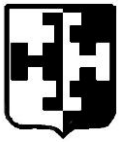




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**September 2025**

# **HARVEST**



**SUNDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>**

## **at St Luke's and Connections**

Donations of food and toiletry items for Leek food bank will be most welcome at either service.

See p8 for list of most needed items. Lindsey Stockton from the food bank will report to us.

**Proposed HARVEST LUNCH in chapter house at 12 for 12.30pm.**

**Listen up for details.**

**Sat Sept 27<sup>th</sup> HARVEST AUCTION in the village hall at 2.00pm till 4.00pm.**

**Proceeds to village hall renovation fund.**

## **'BANNED' FROM ST LUKE'S**

**are back for one night only!!**

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**at 7.30pm**

**Tickets £5**

**from Sue Forrester**

**or Jean Brough.**

**Don't miss this!**



<b>September 2025: ST LUKE'S CHURCH DIARY</b> (ESL Endon St Luke's; EMC = Endon Methodist Church)		
M	1 <sup>st</sup>	2.30pm ROCK COTTAGE visit
T	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am – 12noon COFFEE & CHAT chapter house
W	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15am MIDWEEK HC at EMC
Th	4 <sup>th</sup>	
F	5 <sup>th</sup>	
Sa	6 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am PRAYER BREAKFAST    10.30am ART CLUB
Su	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am HOLY COMMUNION w Rev Philip and Rev Debbie 11.00am CONNECTIONS            FOOD BANK collection
M	8 <sup>th</sup>	
Tu	9 <sup>th</sup>	
W	10 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am MIDWEEK HC at ESL    1.00pm FLOWER CLUB    7.30pm PCC
Th	11 <sup>th</sup>	
F	12 <sup>th</sup>	
Sa	13 <sup>th</sup>	
Su	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am HOLY COMMUNION w Rev Patricia 11.00am CONNECTIONS
M	15 <sup>th</sup>	
T	16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am – 12noon COFFEE & CHAT chapter house
W	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am MIDWEEK HC at EMC    11.00am HILLSWOOD LODGE visit
Th	18 <sup>th</sup>	
F	19 <sup>th</sup>	
Sa	20 <sup>th</sup>	
Su	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am HOLY COMMUNION w Rev Debbie and Rev Patricia 11.00am CONNECTIONS
M	22 <sup>nd</sup>	
T	23 <sup>rd</sup>	
W	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am MIDWEEK HC at ESL
Th	25 <sup>th</sup>	
F	26 <sup>th</sup>	
Sa	27 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm Harvest auction in village hall
Su	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am HOLY COMMUNION HARVEST w Rev Debbie 11.00am CONNECTIONS with collections for Leek food bank <i>(Possibly followed by harvest lunch. Listen out for details.)</i>
M	29 <sup>th</sup>	
T	30 <sup>th</sup>	

## REV DEBBIE writes...

As August draws to a close, I will soon have been in post for a month. It has passed very quickly and very enjoyably. More decorating has taken place and the Vicarage is starting to come together. There's still a lot to do of course. Looking back over the month in Endon, The VJ Day commemoration at the Village Hall together with my Methodist colleague Reverend Denise was hugely enjoyable and we're looking

forward to working together more; and I think Sunday's Safeguarding service was the most comprehensive Safeguarding Sunday I've ever experienced. Thank you and well done to our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Sue Gibbons and Reverend Patricia.

Ministry is starting to take some kind of shape – Sunday ministry that is. What is going to happen on the in-between days is also beginning to emerge and I look forward to further conversations about our direction. Please do continue to pray into this. And if you have any suggestions, please let me know.

September means the schools will be back soon, and I'm looking forward to meeting parents and guardians as well as the children, their teachers, support staff, and volunteers.

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## **PASTORAL TEAM EVENTS...**



**THIS MONTH OUR COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT MORNINGS will be from 10.30 to 12.00 September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.**

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!

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 Sept 17<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am and to Rock Cottage on Mon Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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## **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!

**NEXT ST LUKE'S PCC** will be held on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September** in the chapter house at 7.30pm. PCC members please make every effort to be there.



# 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 Brindley on 504089 if you would like a particular date.**

Sep	CANDLE OF HOPE	SANCTUARY LIGHT
7 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Foster in loving memory of John on their 55 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary	Ann Boulton to celebrate Emma and Lee's wedding anniversary
14 <sup>th</sup>	Sheila and Stan Hurst in memory of dear aunts	Rosey and Geoff Smith in celebration of the birth of their grandson Cody
21 <sup>st</sup>	David Moss in loving memory of Nancy Moss (24 <sup>th</sup> ). Mother of David and Robert	Shirley and Roger Brindley to celebrate the 16 <sup>th</sup> birthday of twin grandsons, Will and Tom
28 <sup>th</sup>	Maureen and Alan Payne always remembering Chris Maltby, Phil Robb and John Pagan	The candle is kept burning by Marilyn Plant



## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS to

Rev Patricia (1<sup>st</sup>), Laura Morris (13<sup>th</sup>), Elizabeth McIntock (23<sup>rd</sup>), Duncan Woolliscroft (26<sup>th</sup>), Simon Jackson (26<sup>th</sup>), Shirley Brindley (27<sup>th</sup>).

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

## SERVICES AT ST CHAD'S

7<sup>th</sup> SEPT SUNDAY

10.45am PET SERVICE - the team

14<sup>th</sup> SEPT SUNDAY

10.45am HOLY COMMUNION Rev Debbie

21<sup>st</sup> SEPT SUNDAY

10.45am HOLY COMMUNION Rev Carrie

28<sup>th</sup> SEPT SUNDAY

10.45am MORNING PRAYER

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Sept BEETLE DRIVE in Bagnall

village hall at 7.00pm. £10 pp.

Contact Joan 504752 or Freda 536216.



*On the **first Wednesday** of the month there is a service of Holy Communion with Rev Carrie at **10.30am** with prayers for healing followed by coffee and conversation.*

## SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S

Holy Communion usually each Sunday at 11.30am

21<sup>st</sup> Sept HORTON ST MICHAEL's patronal festival





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## BEGINNING AND ENDING OF LIFE CONCERNS

*This article is a slightly abridged version of Bishop Michael's Presidential Address to July 2025's Diocesan Synod. As Parliament resumed on 1 September after summer recess it is timely to revisit this issue now before the Bills continue their Parliamentary journey and with the Second Reading of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill imminent on 12 September.*

Two Bills await scrutiny in the House of Lords: The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, providing for 'assisted dying' in some circumstances, and the Crime and Policing Bill, removing criminal liability from women who end their own pregnancies.

Both Bills affect vulnerable groups, who have had a bad few weeks what with these two Bills plus the debate over meaningful yet cost-effective support for people with disabilities. Vulnerable people are Christians' first call for compassion and advocacy, but here I am specifically addressing beginning and ending of life issues.

Increasingly, there are concerns being expressed about the end of life Bill. The Third Reading majority of 23 in a (free) vote in the Commons was significantly lower than the Second Reading majority of 55.

Some of those concerns are shared widely. Following the abortion decriminalisation vote, the Bishop of London helpfully pointed out that, '*Women suffering from coercion, or those who are victims of sexual or domestic abuse, would be the most vulnerable to the proposed change.*' Paradoxically, making those women free from legal sanction could make them more at risk.

In the case of assisted suicide, vulnerable people could, in their last months, feel themselves to be a waste of bed-space or a financial burden on their families, and then avail themselves of this way out. Over the past few weeks, several people who have been in situations of medical, psychological or social vulnerability have written to me to describe thoughts exactly like this. Sadly, in some cases there could be temptations for overburdened hospital administrators, or for fatigued families, to reinforce those inward feelings by their outward attitudes or words, so that people really do end up feeling coerced. The statutory inquiry into the COVID pandemic has recently heard evidence of the effective abandonment of residents of care homes to the ravages of a deadly disease because they were seen as more expendable than others. It is also hard to believe that there will not, over the years, be a relaxation of restrictions on who may avail themselves of assisted dying procedures. That has been the consistent experience of other jurisdictions.

As a Christian, I believe in the God-given sanctity of every human life, resting on the biblical truth that we are made in the image and likeness of our Creator. To take away God's gift of life is to choose to go against God's good purposes, whatever might be the circumstances in which that happens. That immediately raises a host of complex questions, particularly at the beginning of life. What if the life of a woman is endangered by a pregnancy, might not the imperative to save life point to abortion as the lesser of two evils? At what point does an incipient life become truly a human being and who has responsibility for the unborn life until that point? These complexities are addressed in this Church of England statement on abortion:

*The Church of England combines principled opposition to abortion with a recognition that there can be strictly limited conditions under which it may be morally preferable to any available alternative. This is based on our view that the foetus is a human life with the potential to develop relationships, think, pray, choose and love. Women facing unwanted pregnancies realise the gravity of the decision they face: all abortions are tragedies, since they entail judging one individual's welfare against that of another (even if one is, as yet, unborn). Every possible support, especially by church members, needs to be given to those who are pregnant in difficult circumstances and care, support and compassion must be shown to all, whether or not they continue with their pregnancy.*

At the other end of life, it is sometimes argued that no clear distinction can be made in borderline cases between assisting somebody to die, on the one hand, and on the other hand administering palliative drugs for pain control that will hasten the end of their life, or stopping intrusive medical interventions that artificially sustain a vegetative state. Many of us will have experienced issues like these in the dying days or hours of those we love. They can be bitterly difficult to decide. Nevertheless, there is a world of difference between acting to alleviate suffering in someone's dying hours and purposefully seeking to bring about death. Intentionality matters.

At the beginning and the ending of life, and at every point in between, as a Christian I affirm in wonder and gratitude that all human lives belong to God, and that every human life is to be treated with reverence and awe as an image of his glory and a temple of his spirit. Many people of other faiths or beliefs would share in that view, even if expressed in different language. In public as in private we must be free to bear witness to our strongest convictions; it is chilling to hear calls to exclude people from bringing their religiously grounded values to the debate because they are not 'neutral.' Faith or belief is not like a coat to be taken off and left at the door as we enter into the house of public debate.

Finally, at the most practical and immediate level, the Assisted Dying Bill currently before Parliament is good neither in content nor timing. The safeguards it stipulates are viewed by many as woefully inadequate and it seems to me quite extraordinary to be proposing a fully-funded suicide service when palliative care is dramatically under-resourced often left reliant on charitable resources, and when the NHS in general is under such strain. So, the Lords will now engage with the Bill. Please pray for all members of the House of Lords, and particularly for the bishops who sit there, as we deliberate. Please also pray for debate about disabled people's provision. Every day the chamber begins its business with prayers led by one of the bishops. On the last day of each week these include Psalm 121. I put my hope in the final words of that psalm: 'The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.'

**+ Michael**

## **NEW EVERY MORNING**

Living back in Lichfield for the first time since leaving for university sometime in the last century is a slightly bizarre experience. I am currently living fifty yards down the road from where I went to primary school and cross paths, while cycling to work, with pupils on the way to my old secondary. Sometimes I feel tempted to put the old red crimplene blazer back on and follow them in through the gates... Although we think of September as the time when we 'go back' to school or to work after the holidays, the reality of course is that we can never go back. Life only moves in one direction. Even if we find ourselves in a place which feels like somewhere we've been before, we have changed – we've grown older, hopefully wiser, hopefully not too much less able to engage physically with the challenges of living. The people around us are different, some new friends and family, some are missing. The web of love and relationship from within which we engage with the world is different. The world changes but sometimes it's we who change more.



The same is also true with how we interact with our faith: how we read the Bible, how we engage with worship, how we pray, how we think about God. Many would say that becoming a parent, for example, changes their understanding of the Father's love radically. Everything changes because we change. And that is nothing to be anxious about. God is always revealing new things to us about who he is and how much and in what ways he loves us.

'The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.' These words in the book of Lamentations in the Bible encourage us to see God as a faithful and never-ending source of love and mercy but that love and that mercy is new every morning. Because we are new every morning: a new me – older, wiser, creakier – with a new opportunity today to see my life afresh, through God's eyes. 'New every morning is the love' – why not go and look this hymn up on that new-fangled Google thing and be encouraged and uplifted by it? And then, what new road will you travel as you grow nearer to God today?

*Sam Rushton returned to Lichfield in April (after spending most of her adult life in Bristol and York) to take up the role of Chief Executive, also known as Diocesan Secretary, for the Diocese of Lichfield, working closely with the bishops and archdeacons to provide all the practical support and training to parishes, schools and chaplaincies that the diocese can offer.*



## Our Two Smallest Birds

By September many of our summer migrants have left the UK and we are starting to notice shortening days. It can be a good time to reconnect with the birds that don't migrate and which we can enjoy watching all year round. A churchyard classic is the tiny goldcrest. Goldcrests can be found in the canopies of evergreen trees, particularly yews and cypresses. It's rare to find a churchyard or cemetery without any yews or other evergreens and it's also rare to find one without any Goldcrests too!

It can take patience to spot one, they are tiny, about 9cm from beak to tail tip, and well camouflaged apart from their namesake – a striking black and yellow stripe on their heads, their gold crest which they can raise giving them a punk style hairdo! Their Latin name is *Regulus regulus*, which can be translated as little prince, perhaps due to this golden crown. If you are not able to see a Goldcrest you may hear one, they have a repetitive call, sounding like zee, zee, often on the edge of one's hearing due to the high pitch. Our Goldcrests do not migrate to warmer climes or join flocks of other small birds moving through the landscape searching for food as many other small birds do in winter. They stay put in their trees with needles, possibly living their whole lives in a few trees within one churchyard. They are always on the move, busy gleaning small insects and other invertebrates, using a thin beak to pick them out from between tree needles or bark cracks. Although they do not migrate you may however see an increase in Goldcrest numbers in the winter, mainly along the east coast of the UK, as they are joined by Goldcrests from Scandinavia, particularly in hard winters, when large numbers will cross the North Sea. This is quite a flying feat as goldcrests weigh about 5g.

There is another similar species that you may also spot, the Firecrest. These can be thought of as Goldcrests on fire, brighter colours, fiery orange-gold crown and the black head stripe accentuated by a white one below it. Firecrests are increasing in the UK, the first record of breeding birds was in Hampshire in 1962, they are now moving north and are breeding in the Midlands and Wales, with a few pairs in the north of England. There are now over 2,000 breeding pairs. It seems likely that they are responding to changes in climate. Look out for both Goldcrests and Firecrests in your local churchyard, chapel yard or cemetery and as always please record what you see and hear, ideally using the iNaturalist app. It may be easier to record their song rather than photograph this restless little bird, hidden within the dark canopy of needles.

Harriet Carty, *Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor*, [harriet@cfga.org.uk](mailto:harriet@cfga.org.uk),

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**Project Manager Lindsey Stockton writes...**

Thank you St Luke's for your recent donations. **Our stock levels do remain low, and here, as usual, is our shopping list:**

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

**Toiletries:**  
**Shampoo and conditioner**  
**Shower gel**  
**Toothpaste and toothbrushes**  
**Deodorant (male and female)**  
**Razors and shaving foam**  
**Toilet rolls**  
**Nappies**

I hope that you are all well as the year marches on relentlessly! I have been contacting the local schools and churches regarding their harvest services and now have a very full diary for October! As my partner says, talking is my “super power”, so it is never a chore to go out and speak about what we are doing at the Foodbank, and hopefully it will help to drum up similar amazing levels of support as in previous years.

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

<b>Total vouchers fulfilled</b>	<b>= 78</b>	<b>(99)</b>
No. of Adults fed	= 109	(128)
No. of Children fed	= 67	(55)
<b>Total no. fed</b>	<b>= 176</b>	<b>(183)</b>

It has been a busier month, largely due to vouchers issued by schools to help families cope through the school holidays. Also, in support of families, we are doing our weekly takeaway meals in conjunction with Trinity Church, the first two weeks of which have been very successful, with 50 meals cooked and distributed.

In other news, Nibbles, our wallaby, is now happily located by the café at Rudyard Lake, which seems perfect in light of his name. He really is a quite beautiful creation with both graphics and words highlighting the support we try to offer to clients. Even if you can't get round the whole wallaby trail, I would very much encourage you to pop along to see Nibbles – picture attached to give you an idea of what he looks like, but there is so much more to appreciate.

This leads me on very nicely to a new feature in our newsletter, a Trustee profile, with the first participant being Debbie Potts. Here is what Debbie has to say about herself:

*“I joined Leek & District Foodbank as a Trustee in September 2023.*

*I had just retired from my role as Office Manager at Westwood First School and had seen how supportive the Foodbank had been for many of the parents of the school.*



*I have lived and worked in Leek all my life and have always enjoyed taking an active role in our local community. I have been a school Governor, a cub scout leader and secretary of a lads 'n' dads football team. I am married and have two children and two grandchildren, who keep me busy.*

*I enjoy anything to do with local history and have recently joined the Friends of the Nicholson Institute, Leek via Outside Arts. I am Vice Chair of the Leek & District Historical Society. I am also a member of the U3A in Leek. In June I was fortunate to go on the Trussell Lobby day, held in Westminster Hall, with 700 other volunteers as part of the Guaranteed Essentials campaign. Lindsey and I met our MP, Dame Karen Bradley and asked her to support this initiative. We intend to have a follow up meeting with her. I have helped with the community meals during the school holidays provided via Leek Foodbank & Trinity church. I have also had training on safeguarding via Trussell and I am the Safeguarding Trustee for the Leek & District Foodbank*

*I also took part in a creative workshop to decorate our Wallaby 'Nibbles' who I think looks rather splendid in his home at Rudyard Lake. He has even appeared on Midlands Today!"*

Debbie is a huge asset to the Foodbank, and, I'm sure she won't mind me saying that talking is also one of her many super powers, so I am looking forward to sending her here, there and everywhere to spread the word! Thank you Debbie for introducing yourself.

We have just joined easyfundraising –

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/leek-and-district-foodbank>

and would be extremely grateful if any of you would be willing to sign up to this organisation and nominate us as your chosen cause, using the link above.

Here is an explanation of how it works in their own words:

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Brands pay us a commission because when you start your shop from the **easyfundraising** website or app, they can see we sent you to them. If you make a purchase, a commission is generated, and we turn that into a donation - magic!

We have just heard from Morrisons that they are planning to reinstate the pick-up donation bags in store, which is a major boost for us, as donations have dropped significantly since this system was stopped. And, even better, the bags are going to be far more prominently displayed at the actual checkouts where the staff can promote them to customers. Hopefully, in next month's newsletter, I will be able to report an increase in donations as a result of this.

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## **DO YOU FANCY A DAY TRIP TO NORTH WALES THIS AUTUMN?**

### **Chris Sproston writes....**

*In March this year I visited St Winefrede's Shrine in Holywell, N Wales. It's en route to the N Wales Pilgrims' Way which was recently featured on BBC tv. The shrine is nicknamed the "Our Lady of Wales". It is quite small with a gift shop, museum, small garden, a pool and a spring. The place is serene and tranquil and the 16<sup>th</sup> century buildings are beautiful. There is a service and veneration of the well daily at 12noon. I returned a few weeks after my first visit in order to bathe in the waters. There is a country park at the rear (part of the Pilgrims' Way) which leads to a ruined abbey and nearby café. Immediately above the shrine is the Roman Catholic church but I'm not sure if visits are allowed. There is also a shrine of St Bueno nearby which I have yet to visit, and a pleasant beach a few miles away.*

*I intend to revisit in the autumn. Would any other church members also like to visit? A day trip using a minibus may be appropriate. If anyone is interested please let me know. No date has been yet fixed. My mobile number is 07914 385515 and landline is 01782 871452. Many thanks, Chris.*

# September Prayer Focus

- Rev Debbie Lovatt, our new vicar
- Children and teenagers moving to a new school, college or university this autumn
- The families of the injured and who those died in the helicopter crash on Isle of Wight and families of the children who were shot in the school in Minneapolis
- The serious global implications as a result of the escalation of hostilities in the Middle East
- All journalists, warzone correspondents and cameramen who daily risk their lives in bringing news to the rest of us
- 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
- 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
- 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

# Faith as ART

## 5 FREE Workshops

You are warmly invited to the workshops which are open to all regardless of ability or faith. Please bring your own art materials of choice. In each session we look at digital images of two contemporary artworks by various artists and how they have interpreted the theme of **Miracles**.. A greater part of each session is for the creation of your own artworks inspired by the theme.

If you would like to attend any of the workshops, please contact Simon at [simon@spw-design.co.uk](mailto:simon@spw-design.co.uk) or call Revd. Denise at 01782 503228.

### Sessions: 2pm – 4pm

Tuesday, **9<sup>th</sup> September**. Session 1 – Turning Water into Wine.

Tuesday, **23<sup>rd</sup> September**. Session 2 – Calming the Storm.

Tuesday, **7<sup>th</sup> October**. Session 3 – Feeding the Five Thousand.

Tuesday, **21<sup>st</sup> October**. Session 4 – Raising Lazarus from the Dead.

**All sessions are at Endon Methodist Church.**

Background image – "The Raising of Lazarus"



**Endon  
Methodist Church**  
Station Road, Endon ST9 9DR

## ENDON METHODIST CHURCH

You are welcome to take part in free art workshops on Tuesdays in September and October.

See poster. (There are only 4 workshops and not 5 as on the poster!)

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

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