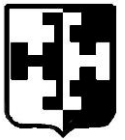




**THE UNITED BENEFICE of ST LUKE'S,  
ENDON with ST CHAD'S, BAGNALL**



*"Sharing God's Love"*

Vicar: Rev Alan Betts Tel: 01782 502166

alan@endonstlukes.org.uk www.endonstlukes.org.uk

**July – August 2018**



*A fitting tribute to our Ken . This was just one of the stunning displays created by Endon Floral Arts at this year's flower festival. See p5 for Barrie's appreciation for all who gave their time and talents to make it such a success.*

# Last chance to get your Encourage Festival tickets!

This year's Encourage Festival on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July is approaching fast but tickets are still available.

The mini music and arts festival is about celebrating that we are all called to play our part in God's kingdom. It takes place at Shallowford House (ST15 0NZ) from 2-8pm.

This family-friendly day is all about enjoying the things that other people are passionate about and seeing why they feel called to do the things they do. It will be brilliant for any friends, family or colleagues who have never been to church or are on the fringes of church.

Contributors include comedian and actress Sally Phillips, Goat Roper Rodeo Band, Rue Royale, Anam Caras, Wildfire Folk and Shrewsbury Gospel Choir. They will share their passions for art, music, creativity and a whole range of other subjects. There'll also be an outdoor demonstration kitchen which will be putting on demos throughout the event plus face-painting, the Junk Orchestra and Bongo making workshops!

Come along and bring a friend to enjoy speakers, bands, locally-sourced food and drink and a whole lot more. Find out more and get tickets on-line.

Who else is going? Rev Alan, Maryanne and James & Ros.

# Services for July

## ST LUKE'S

1 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am MORNING PRAYER – Roger and Barrie 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's Primary School
8 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am HOLY COMMUNION – Rev Alan 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's School
15 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am MORNING PRAYER – Barrie and Debbie 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's Primary School
22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.15am HOLY COMMUNION – Rev Alan 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's Primary School
29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am JOINT SERVICE at St Chad's – Rev Bev Jameson w Kath Howell

## ST CHAD'S

1 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am HOLY COMMUNION BCP – Rev Alan 10.45am FAMILY SERVICE - the team
8 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am PRAISE & PRAYER – Kath & Muriel F
15 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am ALL AGE HC – Rev Alan
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.45am MORNING PRAYER – Kath & Muriel F
29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am JOINT SERVICE at St Chad's – Rev Bev Jameson w Kath

## MIDWEEK ECUMENICAL HC SERVICES

Wednesdays at 9.15am

July 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at EMC

11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at ESL

No midweek services during August

---

**PLEASE NOTE THIS NEWSLETTER COVERS  
BOTH JULY and AUGUST 2018**

Copy for September should be submitted by Tues August 21<sup>st</sup> please.

# Services for August

## ST LUKE'S

5 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am MORNING PRAYER – Roger and James 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's Primary School
12 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am HOLY COMMUNION – Rev Alan 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's School
19 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am MORNING PRAYER – Barrie and Roger 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's Primary School
26 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am HOLY COMMUNION – Rev Alan 11.00am CONNECTIONS at St Luke's Primary School

## ST CHAD'S

5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am <i>NO SERVICE</i> 10.45am ALL AGE HC – Rev Bill Hassall
12 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am PRAISE & PRAYER – Ian Perry & Kath
19 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am ALL AGE HC – Rev Alan
26 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am ALL AGE HC – Rev Roland Crook
Sep 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am HOLY COMMUNION BCP – Rev Alan 10.45am FAMILY SERVICE – Ian Perry w family team



This year St Luke's raised a total of £1700 over the Well Dressing Weekend. This was all profit after expenses. We are very grateful to our

sponsors, all who made cakes, and all who provided and sold items on our bric-a-brac stall.

# ***Congratulations to EVERYBODY!***

*I realise that by the time you read this, the 2018 Flower Festival may seem a distant memory. But I just wanted to put on record how proud I am to be a part of our Church. Without mentioning individual names, which would be invidious and I'd probably end up missing some names out, the efforts and the spirit which went into the whole weekend were phenomenal. With the fabulous displays and creative expertise of the members of Endon Flower Club we were definitely "on a roll" from the word go, but the team spirit within the Church was PHENOMENAL. God blessed our efforts with glorious weather and everything we did was blessed – refreshments, bric-a-brac, numbers of visitors, the wonderful generosity of all our patrons and sponsors – the list is endless! Yes, it was a success financially but, even more importantly, it was a living example of Acts 2v42-47. Thanks be to God!*

*Barnabas (alias BJ)*



Jean Brough and Sue Forrester get an impromptu lesson in flower arranging between sessions brewing tea for the team.



One of the themes for 2018 was of course celebrating 100 years since women in the UK gained the right to vote. I remember the words of Jean Forrester, my history teacher at the Orme Girls': ***"Always use your vote girls. Emmeline Pankhurst fought for you!"*** I always have. **Ros**

# LEARNING AGAIN!

## The Bishop of Shrewsbury's Pastoral Letter for July 2018

'What a brave decision!' wrote a bishop, on hearing that I was moving to become Priest-in-Charge of Ashburton and the Moorland Team. In 'Yes, Minister' speak, this is translated as 'What a stupid decision!' He may be right. We'll see...

Certainly, I will have a lot to learn. Many things have changed in the sixteen years since I last worked as a parish priest. And I wasn't exactly proficient at some of the detail even then. Youth work was a thriving activity but I remember the time I lost the keys to the minibus having taken the youth group ice skating in North Wales. We had to return 18 young people to the parish in two estate cars with the seats down and every one laid out flat in the back. Their parents were not thrilled. Another time, I had driven the young people up onto the Bickerton Hills in Cheshire to play wide games. I had instructed them to stay in threes but... well, you know. At the end of the evening, there was one missing. Tom had wandered off on his own and was nowhere to be seen. It was getting dark (and no mobile phones in those days) so I decided to cut my losses by leaving my helper – a sixteen year old girl - up on the hills, to wait for Tom.

Meanwhile, I drove the others back to the Church where their parents were waiting for them. By the time I returned to the hills, fortunately Tom had appeared and nothing bad had happened to my

young female helper. However, it was not my finest hour, the parents of Tom and my helper were rightly furious and, today, I would have been disciplined for negligence. It looks like Health and Safety and Safeguarding training will need to be a priority in Devon.

It will be good regularly to conduct weddings again, too, but I am not exactly relishing all the form-filling and red tape that goes with it. When preparing and marrying an Egyptian Muslim man from Cairo to an English Christian woman back in the 1990s, I remember thinking I had been quite clever in organising his banns of marriage to be read in the Anglican Cathedral of St Mark in Cairo. It was only later, after the wedding, that Crewe Registry office informed me of my highly irregular practice and that a Christian marriage of a Muslim/Christian couple could be seen as null and void back in Egypt. They helped rectify the situation and keep me out of trouble.

As I move to oversee eight rural parishes on Dartmoor, I am acutely aware that I have a great deal to learn and will need help. Having heard God's call in this – 'to go and walk the talk' – I know that where God calls, he also equips. Still, it feels daunting and I would be grateful for your prayers. I hope, in particular, that the Spirit will give me grace to go on learning how to be a better disciple and a more faithful follower of Jesus.

It has been a privilege to be a companion with you in God's Mission here in Lichfield Diocese. Mandy and I are extremely grateful for the friendship, kindness and love we have received from the people of Shropshire and the West Midlands. We shall remember you and pray for you as you continue to follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad.

Please pray for us.

**+ Mark**  
***Bishop of Shrewsbury***



# PASTORAL TEAM

Please contact Shirley Brindley on 504089 if you are available for pastoral visiting.

## HILLSWOOD LODGE VISITS

Meet at Vicarage 10.50am for 11.00am

Next date:

**12<sup>th</sup> July**

Please sign the sheet at the back of church.

## NEXT MEAL OUT

Following on from our very successful lunch out earlier this year, members of the pastoral team are going out again on **12<sup>th</sup> July** at Greenways Golf Club at 12.00noon.

Everyone is welcome.

There will be more details on the notice board shortly.

---

## Summer Heating

As usual the heating was turned off in church for the Well Dressing to help to preserve the flowers. It will not be turned on until the autumn. Don't forget to bring a jacket on cooler days.

---

*You may be aware that Barrie recently had problems with his electricity supply and internet connection. After learning of Barrie's plight Roger Simpson composed this ballad borrowing a theme from the late Flanders & Swann: "The Gas Man Cometh". Enjoy!*

## **The Ballad of Barrie's Broadband**

T'was on a Monday morning there's a van before my gate  
It was mister High Speed Broadband who was only three  
weeks late.  
He said "It's quite straightforward I'll be done within an hour!"  
Then he drilled straight through the cable (pop!) and off went  
all the power.

T'was on the Tuesday morning, I was in the house alone  
But I wasn't short of company, I was always on the phone  
With main and sub-contractors the conversation was the same  
Whichever I was talking to the other was to blame.

T'was on the Wednesday morning the phoning had to stop  
By hours of sheer persistence I had reached the very top  
I telephoned the boss-man "Get it fixed! We'll pay the bill!"  
The shock to my frail system made me feel quite dazed and ill.

T'was on the Thursday morning, I was a man with a clear  
mission  
Internet and yellow pages, I must find an electrician  
But some were far too busy, and some had now retired -  
I only wanted one small mend; didn't need the place re-wired!

T'was on the Friday morning, an electrician's found!  
He's not too busy, not too old; he said "I'll just come round."  
He found the fault in moments; no man could do it faster,  
Then he took a great big chisel and hacked into the plaster.

I was wheezing on the Saturday, and coughing fit to bust  
The tiny tubes in my poor lungs were full of plaster dust  
I used my brand-new broadband to contact my GP  
“I'm having trouble breathing! I must see you urgently!”

Quite rightly, on the Sabbath the good doctor has a rest...  
So t'was on the Monday morning that he listened to my chest.

*Lyrics from the pen of our very own Warden Laureate Roger  
Simpson [Musical accompaniment by Flanders and Swann]*



**All Welcome at 11.00am every Sunday**

in St Luke's Primary School for 35 minutes followed by  
refreshments, time to chat and play



## **JULY GREETINGS**

**to**

Zac Theunissen (2<sup>nd</sup>), Matilda Houston-Brown, Wes Tellwright (9<sup>th</sup>), Roy Horley (12<sup>th</sup> – he's 102!), David Morris (13<sup>th</sup>), Janet Bowyer (16<sup>th</sup>), Pam Leake (18<sup>th</sup> – she's 70!), Alice Johnstone (20<sup>th</sup>), Joshua Harrison (20<sup>th</sup>), Ann Boulton (20<sup>th</sup>), Lynne Marshall (27<sup>th</sup>), Lyn Pickering (29<sup>th</sup>)



## **AUGUST GREETINGS to**

Caroline Bradshaw (2<sup>nd</sup>), Margaret Woolliscroft (11<sup>th</sup>), Rachel Foster (13<sup>th</sup>), Sylvia Bradshaw (16<sup>th</sup>)

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

---

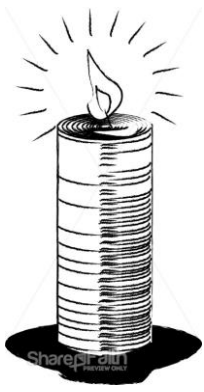
## **SUGGESTION for HOLIDAY READING**

*In a time of political turbulence, and as the Welfare State totters under the strain in a country that has changed dramatically since 1945, Archbishop Justin Welby sets out to identify the values that will enable us to reimagine, and to enact, a more hopeful future.*

JUSTIN WELBY

**REIMAGINING  
BRITAIN**

*Foundations for Hope*



# CANDLE DEDICATIONS for JULY & AUGUST

For £2.50 you can keep the Candle of Hope or the Sanctuary Light burning for a week with a dedication. Contact Shirley Brindley on 504089 if you would like a particular date. Please note there are now forms at the back of church which you can fill in with details of your request.

Jul	CANDLE OF HOPE	SANCTUARY LIGHT
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mabel McGrath remembering the life and witness of Winnie Taylor and May Pointon	Barrie Jackson to celebrate the birthday of his grandson, Zac (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
8 <sup>th</sup>	David Moss (and Janet) in loving memory of David's parents, Thomas and Nancy, who were married in this church on July 12 <sup>th</sup> , 1946. From sons David and Robert and niece Janet	Margaret and Maurice to celebrate Henry's birthday (8 <sup>th</sup> )
15 <sup>th</sup>	Ann and Les in loving memory of Nicola  Sylvia Bradshaw to celebrate the 8 <sup>th</sup> birthday of her granddaughter, Olivia	Marilyn Plant to celebrate the baptism of her granddaughter, Annabelle Mabel
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Maureen Foster to celebrate the birthdays of Charlotte and Sophie	Barrie Jackson to celebrate the first birthday of his granddaughter, Alice.
29 <sup>th</sup>	Sheila and Stan to celebrate their wedding anniversary (31 <sup>st</sup> )	Tony Machin in loving memory of his parents

Aug	CANDLE OF HOPE	SANCTUARY LIGHT
5 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Morgan in memory of her much loved Mum and Dad on their birthdays (5th and 6th)	Ina Porter in loving memory of Stuart on his birthday (2nd) Miss you
12 <sup>th</sup>	Anon in memory of Muriel and Graham Salt	Ann and Les in memory of our parents
19 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Gibbons to celebrate David's birthday (18th)	Tony and David Machin in loving memory of a very special wife and mother
26 <sup>th</sup>	Ina Porter in loving memory of Bob on his birthday (25th) Miss you	Chris Morgan in memory of a dear friend Gill and her husband Tom

# RENEW @ Lichfield Diocese

More of God... More for God

## 2018 Renewal Retreat

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Lunch on 27<sup>th</sup> to lunch on 28<sup>th</sup>, arrive from 12 noon

Venue: Trentham church, ST4 8AB

Speaker: Nicola Moy

Total cost £30

Following a very successful renewal retreat for clergy and church leaders in 2017, this retreat is open to all. However it will be followed by a further retreat specifically for clergy and church leaders in 2019.

For more information contact Carol Law: [claw@eclipse.co.uk](mailto:claw@eclipse.co.uk)

01543 480308

**The Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle included a 13-minute sermon from Reverend Michael Curry, the first African-American Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.**

Here is the full transcript of Bishop Curry's sermon.

And now in the name of our loving, liberating and life-giving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

From the Song of Solomon, in the Bible:

"Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it."

The late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr once said, and I quote: "We must discover the power of love, the redemptive power of love. And when we discover that, we will be able to make of this old world a new world, for love is the only way."

There's power in love. Don't underestimate it. Don't even over-sentimentalize it. There's power - power in love. If you don't believe me, think about a time when you first fell in love. The whole world seemed to center around you and your beloved.

Oh there's power - power in love. Not just in its romantic forms, but any form, any shape of love. There's a certain sense in which when you are loved, and you know it, when someone cares for you, and you know it, when you love and you show it - it actually feels right. There's something right about it. And there's a reason for it. The reason has to do with the source. We were made by a power of love, and our lives were meant - and are meant - to be lived in that love. That's why we are here.

Ultimately, the source of love is God himself: the source of all of our lives. There's an old medieval poem that says: "Where true love is found, God himself is there".

The New Testament says it this way: "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God, and those who love are born of God and know God. Those who do not love do not know God. Why? For God is love."

There's power in love. There's power in love to help and heal when nothing else can.

There's power in love to lift up and liberate when nothing else will. There's power in love to show us the way to live.

"Set me as a seal on your heart, a seal on your arm, for love is as strong as death."

But love is not only about a young couple. Now the power of love is demonstrated by the fact that we're all here. Two young people fell in love, and we all showed up. But it's not just for and about a young couple, who we rejoice with. It's more than that.

Jesus of Nazareth on one occasion was asked by a lawyer to sum up the essence of the teachings of Moses, and he went back and he reached back into the Hebrew scriptures, to Deuteronomy and Leviticus, and Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and all your strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself."

And then in Matthew's version, he added, he said: "On these two, love of God and love of neighbor, hang all the law, all the prophets, everything that Moses wrote, everything in the holy prophets, everything in the scriptures, everything that God has been trying to tell the world — love God, love your neighbours, and while you're at it, love yourself."

Now, someone once said that Jesus began the most revolutionary movement in all of human history. A movement grounded in the unconditional love of God for the world and a movement mandating people to live that love. And in so doing to change not only their lives but the very life of the world itself.

I'm talking about some power. Real power. Power to change the world. If you don't believe me, well, there were some old slaves in America's Antebellum South who explained the dynamic power of love and why it has the power to transform. They explained it this way. They sang a spiritual, even in the midst of their captivity. It's one that says "There's a balm in Gilead..." a healing balm, something that can make things right.

"There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.

"There is a balm in Gilead

"To heal the sin sick soul."

And one of the stanzas actually explains why. They said:

"If you cannot preach like Peter,

And you cannot pray like Paul,

You just tell the love of Jesus,

How he died to save us all."

Oh, that's the balm in Gilead! This way of love, it is the way of life. They got it. He died to save us all. He didn't die for anything he could get out of it. Jesus did not get an honorary doctorate for dying. He wasn't getting anything out of it. He gave up his life, he sacrificed his life, for the good of others, for the good of the other, for the wellbeing of the world, for us.



That's what love is. Love is not selfish and self-centred. Love can be sacrificial, and in so doing, becomes redemptive. And that way of unselfish, sacrificial, redemptive love changes lives, and it can change this world.

If you don't believe me, just stop and imagine. Think and imagine a world where love is the way.

Imagine our homes and families where love is the way.

Imagine our neighbourhoods and communities where love is the way.

Imagine our governments and nations where love is the way.

Imagine business and commerce where this love is the way.

Imagine this tired old world where love is the way.

When love is the way - unselfish, sacrificial, redemptive.

When love is the way, then no child will go to bed hungry in this world ever again.

When love is the way, we will let justice roll down like a mighty stream and righteousness like an ever-flowing brook.

When love is the way, poverty will become history.

When love is the way, the earth will be a sanctuary.

When love is the way, we will lay down our swords and shields, down by the riverside, to study war no more.

When love is the way, there's plenty good room - plenty good room - for all of God's children. Because when love is the way, we actually treat each other, well... like we are actually family.

When love is the way, we know that God is the source of us all, and we are brothers and sisters, children of God.

My brothers and sisters, that's a new heaven, a new earth, a new world, a new human family.

And let me tell you something, old Solomon was right in the Old Testament: that's fire.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin - and with this I will sit down, we gotta get y'all married - French Jesuit Pierre Teilhard de Chardin was arguably one of the great minds, great spirits of the 20th century. Jesuit, Roman Catholic priest, scientist, a scholar, a mystic.

In some of his writings, he said, from his scientific background as well as his theological one, in some of his writings he said - as others have - that the discovery, or invention, or harnessing of fire was one of the great scientific and technological discoveries in all of human history.

Fire to a great extent made human civilization possible. Fire made it possible to cook food and to provide sanitary ways of eating, which reduced the spread of disease in its time.

Fire made it possible to heat warm environments and thereby made human migration around the world a possibility, even into colder climates.

Fire made it possible... there was no Bronze Age without fire, no Iron Age without fire, no Industrial Revolution without fire. The advances of fire and technology are greatly dependent on the human ability and capacity to take fire and use it for human good.

Anybody get here in a car today? An automobile? Nod your heads if you did - I know there were some carriages. But those of us who came in cars, fire - controlled, harnessed fire - made that possible.

I know that the Bible says, and I believe it, that Jesus walked on the water. But I have to tell you, I did not walk across the Atlantic Ocean to get here.

Controlled fire in that plane got me here. Fire makes it possible for us to text and tweet and email and Instagram and Facebook and socially be dysfunctional with each other.

Fire made all of that possible, and de Chardin said fire was one of the greatest discoveries in all of human history. And he then went on to say that if humanity ever harnesses the energy of fire again, if humanity ever captures the energy of love - it will be the second time in the history of the world that we have discovered fire.

Dr. King was right: we must discover love - the redemptive power of love. And when we do that, we will make of this old world, a new world.

My brother, my sister, God love you, God bless you, and may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love.

# NEWS FROM ST CHAD'S, BAGNALL



## Cornerstone Singers

Saturday 14th July at 7.30pm in church



Cornerstone Singers are a ladies' choir singing light Gospel-type music who are coming to entertain us for the evening.

Several members of our congregation are members of this choir so please give your support (and no heckling!!!)

Tickets are £5 each and this includes a glass of fruit punch (with or without the alcohol!) and a piece of cake. Please contact Muriel Finney on 07739431494 for information or tickets

## Barbecue

Sunday 5th August at 12 noon at Julia's



Go straight from church after the family service and enjoy a burger or hotdog and a drink for a small fee (to cover the cost). Subsequent food can be bought at a nominal charge. Sit in the lovely surroundings and enjoy good food and good company. (I would also like to say good weather but we do live in Britain!)

If you attend St Luke's, or can't make the service, please feel free to join us anyway for a good social occasion.

# Beetle Drive



Saturday September 1<sup>st</sup> in the Village hall

There will be a pie and pea supper followed by cake.

Bring your own drinks. Judging by the last couple of years this is a really fun evening and well worth a try. More details will be available later but do put this one in your diary.

## The Importance of Prayer:

A few weeks ago in Church, Kathryn conducted a little interview between herself and Emma when they spoke openly and freely about their prayer life and our prayer triplets. If you were not present or if you didn't take it all in on the day, it is a wonderful method of encouraging regular prayer, praying with others for yourselves, others or world events.

Prayer is crucial to our everyday Christian lives and sometimes we are not very disciplined with it, however, this is one sure-fire way of ensuring you have at least prayed in unity with others about certain issues which have arisen.

### **prayer = strength = love**

Emma set up a group text between the three of us and called it prayer triplets, one of us writes the prayers, sends them on a Sunday and we all pray them for the duration of the week at whatever time suits, each day make our responses (Amen's), once we have read them.

If you know certain people within church who you could share personal and corporate prayer with then get together, discuss it and see what happens, it is a fabulous way to pray and you have support and encouragement from your prayer fellows!!!! As Emma said, the results are amazing as are the answers we receive. Please give it a try and see how you get on.

Emma and myself also keep a prayer journal which shows the astonishing way in which God works within our lives, very rewarding and a useful resource.

Example of our prayers - week commencing 20/5/18

Heavenly Father, as it is Mental Health awareness week, let us pray for all those with enduring mental health issues. We think especially at this time of Prince Harry as he prepares for his married life, we pray for the difficulties

he has experienced since his time spent in Afghanistan!

Let us pray also for William and Kate who are tirelessly working to diminish the stigma around mental health.

Let us pray for the tragic loss of lives in the school shooting in America and the plane crash in Cuba.

Lord give us the strength to provide for those less fortunate than ourselves,

In your Holy Name we ask this. Amen.

**Caryl (Carrie) Siegertsz**

## **Dates for your diary:**

Church is open for coffee, biscuits and a chat between 10.45am and 12.15pm every Wednesday. If any of you can spare half an hour, just go in for a cup of coffee and give the coffee maker a reason to be there!

Creative Corner craft club meet on Monday 2nd, 16th and 30th July at 1pm to 3pm at The Stafford Arms

Tuesday study group - 7.30pm—9.00pm—all welcome. We are currently studying Noah until mid July when we will take our summer break.

**SHOPPING TROLLEY PLUS**

DO YOU STRUGGLE WITH YOUR SHOPPING?  
NEED COMPANY OR JUST FANCY A SOCIAL OUTING

WE CAN HELP

**Shopping Trolley Plus so much more**

*services include*  
**Shopping accompanied or completed for you**  
**escort to appointments**      **company & social outings**  
**collection of prescriptions**      **household light cleaning**

Competitive rates and over 20 years experience in social care and health

Give us a call today on 07779309094 / 07813925531  
07773664289



# Fair trade status

St Luke's is a fair-trade church. If you donate items to the catering cupboard, please check that they are Fair Trade, Ethical Tea Partnership or similar organisations that guarantee small traders and workers are not disadvantaged.



## Home Groups

are a way of studying the bible in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. We can ask the questions that we do not always have time to on a Sunday. Not only do home groups help us on our journey of faith but they also strengthen the relationships within church. At the moment a group meets at James &

Ros's on a Monday evening and a group meets at Bagnall Heights on Tuesday morning.

Day	Venue	Host	Leader	Time
<b>Monday</b>	Claremont St George's Ave	James & Ros	Maryanne	7.30pm
<b>Tuesday</b> (NB 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of the month, this is replaced by HC on Wednesday.)	Bagnall Heights Lounge	Pauline Hart / Roger Hampson	Pat Battigan	11.00 am

**Please check with group leaders for arrangements during the holiday period.**



## ***Lest we forget...***



Those of you who are long-standing members of St Luke's and/or have lived in Endon for a long time may just recognise this gentleman.

He is none other than Ken Noon as a soldier in WW1. The photograph has been kindly loaned by Alan Williamson.

Ken was a member of St Luke's for many, many years, served on the PCC and was churchwarden alongside Bill Makepeace

for many years before finally taking on the role of treasurer.

Does anyone know anything of Ken's war service? Sadly Ken died some years ago. He and his wife Margaret had no children and we know of no other family members that we might consult. The badge on his cap may give some clue and there appears to be a badge on his left epaulette. Do let us know if you can help.

# LEEK FOOD BANK UPDATE



During June 2018 the number of people helped by the foodbank was 126 and this included 35 children. This was in response to 70 issued vouchers. This is nearly double May's figures. We issued 1111kg of stock and received 946kg through donations. This does not present any immediate problem but we are aware that Universal Credit is due to be rolled out this month and we can't be certain what impact that may have. Our website will be updated soon.

## **URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS**

- **Jam**
- **Biscuits**
- **Tinned tomatoes**
- **Tomato Ketchup and Brown sauce**
- **Tinned potatoes**
- **Fruit juice and squash**
- **Toilet rolls**
- **Tea and instant coffee**

## **WE CONTINUE TO HAVE PLENTY OF**

- **Baked beans**

Thank you for the way you respond to our needs. I'd like to keep you informed about other matters through this update which may be of interest to you. Our current Volunteer coordinator is stepping down at the end of August. The role has been superbly carried over the past years but it is a large role and we have decided to split it. We need to appoint someone who can organise the rotas for us each month, and we need someone to take responsibility for overseeing volunteer applications and the ongoing training programme. While most volunteers seek to work in the hospitality room welcoming clients or in the warehouse managing the flow through of supplies, there are additional roles that need to be filled.

We need to appoint someone to take responsibility for health and safety. If you are interested, or know of someone who may be, please contact us. Without these jobs being done it will be very difficult to run the foodbank. WE REMAIN CONFIDENT that these vacancies will soon be filled.

Yours sincerely

***Peter Davies, Leek and District Foodbank Project Coordinator***

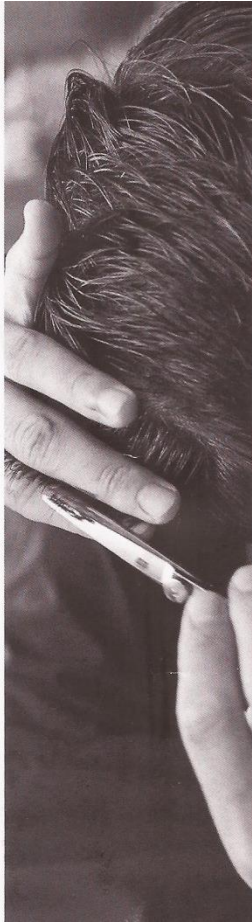


# Dan's



**B A R B E R S**

A F A M I L Y R U N B U S I N E S S



**APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE  
MONDAYS & THURSDAYS FROM 4PM**

**OAP CUTS  
£6.00**

**NB Now closed on  
Mondays**

OPENING HOURS	
SUN	CLOSED
MON	<del>10am - 6pm</del>
TUE	9am - 5pm
WED	9am - 5pm
THU	9am - 3pm
FRI	9am - 5pm
SAT	8am - 3pm

**07500 545455**

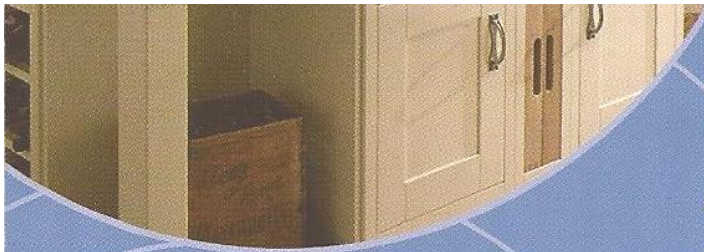
2 Regent St,  
Leek, Staffordshire

Find us on Facebook



DAN'S BARBERS

Xbox also available for the kids!



we install kitchens,  
bathrooms, bedrooms,  
studies & media rooms

let us make  
your dream a reality...



## The Kitchen Station

Station Building, 28 Leek Road  
Stockton Brook, Staffordshire ST9 9NH

t: 01782 502106  
m: 07720 846 270

[www.thekitchenstation.co.uk](http://www.thekitchenstation.co.uk)

# July & August Prayer Focus

- For the children separated from their parents on the US/Mexican border... that they may be all successfully re-united.
- The North Korean / US peace initiative
- Our NHS as it celebrates its first 70 years
- Those investigating the large numbers of early deaths at Gosport Memorial hospital in Portsmouth
- The problem of loneliness
- Those still affected by the nerve agent attack in Salisbury (especially businesses)
- All affected by recent disasters, fires, floods and terror attacks and all helping to re-build thousands of shattered lives
- All fleeing persecution to Bangladesh from Myanmar
- Medical teams and relief agencies
- Those starving in Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan and all the aid agencies working there
- The problem of the millions of plastic bottles afloat in our oceans
- Brexit negotiations
- SYRIA, YEMEN, ISRAEL and PALESTINE: For an end to hostilities
- Healing for those in our church and community who have been in hospital recently
- The work of our pastoral team
- Wisdom for world leaders in making effective decisions for world peace
- Those in our parishes who are ill and those caring for them
- For all refugees and asylum seekers
- All who have lost loved ones recently
- Schoolgirls kidnapped in Nigeria and anguished parents
- For the abolition of slavery and female genital mutilation
- The Trussell Trust locally
- The unemployed or in work but not earning a living wage
- For all suffering from depression
- For all involved with the Chernobyl Project
- Our Vicar, PCCs and Pastoral Team and visitors to our church
- Our MPs and district and parish councillors

## Advertising Scale of Charges

1/8 page: £2.50 per month  
or £25 for 12 months

1/4 page: £5 per month  
or £50 for 12 months

1/2 page: £10 per month  
or £100 for 12 months

1 page: £20 per month  
or £200 for 12 months

If you would like to place an  
advertisement  
please contact Ros on 01782 504137  
or e-mail:  
[jandrbenson@btinternet.com](mailto:jandrbenson@btinternet.com)

## Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning

Curtains, Oriental Rugs,  
Leather Cleaning  
and Carpet & Fabric Protection

Eradicates Dust Mites and helps improve  
the air quality for Asthma sufferers.



**J. TAYLOR**

**Tel: 01782 502437**

## ST LUKE'S CHURCH BOOKINGS

Barrie Jackson is keeping the church diary.  
Please contact him on **07510 074097**.

*No charge is made for this newsletter but donations are welcome towards stationery and copying.*

*Please see a warden or put your donation in the green box on the wall.  
You can 'gift aid' your donation if you pay tax (see Sheila Hurst).*

*Thank you to all regular contributors.*

**DVDs worth watching.** James and I recently enjoyed these:  
**'THE SHACK'** starring Octavia Spencer as God. If you enjoyed the book you'll love the film.  
**'LION'** - if you are an adoptive parent this film is for you but get the tissues out! It's based on a true story. 2 BAFTA awards.  
**'THE DANISH GIRL'** starring Eddie Redmayne. We found it very thought-provoking and challenged some of our previously-held views.

Alan Betts / Maryanne Lloyd	502166
Roger Simpson, St Luke's warden	502006
Maurice & Margaret Woolliscroft, warden's team	502390
Alan & Maureen Payne, warden's team	504918
Ann & Les Boulton, warden's team	503162
June Pope, warden's team	503269
John O'Rourke, warden	261191
Lyn Pickering, warden's team	07891 213284
Caryl Siegertsz, St Chad's warden	07971 887039
Sheila Tipper, St Chad's news contact	534647
Kath Howell, St Chad's PCC chair / worship l'der	07971 887039
Muriel Finney, St Chad's worship leader	302229
Fred Snape, St Anne's warden	504063
James Benson, reader / Ros Benson, newsletter	504137
Barrie Jackson, St Luke's PCC Sec / Administrator	07510 074097
Deb Podmore, worship leader	773383
Suzy Jordan, music leader	504589
Steve Dale, St Luke's treasurer	07894 098011
Sheila Hurst, St Luke's Gift Aid Sec / MU rep	503622
Neil Taylor, worship team	07891 977662
Shirley Brindley, candle dedications / pastoral tm	504089
John & Julie Gater, Chernobyl Children's Project	535000
Sheila Simpson, St Luke's Electoral Roll Officer	502006
St Luke's vestry	504864

**September 2018** newsletter will be in church on  
**Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**

Please submit notices by **Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**  
either by e-mail [jandrbenson@btinternet.com](mailto:jandrbenson@btinternet.com) phone 504137  
or a note to Ros Benson.

The newsletter is published on the church website  
[www.endonstlukes.org.uk](http://www.endonstlukes.org.uk) (click on the 'News and Events' tab)

**If you would like a large print version  
please contact Ros.**