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Endon, St Luke's Newsletter September 2026



HARVEST at ST LUKE'S on SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13th with HARVEST LUNCH

We are all invited to contribute food items for Leek Food Bank at both the 9.15 and 11.00 services. A full list of suggested items can be found below.

We will be having a harvest lunch at 1.00pm in the chapter house. Volunteers will be making a meat and potato hotpot to be served with pickled cabbage and pickled beetroot. There will also be bread from the harvest loaf and a choice of cold desserts.



Longlife semi-skimmed milk

Fruit squash

Tinned carrots/corn/peas

Instant mash (single/family) Noodle snacks

Tinned custard

Rice – 500gm/microwave pouches

Tomato ketchup

Tinned soup

Dog and cat food – wet and dry

Tinned rice pudding Coffee-100/200gm

Longlife sponge puddings Pasta

Tinned meat

Tinned fruit

Pasta n sauce / instant noodles

Chocolate – single bars and multipacks

Tinned potatoes

PLEASE NO BAKED BEANS OR TINNED TOMATOES, THANK YOU

Household cleaning products:

Washing up liquid

Multi surface cleaner (no bleach)

Cleaning cloths/sponges

Laundry liquid/capsules/powder

Toiletries:

Shampoo and conditioner

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

Razors and shaving foam

Toilet rolls

Soap

Deodorant (male and female)

Nappies

And please, if you have any good quality carrier bags to spare they would be very gratefully received.

Here we are moving into the last month of summer, and what a summer we are having, although there are likely to be some sad consequences of such hot and dry weather, not least for the availability and cost of basic food items. Here is the latest news from the Foodbank, starting with the figures, with comparison to last year:

Total vouchers fulfilled	= 72 (78)
No. of Adults fed	= 108 (109)
No. of Children fed	= 59 (67)
Total no. fed	= 167 (176)

So, a slightly busier month than June, which is to be expected with the schools breaking up for the summer. We have delivered nutritious and delicious takeaway meals from Trinity Church on the three Tuesday evenings of the holidays so far, with three more to come. We cater for 50 of our clients who are currently most in need, and they are very much appreciated and enjoyed. The Crisis and Resilience Fund finally started in July, enabling us to refer clients for crisis payments. Whilst we appreciate that checks need to be in place to ensure that this fund is going to the right people, the criteria for receiving a payment seem very stringent, with a large amount of documentation required before a payment can be considered. Hopefully next month I will have some data as to how many applications have been successful.

We held our food drive at Morrisons on 22nd July and were delighted to receive 300kg of food donations and £190.00 in monetary donations. Thank you all you lovely Morrisons customers and thank you too to our volunteers who gave up their time to help on the day. Also in July we received 104.9kg of food from CEF (Electrical Experts) Buxton branch. Nationally they have chosen to support Trussell and we are their nearest Trussell foodbank. They had chosen items from our shopping list so everything was just what we needed.

And Vesta Children's Services also popped up to offer their support –

<https://www.vestacs.co.uk/about-2>. They are based in Leek and have three homes in Sneyd Green, Hanley and Bucknall. They came in with 75.3kg of food and we have also gained one of their residents as a volunteer for one session a month! One of our volunteers also helps at the Oxfam shop in Leek and has reported that they are very short of books to sell. If any of you have any to spare please consider donating them, either taking them directly to the shop on the Market Place, or we would be happy to take them at the Foodbank to pass on.

Whilst we are blessed to receive such amazing support from local people and businesses, we do continue to struggle to maintain our stock levels. In 2024/25 we purchased 12% of our stock, in 2025/26 we purchased 12% of our stock, **SO FAR IN THIS FINANCIAL YEAR WE HAVE PURCHASED 26% OF OUR STOCK!** This does include a bulk purchase from a supplier in Sheffield (647kg), but, even without that, we are at 18%, so a very significant increase on previous years. Whilst we currently have money in our bank account, to continue at this level of spending would be unsustainable in the long term, so we are keen to try to attract additional support from the community, whether this be individual or corporate. We have also lost 50% of the grant funding for our Citizens Advice project, an absolutely vital lifeline for our clients, so have pledged £22,500 of foodbank money to plug that gap.

With the harvest season rapidly approaching we will be appealing to local schools and churches to consider supporting us with any donations they receive, and will be circulating a list of dates when we are available to come to talk about our work.



Thank you.

St Luke's Church Endon July 2026 14 kgs

For your donations in support of Leek & District Foodbank.

Your dedication and support have made a huge difference to the lives of people living in poverty.

Lindsey Stockton
Project Manager

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ST LUKE'S CHURCH DIARY: SEPTEMBER 2026

ESL = Endon St Luke's EMC= Endon Methodist Church HC = Holy Communion

Tu	1	10.30 – 12.00 Coffee & Chat chapter house
W	2	9.15am Midweek HC at ESL 2.00pm Pastoral Meeting chapter house
Th	3	
F	4	
Sa	5	8.30am – 10.00am Prayer Breakfast chapter house
Su	6	9.15am Holy Communion 11.00am Connections
M	7	2.30pm Rock Cottage
T	8	
W	9	9.15am Midweek HC at EMC 1.00pm FLOWER CLUB chapter house
Th	10	
F	11	
Sa	12	7pm Quiz Night at St Chad's
Su	13	HARVEST 9.15am Holy Communion 11.00am Connections 1.00pm Harvest Lunch chapter house
M	14	
Tu	15	10.30 – 12.00 Coffee & Chat chapter house
W	16	9.15am Midweek HC at ESL 11.00am Hillswood Lodge
Th	17	
F	18	
Sa	19	Licensing of Readers at Lichfield
Su	20	9.15am Holy Communion 11.00am Connections
M	21	
Tu	22	
W	23	9.15am Midweek HC at EMC
Th	24	
F	25	
Sa	26	10.30am ART CLUB chapter house
Su	27	9.15am Holy Communion 11.00am Connections
M	28	
T	29	
W	30	

OUR BELOVED ROGER SIMPSON

Every one at St Luke's has been deeply saddened by the death of our beloved churchwarden of over 20 years. Faithful to his promise Roger remained in post throughout the vacancy until a new vicar was appointed and not knowing how long that would be! Throughout the five year vacancy he chaired dozens of PCC meetings and led many services of Morning Worship when no incumbent was available, often preaching as well. He celebrated his 90th birthday very recently and preached his last and inspiring sermon just a few Sundays ago. A devoted husband and father we offer our sincere condolences and much love to his wife Sheila and their sons David, Steven and Bruce. Roger was held in enormous respect at St Luke's and will be greatly missed by us all. Barrie has written a tribute to him on page 2. Listen out for details of the Memorial Service which will be held sometime in the next few weeks.

Barrie writes...

A personal tribute to Roger Simpson – a colleague and a friend



I first met Roger when I joined St Luke's, around the time of Rev Alan Betts appointment as Vicar of Endon with Stanley. Little did I realise the role that Roger would later play in my church life. I joined the PCC early on and soon came to be familiar with Roger's wit and wisdom. He was someone who instinctively commanded respect for his experience, sound advice and his good humour, and the PCC and Alan had much thank him for. However, it was during the recent Interregnum, when we served as church wardens, that we really became a team; responsible

for maintaining worship services and accounting to the Archdeacon, the Rural Dean and to our Area Bishop. Due in large part to Roger's innate ability to command loyalty and respect, everybody who played a role in the life of St Luke's felt supported and encouraged.

No-one will forget the "Simpson Addresses" at the 9.15 services – how only Roger could make subjects as far ranging as bread-making or nuclear physics not only relevant to the gospels but fascinating. I always tried to grab his written notes after the service, just to make sure I'd missed nothing! And I've rarely met anyone with such scriptural recall, in particular, of the psalms, and with such a deep understanding of the theological context. Everyone will remember being greeted at 9.15 on Sundays at the church porch by Roger – always that same cheery welcome, no matter what the weather! And again, when it came to dressing up as a shepherd or disciple to answer children's questions during the Easter activities, Roger was always there, appropriately dressed for the occasion. Inside or outside of church, Roger was the most instinctively and generous and charitable Christian man I've ever met; as just one example, when my car broke down, Roger straightaway offered me the use of their Smart car, saying "well we can't use more than one at a time!"

Roger came to mean a great deal to me over those years, working with him as a colleague and as a friend – years which would not have been so fruitful without him. He was such an inspiration, a fount of infinite wisdom, sound advice and boyish good humour – and all the while, coping with such as having a heart pacemaker fitted, not to mention the simple physical mobility issues of old age. Having said all that, Roger always had a ready smile and cheery response. But to say all this is to overlook Roger's best asset – Sheila, the one who was always there to support him and to "keep him on the straight and narrow"! I am so glad that Roger fulfilled his 3 wishes – to see a new Vicar in post; to retire as churchwarden and to make his 90th birthday. Well done Roger!

I consider myself the richer for having had the privilege of knowing him for those years. To paraphrase Paul's letter to Timothy – **"You have fought the good fight; you have finished the race, you have kept the faith."**

– Rest in peace, Roger, you good and faithful servant.



A MESSAGE FROM GRACE (St Chad's): I am running the Potters Arf for The Hubb Foundation

On October 4th, I am running the Potters Arf for the Hubb Foundation. I am now in the last 6 months of my PhD exploring the impact they have on children and families within Stoke-on-Trent. School holidays can be tough for

many families, with increased costs and reduced incomes creating a "holiday experience gap" for disadvantaged children. Without support, they are more likely to face unhealthy breaks in terms of nutrition, physical activity, and social opportunities, and return to school at a disadvantage. Through my studies, it is clear how vital the work they do is for the city during the school holidays. The money raised continues to go towards helping create a happy and safe environment for children and their families. Therefore, it is so important to continue fundraising.

All children should have the opportunity to experience a happy and healthy school holiday. That's what drives me – both in my research and in my running.

Please donate if you can by either following the link below, scanning the QR code or by cash.

Please help me support this amazing charity!

https://www.justgiving.com/page/grace-baker-pottersarf-2026?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

Thank you, Grace

Regulars at our 9.15am service have been delighted to welcome Grace's mum, Julia Podmore, treasurer at St Chad's, to worship each Sunday. Julia is in training to become a lay reader and her placement is here at St Luke's. Do continue to support her. She will be licensed at Lichfield on Saturday 19th September and we hope a good crowd will be able to attend from across the benefice.

Grace Baker's
JustGiving Page



HORTON, ST MICHAEL'S

Holy Communion Services every Sunday 11.30am

Display of Local and Church History at Horton Church 1-3pm on Sunday 27th September (Michelmas Patronal Festival), Sunday 4th October, Saturday 10th October

Horton Church Harvest Thanksgiving Service Sunday 11th October 11.30am

Horton Harvest Pie Supper & Sale of Produce Monday 12th October 7pm Horton Village Hall Bring your own drinks. Booking essential. Contact PCC members for tickets (price to be confirmed)

Sing your heart out at Horton - Evening of joy and reminiscence singing along to all the old school assembly hymns - Free admission - Refreshments served - Donations welcome - Horton Church Saturday 24th October 7pm

Quiz Night - Friday 4th December Horton Village Hall More details to follow.

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LEEK SHOW 2026

The Churches Together tent was very busy with visitors calling in for tea and a chat as well as children engaged in making a bug hotel or colouring a stone.



Five local churches were involved ...Endon Methodists, St Luke's CE Endon, St Edward's CE Cheddleton, Rudyard Methodists and Tomkin Chapel.

Endon Scouts kindly provided the tent and tea-making facilities.



PASTORAL TEAM EVENTS...



THIS MONTH OUR COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT MORNINGS will be from 10.30 to 12.00 on Tuesdays September 1st and 15th.

Thank you to all 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! Bring a friend or two!

HILLSWOOD LODGE & ROCK COTTAGE CARE HOMES:

Our next visit to Rock Cottage will be on Mon September 7th at 2.15pm and to Hillswood Lodge on Wed September 16th 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. Contact Shirley if you know of anyone who would like a visit.

CANDLE DEDICATIONS:

There has been a decline in the number of candle dedications. Shirley has quite a number of spaces left for this year. Please contact her as soon as possible if you would like to dedicate a candle.



CANDLE DEDICATIONS for SEPTEMBER

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 who have supported the candle dedications this year. Contact Shirley on 01782 504089 if you would like a particular date. Also contact Shirley if you would like to have your loved one's name written in the Book of Remembrance.

Sept	CANDLE OF HOPE	SANCTUARY LIGHT
6 th	The candle is kept burning by Marilyn Plant	Ann Boulton to celebrate the wedding anniversary of Emma and Lee
13 th	The candle is kept burning by Alan Williamson	Geoff and Rosey Smith to celebrate the birthday of grandson Cody
20 th	Janet Bowyer and David Moss in loving memory of Nancy Moss, mother of David and Robert	Shirley and Roger to celebrate the 17 th birthday of twin grandsons Will and Tom
27 th	The candle is kept burning by Avril Weaver	<i>No dedication</i>



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS to

Rev Patricia (1st), Elizabeth McIntock (23rd),
Duncan Woolliscroft, Simon Jackson (26th), Shirley Brindley (27th)

If you would like your own or a family birthday included here contact Ros 01782 504137

ART CLUB:

Next meeting will be on Saturday 26th September at 10.30am in the chapter house.

FLOWER CLUB:

The Flower Club meetings will resume on Wednesday 9th September at 1.00pm in the chapter house.

Please contact Sue Forrester for further information about the Art Club or the Flower Club.

A REPORT FROM THE CALAIS WOMEN'S REFUGE

All of you who have been knitting squares and stitching them together to make blankets may like to know what else goes on at the refuge and what is needed.

Dear partners

*We hope you have been doing well. Welcome to our first **RWC Update**. We realised that, while we regularly work alongside many of you, we rarely take the time to share what your support makes possible on the ground. **Through this short newsletter, we hope to keep you updated on our activities, the evolving situation in Northern France, and the impact of our collective work.***

Over the past few months...

*Our teams have continued to support women, children and families living in extremely precarious conditions in Calais and Dunkirk. **As needs remain high, your support, whether through donations of emergency shelter equipment, clothing, hygiene items, financial contributions or logistical assistance, continues to play a vital role in allowing us to respond quickly and with dignity.***

Since the beginning of 2026, we were able to:

- ***support 3,071 women and 1,350 families***
- ***support 593 singles mothers and 192 pregnant women***
- ***provide 1,833 bedding distributions (tents, blankets, sleeping bags, tarps)***
- ***refer 656 women and families to emergency accommodation (including state shelters, hotels, citizen housing)***

While these figures reflect what has been achieved, they also remind us that the humanitarian situation remains extremely challenging. The need for emergency shelter materials and basic essentials persists every day. During the summer, the associations on the coast have seen an unprecedented rise in the number of women and families, while police evictions of the living sites are becoming increasingly frequent.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. Every contribution helps us provide practical, dignified assistance to women and families on the move.

Warm regards



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SEEKING THE 100th BISHOP OF LICHFIELD SAYING GOODBYE



As you read this article, Bishop Michael's retirement on the feast day of St Michael and All Angels will either be imminent or recently past. It has been a long goodbye, sometimes sad but often filled with joy and happy memories. Many have said how much they will miss his wisdom, his kindness and his pastoral heart.

Taking a snapshot

It has been difficult for some to engage with the idea of seeking the 100th Bishop when the 99th has still been so present but in October the diocese will 'hand in its homework' to the national church – just like when there is a parish vacancy, we have to write our 'diocesan profile' (known as the Statement of Needs) for the Crown Nominations Committee (CNC), the small group who will work together to discern the potential candidates for #Lichfield100. The CNC group comprises fourteen people: two archbishops, six people appointed by General Synod and six people nominated by the diocese.

This group needs a clear brief from us: what is Lichfield like as a diocese, what are our joys and hopes, what are the challenges and who are we looking for to help us to become all that we can be. A group called the Vacancy in See Committee have been putting the Statement of Needs together on behalf of us all, asking those questions of various groups in June and July this year and collecting that wisdom together in one document.

Your voice matters – speak directly into the process

But the CNC also want to hear from the people of Lichfield directly. Between 5 and 15 October, the Archbishops' Secretary and the Prime Minister's Secretary for Appointments will be meeting with a number of invited groups looking for answers to similar questions. And everyone will have a chance to speak directly into the process of discernment.

There will be an **online meeting on the evening of 14 October, 6pm-7.30pm to which everyone is invited**. There will be more information on how to join on the diocesan website or you can follow this link:

Your voice really does matter. So far the most frequent two words we've heard in our consultations for our 'diocesan profile' have been 'huge' and 'diverse'. We can't show people from outside just how big and diverse we are unless they hear lots of different voices from lots of different communities – rural Shropshire accents, Black Country accents, Stoke accents, accents with a touch of Caribbean sunshine or south-east Asian music, all joyfully putting in their two penn'orth. So come and have your say! Who knows, it might be your voice which makes all the difference in discerning the right person to be our next Bishop.

Sam Rushton is Diocesan Secretary and CEO of Lichfield Diocesan Board of Finance, and secretary to the Vacancy in See committee





Sept 2026: 'NightWatch'

As the sun sets over our churchyards and burial grounds, a whole other world comes alive. Using some nifty technology, we can listen in on this hidden world to find out just what kind of wildlife is thriving there.

At Caring for God's Acre, we've recently acquired a fantastic bit of kit called a passive acoustic monitor. These little devices can be set up to record and monitor a whole range of sounds in environments that would otherwise be difficult to survey, helping you discover what species are about. For instance, we've been using our acoustic monitor to survey bats in local churchyards.

The devices can be left out for a few hours, days or even weeks. They utilise a small microphone, to detect and convert incoming sound waves into a signal which can be recorded and stored for later analysis. Once back at home, you can then download the data to analyse and see what species you've heard. Some models will do this for you, some won't; it entirely depends on the model.

Bats use echolocation to hunt for insects at high frequencies that we humans can't hear. Individual species emit calls that correspond to their size, flight, behaviour, environment and prey types. Each will produce a distinctive call that can be recognised on the acoustic monitor or during sound analysis. It can be difficult to navigate these tools for a first timer. Never fear; our friends at Bat Conservation Trust (BCT) have made surveying for bats accessible and easy for everyone.

BCT has been running the National Bat Monitoring Programme since 1996. Through its various mediums, all the recorded data helps inform bat conservation across the UK. One part of the programme is the NightWatch survey. Taking place between July and October, NightWatch is a community science project helping you discover the hidden world of nighttime nature living in your neighbourhood. No experience or previous knowledge is needed to take part, just for you to be over 16 and have a windowsill, garden, churchyard or urban space you have permission to survey. They greatly encourage people in towns and cities to get involved, so we can monitor how bats are faring in urban areas.

The process is simple. Choose a date and book your kit via the survey portal. Next, a free kit arrives in the post including an "AudioMoth". This is your mini passive acoustic monitoring device! Switch it on, secure in place and you're ready to go. At the same time, you'll sit with the detector watching and listening for any night wildlife. Whatever you spot, you make a record of. Once you're done, post the kit back in the post and wait to hear back from BCT with your personalised report of the bats you discovered during the survey.

More information on how to sign up and book your kit is linked here:

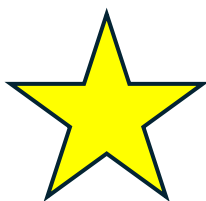
<https://www.bats.org.uk/our-work/science-research/passive-acoustic-surveys/nightwatch>

Between 60-90% of historic churches now have protected bat roosts, making the surrounding churchyard space even more important for bat conservation. Keeping churchyards chemical free, full of rich and diverse habitats that attract varied food sources, provides critical sanctuary for these nocturnal species. Consider getting involved in your local burial ground for bats and other wildlife in whatever way you can.

MEERBROOK HAS CONNECTIONS TO ENDON CHURCH!

Last month I included a piece concerning an interesting brass plaque at Meerbrook Church. Since then Vicky Degg has been busy researching the Turner family of vicars mentioned on the plaque. Her research has revealed no fewer than six Turner vicars, three attached to Meerbrook and three with connections to Endon. She has also researched Wing Commander Turner who installed the plaque.

Esther from St Chad's invites us to....



A QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 12th September 2026, 7pm start
Bagnall Village Hall

£5 pp - Teams of 4

Bring your own refreshments

Raffle

Funds in aid of St Chad's Church Bagnall

To book your table, contact Esther 07962 223383



An Invitation to keep fit for the Food Bank from Lindsey Stockton...

Hello everyone! Apologies for sending this additional message above and beyond my usual newsletter but I wanted to highlight this fundraising endeavour which will start on Tuesday 1st September in the hope that you can share amongst your various networks to try to achieve maximum coverage. Since PureGym opened in Leek we have had a huge amount of support from them, and they have a donation collection basket in the gym. Now Connor, one of their instructors, is aiming to do 50 pull ups every day in September to raise funds for us, which to me sounds like a monumental task!

Please see the attached poster for details of his challenge and also for the QR code through which donations can be made.

Thank you all for your ongoing interest in and support for the work of our foodbank.

Best wishes
Lindsey

Connor Smith
Personal Training

SEPTEMBER

50 PULL-UPS

A DAY

FOR THE LOCAL FOOD BANK

Every pull-up you do helps feed someone in our community.
Together, we can make a real difference.

HOW IT WORKS

- DURING SEPTEMBER**
I will be doing 50 pull-ups every single day.
- FOR EVERY PULL-UP**
Donations go directly to our local Food Bank.
- TOGETHER**
We can help support those in need while building a stronger community.

DONATE HERE
Scan the QR code to donate and support our local Food Bank.

MEMBERS: JOIN THE CHALLENGE!
Want to get involved? Add your pull-up count and join our community effort!

- 1 Do your pull-ups
- 2 Track your count
- 3 Add your total to the board in the gym or let me know

LET'S SEE HOW MANY PULL-UPS WE CAN DO AS A TEAM!

STRONGER TOGETHER. STRONGER COMMUNITY.

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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, September 22nd 2026** either by e-mail jandrbenson@btinternet.com or phone 01782 504137.

ANTHONY CLARKE and SUE BRIAND

In addition to losing Roger Simpson we are also sorry to hear of the death of Anthony Clarke who was a regular at our morning services until recently when he was receiving medical treatment. We were delighted that he had started to attend services again in the last few weeks. An architect by trade he lived in the village in a house he designed himself. His daughter had been a well dressing queen in 1984.

Sue Briand has also died. She had been a singing member of St Luke's worship group for many years and lived in Leek with husband Mark. They were both very active supporters of the local Chernobyl Children's Project and hosted pairs of teenagers for two weeks respite care during the summer months for several years. As recently as last October Sue had joined The Banned for a reunion concert here at St Luke's.

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