

PASTORAL TEAM EVENTS...



THIS MONTH OUR COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT MORNINGS will be JULY 1st & 15th

Thank you to all those who work hard to make these events happen.

If you missed the last one, 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 Mornings are planned for Tuesdays **July 1st & 15th** from **10.30 to 12.00**.

Do come along and bring a friend or two!

HILLSWOOD LODGE & ROCK COTTAGE CARE HOMES:

Our next visit to Hillswood Lodge will be on Wed July 16th at 11.00am and to Rock Cottage on Mon July 7th at 2.30pm

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. Contact Shirley if you know of anyone who would like a visit.

BINS and WATER SUPPLY!

Dealing with the churchyard bins each week is often a task undertaken by an invisible volunteer who is usually unthanked. Recently the overflowing bins have been a cause for complaint but Joe Porter and John Moss came to the rescue and managed to clear up the mess and now John has kindly volunteered to move the bins to the lych-gate each week ready for the SMDC bin men to empty the following morning. We are greatly indebted to John for performing this necessary job on behalf of all of us and the many visitors to our churchyard. He also of course moves the bins back! Thank you John. You're a star!

John has pointed out that the little hut which houses the tap for the convenience of churchyard visitors has now been in place for 90 years. It was built in memory of Alice J Thompson in June 1935. Does anyone know anything about this lady or those thoughtful people who set it up?



SPONSORSHIP REQUEST



Joe is fundraising for the Dougie Mac again this year and is embarking on an exciting new challenge to run four half marathons: Carsington Water Half Marathon (21st June), Snowdonia Sea2Sky Half Marathon (6th September), Potters Arf Marathon (28th September) and Alton Towers Half Marathon (16th November).

He recently completed the first of these in 28°C on the hottest day of the year. Please consider sponsoring him by following the link below or filling in the sheet at the back of church.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/joe-porter-7>

Douglas Macmillan Hospice (Dougie Mac) is the only hospice in Staffordshire supporting children, young adults and adults. Care is given to patients who are living with a life-limiting illness at our two sites and in the community. They also provide support for patients' families and their carers.

LEEK SHOW Sat 26th July



More volunteers please!

Rev Patricia would like more volunteers to help man the Churches Together tent at Leek Show. St Luke's Endon, All Saints' Leek w St Edward's Cheddleton, Endon Methodist and Rudyard Methodist Churches are taking part this year.



The hours are from 09.00 - 17.00 and the roles are to help with refreshments, chatting to visitors and children's activities. It's preferable if people can offer 2 hours but one hour slots are available. Please speak to Patricia or sign the timed list at the back of church.



NEW CHURCHWARDENS NEEDED...an urgent appeal from Roger!

I believe that I have been a Churchwarden at St Luke's for nineteen years, and my body is not as reliable as it was. It would be good if one or two people would step forward to join Barrie and me in this role. To some extent the job is flexible, and your time and skills would fit into the changing needs of St Luke's. It would be good if the Rev. Debbie could rely on someone who is firing on more cylinders than I am.

To join the Wardens' team at this stage in the story of St Luke's means that you would be able to take a part in moulding the changes which will undoubtedly come in the rhythm of life here under the ministry of our new vicar.

Have a word with either of us, please!



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. Thank you to all of you who have supported the candle dedications this year.

Contact Shirley Brindley on 504089 if you would like a particular date.

Jul	CANDLE OF HOPE	SANCTUARY LIGHT
6 th	Ann Boulton in loving memory of Nicola.	Barrie Jackson in celebration of Alice's birthday.
13 th	Maureen and Alan Payne in loving memory of Bill and Betty Payne, parents of Alan.	Barrie Jackson in celebration of Zak's birthday.
20 th	Maureen Foster to celebrate the birthdays of her granddaughters Charlotte and Sophie.	Ann Boulton in loving memory of Les.
27 th	Anon in loving memory of Elaine Morrey on her birthday (25 th).	Sheila and Stan Hurst to celebrate their wedding anniversary.



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS to

David Morris (13th), Janet Bowyer (16th), Rob Barlow (27th), Lyn Pickering (29th)

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

SERVICES AT ST CHAD'S

6th JULY SUNDAY

10.45am ALL AGE WORSHIP JP/GB/KH

13th JULY SUNDAY

10.45am PRAISE & PRAYER Rev C/KH

20th JULY SUNDAY

10.45am HOLY COMMUNION Rev C

27th JULY SUNDAY

10.45am MORNING PRAYER KH/JP



Mon 7th July St Chad's PCC in church

Sun 3rd Aug Annual BBQ at Julia & Arnie's

*On the **first Wednesday** of the month there is a service of Holy Communion with Rev Carrie at **10.00am** with prayers for healing followed by coffee and conversation.*

SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S

There is usually a service of **Holy Communion** each Sunday at **11.30am** when a priest is available.



MEMORIES, MEMORIALS AND REMEMBERING

Not long ago, we commemorated the 80th anniversary of VE Day. One key moment of remembrance is the public one or two-minute silence. It's a familiar part of our acknowledgement of death, especially death through war or other grievous circumstances. In most church funeral services, there may be a moment during the prayers for remembering, silently, those we mourn. Silence and stillness are two key ingredients of remembrance. Often, these are deeply appreciated qualities of our church buildings. In between regular services, churches hold space where people can be still and silent and let recollections flow. Memories of precious, departed friends and family that we hold in our heads are prompted by many things, but silent and still promptings can bring an added dimension.

Churchyards too offer this quality, and so they should. Think of them as extensions of churches. In them, what was once a private life has become part of public memory. Reverent and respectful burials declare that people are loved in death as in life. Often there are ordered ranks of headstones or mosaics of memorial plaques, or just neatness and simple, natural beauty. Approaches to churchyards which embrace a wilder look, being creatively managed to foster their enormous biodiversity, still maintain this quality. Such settings encourage habitats with longer grass, more wildflowers, and preserve the now renowned lichen populations found on headstones. Whatever the style, in speaking of order and stillness, churchyards consciously offer an unspoken testament to the beauty and diversity of God's creation, including those commemorated there, and to his lavish, generous love which transcends death. Churchyards are places where our thoughts naturally turn to resurrection.

If this is churchyards' intended purpose, then care and work is needed to preserve and retain that purpose. Keeping order depends on willing people. Some churchyards, once closed to new burials, are cared for by the Local Authority and that is enormously valued by the church. If they are still open, the church retains its responsibility for maintenance.

Resources are often stretched. Mowing is hastened by keeping churchyards free of clutter. Likewise, biodegradable flowers are brought onto graves without containers which can cause hazards to mowers and mourners alike. The Chancellor's Churchyard Regulations help PCCs to maintain uniformity and consistency wherever memorials are introduced, but to help facilitate the most appropriate pastoral response, where local circumstances suggest, it is possible for PCCs to establish their own local churchyard policy which can permit certain variations to the regulations. Your Archdeacon can give advice about this approach.

Caring for churchyards can be demanding and some churches might look at creating a 'Friends of our Churchyard' community where people can enjoy the biodiversity, help care for the environment and help the wider public appreciate and enjoy this very significant part of our landscapes, urban and rural. The charity 'Caring for God's Acre' supports many aspects of this work and is active in Lichfield diocese. Who'd have thought it: helping churchyards to remain welcoming places where people can encounter God's presence isn't all work and no play.

The Revd Preb Terry Bloor, Associate Archdeacon of Stoke-upon-Trent
To celebrate the best in caring for churchyards, keep an eye on our annual
Churchyard Award Scheme lichfield.anglican.org/churchyard-award-scheme-2025
and join Eco Church lichfield.anglican.org/eco-church





Q: Where would you find a Hebrew Character, a Camomile Shark and a Striped Wainscote?

A: In a churchyard!

In the UK we have 59 species of butterfly, many of them familiar to us all, but did you know that we also have over 2,500 species of moth?

Many moths have fabulous names. Some give a clue to their markings including Hebrew Character, China Mark, Garden Tiger or Orange Underwing. Others suggest possible frustration at identifying them, Uncertain or Clouded Drab for instance! Others give a clue to the food plant of the caterpillar, Appletree Skeletoniser or Bird-Cherry Ermine. And then there are names to let your imagination fly; Hoary Footman, Snout, Dusky Brocade, Scarce Dagger and Clifden Nonpareil for starters.

Most moths have evolved to fly at night in order to avoid predation, although they are the main food of bats, which have also evolved to fly at night. To avoid bats, some moth species can hear the echolocation used by bats and will zig-zag away or drop to the ground from mid-air when bats are close, to 'play dead' until the threat has passed. Whilst daytime predation of night-flying moths is reduced, moths and also their caterpillars are an important food item for creatures active in the day including small mammals, amphibians, spiders, lizards and many birds. Small moth caterpillars are fed in great number to the chicks of many of our common birds including blue tit, great tit, robin, wren and blackbird.

As with so much of our wildlife, moths are in trouble, down 28% in overall numbers since 1968. This is likely to be due to a combination of factors; agricultural change, increased use of garden and farming chemicals, development and also light pollution which has a profound effect on the lifecycle of moths. Churchyards, chapel yards and cemeteries can be a moth haven however. Many contain a mix of grassland, mature trees, scrub and flowerbeds, lots of different habitats, used by a wide range of moth species. Churchyards and other burial grounds are usually free of herbicides and pesticides which benefits all insects, including moths.

There are also small management changes that will encourage and support moths; similar to gardening for wildlife, be a little untidy! How about leaving areas with leaf litter, dead plant stems and tussocks for overwintering caterpillars and eggs. If you have flowerbeds or planters, how about introducing some night-scented flowers including honey suckle, tobacco plant, evening primrose and stocks. Is there an area of turf that can be allowed to grow long for 3 to 4 spring and summer months, providing meadow flowers and flowering native grasses for pollinators including moths? A particularly helpful change might be to reduce light pollution by keeping any outdoor lights low, pointing downwards and not on all night long.

Running a moth light trap overnight makes an interesting public event, the trap is opened in the morning, moths admired, identified and then released, but even if you do not manage to see these spectacular nighttime visitors, remember that our blue tit population needs an estimated 35 million moth caterpillars every year and many people enjoy watching bluetits!

N.B If you are starting to identify moths, take a look at Moths Flying Tonight on the Butterfly Conservation website and put in your postcode to narrow down the moths you are likely to find.

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 diomem22

Request for donations

Help support your local food bank

Leek & District Foodbank provides emergency food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship, but we need your help to be able to do this.

Donate to the Foodbank



Please help us! We are really struggling to maintain our stock levels. Donate an item or two from our shopping list, to ensure we can continue to provide help to everyone who comes through our doors.

Visit our website or scan the QR code to donate money to enable us to maintain stock levels. Thank you for your support.

Shopping list

Tinned :- veg/meat/fruit/

potato/rice pudding/

custard

Milk (UHT semi-skim)

Rice – 500g & sachets

Fruit squash

Pasta & pasta sauce

Coffee & tea

Instant mashed potato

Cereals

leekdistrict.foodbank.org.uk

projectmanager@leekdistrict.foodbank.org.uk 07916 005064

Registered Charity in England and Wales no 1153990



Project Manager Lindsey Stockton writes...

Thank you St Luke's for your May donation of 10kg.

As usual, I will start with the figures for last month with a comparison to the same month in 2024:

Total vouchers fulfilled	= 88	(95)
No. of Adults fed	= 126	(129)
No. of Children fed	= 70	(83)
Total no. fed	= 196	(212)

It is difficult to sum up or explain any specific trends, but we are seeing a significant number of new clients, as well as a worrying number of clients with no fixed abode. Last Friday alone we provided food for three clients who were rough sleeping – one in a tent, one in a van and one in a car park. We do what we can but options are very limited when they have no access to cooking facilities. We continue to work very closely with the relevant housing agencies, but housing options in Leek are very limited so there is no quick fix.

The level of food donations continues to be a source of concern, with over 450kg of food less being donated in May 2025 than in May 2024. Whilst I have gone on at great length about the situation at Morrisons, we are also seeing about a 50% reduction in donations from Sainsbury's, which doesn't have an easily identifiable explanation. Are people feeling the pinch themselves? Or, conversely, do they think that the cost of living crisis is easing to the extent that they no longer need to donate? Difficult to tell. We had a lengthy discussion about the issues at our Trustees' Meeting last week and I shall soon be starting a campaign to attract more support.

Last month saw the release of the end of year statistics for Trussell Foodbanks nationally - <https://www.trussell.org.uk/news-and-research/latest-stats/end-of-year-stats>. Whilst this shows a reduction in numbers from the previous year, it is quite staggering to look back on how the figures have increased from 5 years ago. Whilst Trussell still state that their aim is to do away with the need for Foodbanks, this does seem like a very distant goal at the moment.

One of the main reasons behind the reduction in our figures, as I have stated on numerous occasions, is our in-house Citizens Advice service. As previously mentioned, the funding for this project, currently provided by Trussell, will end in May 2026. I am very pleased to report that agreement has been reached between Citizens Advice, and three Foodbanks – Leek, Cheadle and Newcastle – to bid for future funding for one integrated project, with CA taking the lead in the bidding process. This is very much the best outcome, as CA has a wealth of data which they can use to support the bids, and also the necessary experience and expertise to maximise the chance of securing funding.

I struggle to put into words the impact the service has had on the work that we do. Yes, there are some hugely impressive figures, which I will give below, but I think the most important thing for all of us at the Foodbank is that it enables us to do more for our clients than just give them carrier bags of food. Prior to commencement of the project, all of us felt so helpless when, although we had fed our clients, we were not able to directly do anything to address the underlying issues causing them to need support from a Foodbank. This was not only frustrating, it was also very stressful for the team, as they were often unable to forget the stories of hardship of those who come through our doors. They almost didn't want to know the back story, but now they are all very adept at engaging the clients, gaining their trust and signposting them to Citizens Advice or one of the other agencies with whom we work so closely. This development in what we do is of massive benefit to our clients and is a huge source of pride for me. So, in this Volunteers' Week 2025, I would like to formally recognise the huge contribution that the team at Leek & District Foodbank makes to the local community.

Thank you so much for the way in which you have adapted to the new reality, and for the care and compassion you all give.

Just returning to the facts and figures regarding the impact of our "Financial Inclusion" (Citizens Advice) service – since the service began at the beginning of 2023, 535 clients have been seen, with

financial gains of £639,654 and debt managed at £979,655. Less than 10% of those clients seen are expected to need to use the Foodbank again. I'm sure you will all agree that these are all astonishing figures, and indicate just how vital it is that we are able to continue to offer this service.

During half term we were again able – thanks to Maureen Wiskin and Trinity Church – to offer a lovely takeaway chicken casserole. A total of 50 meals were prepared, with 40 being distributed on the night and the other 10 coming to our freezer for distribution at our next session. The food is all cooked from scratch, crammed full of vegetables and absolutely delicious. We will be providing this service on a weekly basis through the school summer holidays, and it is so gratefully received by our clients.

At our Trustees' Meeting in May we were very fortunate to be able to recruit two new board members. They bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience of working with clients with a wide range of issues, which will be hugely beneficial to our organisation, and the holistic care we now aim to provide. We welcome them to the Foodbank and look forward to working with them.

With regard to our needs this month, it might be easier to say what we don't need, but let's stick to the established formula of what we do need:

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
Noodle snacks		
Tinned tuna	Tinned fruit	
Rice – 500gm/microwave pouches		Pasta in 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:		Toiletries:
Washing up liquid		Shampoo and conditioner
Multi surface cleaner (no bleach)		Shower gel
Cleaning cloths/sponges		Toothpaste and toothbrushes
Laundry liquid/capsules/powder		Deodorant (male and female)
		Razors and shaving foam
		Toilet rolls
		Nappies

ENDON FRIENDSHIP CLUB COACH TRIP

Join the Friendship Club on a day trip to Llandudno on Thursday, 7th August!

For more details and to book your place please phone Eileen on 01782 760446.

NEXT ST LUKE'S PCC MEETING:

This will take place in the chapter house at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th July.

PCC members please make every effort to attend!



Tickets £8

11 JULY
2025
7:00 PM

FUNDRAISING CONCERT

ENDON COMMUNITY CHOIR

DIRECTED BY DAN HOLLINGSBURST

Please see Ros or Ann if you
would like tickets.



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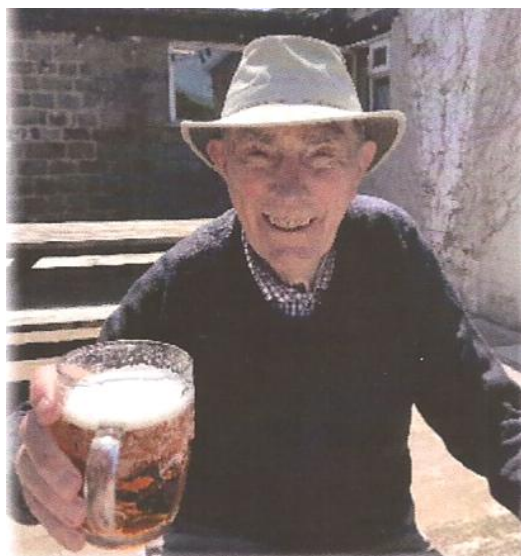
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ERIC CARTLIDGE

Many at St Luke's were saddened to hear of the death of Eric Cartlidge who died aged 89 a few weeks ago. Eric had been a very active support to our vicars (Rev Ernie Osman and Rev Alan Betts) and our PCC some years ago when we were trying to obtain planning permission for an extra room to be added to the side of the church. Despite enormous efforts by Eric with his background as a chartered surveyor he was unable to persuade the various authorities. He worked long and hard to meet all the requirements after each refusal. Many times he would have been forgiven by us all for giving up! We shall always be very grateful to Eric and we applaud his persistence and lovely sense of humour.

A good crowd was present at the celebration of his life at St Luke's on 12th June. When he was living at Portland House in Leek, his daughter Jane often brought him to church in Endon. He and his wife Joyce were regulars here for many years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jane and all the family.

QUIZ ANSWERS: Well done if you managed all 20!

CRYPTIC TREES		
1.	Mixed up Kate	TEAK
2.	Is going to be in debt	WILLOW
3.	A request for silence	ASH
4.	Found in Barrow and Jarrow	ROWAN
5.	Who in France is mixed up with a rose that's not right?	SEQUOIA
6.	Cared about	CEDAR
7.	Studied timber at university I hear	REDWOOD
8.	Popular without you	POPLAR
9.	All right about an article	OAK
10.	A cry some altered	SYCAMORE
11.	Sounds like a second person	YEW
12.	Ample redistribution	MAPLE
13.	I'm among the French	LIME
14.	People from the North long for this	SCOTS PINE
15.	Home changed with barn conversion	HORNBEAM
16.	A pig among plenty	MAHOGANY
17.	Instrument of chastisement made from precious metal	SILVER BIRCH
18.	It could be an aircraft	PLANE
19.	It appears among bee changes	BEECH
20.	A thousand follow the Spanish leader	ELM

July Prayer Focus

- Rev Debbie Lovatt, our new incumbent
- The serious global implications as a result of the escalation of hostilities in the Middle East
- All affected by the incident of a vehicle in Liverpool injuring many people during the FA victory parade
- The serious nature of climate change and its consequences
- Ceasefire and a lasting peace between Israel and Gaza and between Ukraine and Russia and for restoration of war-damaged cities and people
- Restoration of sufficient aid convoys of food and medical supplies in Gaza
- The desperate humanitarian crisis in Sudan due to the civil war
- Non-escalation of the current conflict between India and Pakistan
- The world's response to the new US tariffs
- The environmental damage to coast and wildlife following the collision of the two tankers off the Norfolk coast
- The return of all hostages
- The released hostages and their mental and physical health after traumatic experiences in captivity
- Our own government and Prime Minister in talks with other leaders
- The new regime in Syria and the future
- An end to people-trafficking and the ongoing problem of refugees and asylum seekers crowding into unsafe boats to cross the Channel
- Rev Denise Williamson our new Methodist minister based in Endon
- The desperate plight of the people of Afghanistan under harsh Taliban rule
- The wife and family of opposition leader Alexei Navalny and the repercussions of his death in Russia and around the world
- Safety for shipping in the Red Sea and the financial consequences of longer journeys around the Cape
- The families of all those whose loved ones have been murdered
- Climate change and the urgent need to combat its effects
- Those taken prisoner
- 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
- 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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Rev Patricia Robinson (organist, also minister w PtO)	07854 418488
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Shirley Brindley, candle dedications / pastoral team	01782 504089
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Jim Hudson, St Michael's warden	07871 958886

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, July 21st 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.



ENDON METHODIST CHURCH

In addition to St Luke's 'Coffee & Chat' on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, the Methodist Church has 'Friday Friends' on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 10.00 – 12.00 as well as 'Saturday Coffee Pot' once a month. All are welcome!