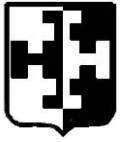




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## June 2026

### WELL DRESSING THANKS!



Colossal thanks to all who worked so hard to decorate our church so beautifully for our many visitors over Well Dressing weekend which this year co-incided with Whitsun (Pentecost)! Members of the Flower Club were working on their designs many weeks beforehand and collecting various accessories for the



theme of Wedding Anniversaries. Thanks also to the team of welcomers and those who served teas and provided cakes.



Rev Patricia's scarecrows raised many smiles as they played croquet near the church door.

And thank you Patricia for providing a seed planting opportunity for our younger visitors and playing the piano at intervals.



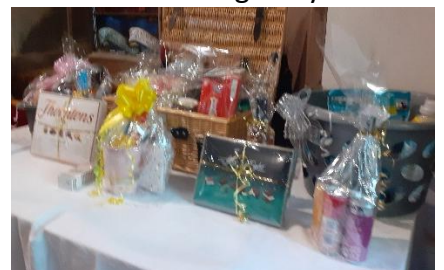
Special thanks to Sue for organising and displaying the entries for the photo competition. (1<sup>st</sup> prize went to Diane Leopard, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize to Joe Porter and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize to

Avril Weaver.)



Thanks to our Art Club members for a new gallery of pictures for the chapter house and again thanks to Sue for arranging them.

Rev Debbie enjoyed leading her first EWD



Thanksgiving Service, blessing the Well and co-leading the Songs of Praise with Rev Denise on the Sunday. Of course we must not forget our dynamic raffle team of Sophie and Jean who provided an astonishing assortment of prizes which raised more than £750 in ticket sales!! Huge thanks too to those who came back on Tuesday to dismantle the displays and to clear up and of course to Sheila H for taking charge of donations. A total will be announced shortly. Members of Endon Community Choir were delighted to sing to a full church on Saturday afternoon and were pleased to be invited.

## ST LUKE'S CHURCH DIARY: JUNE 2026

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

<b>M</b>	<b>1</b>	2.30pm Pastoral visit Rock Cottage care home
<b>Tu</b>	<b>2</b>	10.30 – 12.00 Coffee & Chat chapter house
<b>W</b>	<b>3</b>	9.15am Midweek HC at EMC
<b>Th</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>F</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>Sa</b>	<b>6</b>	8.30am – 10.00am Prayer Breakfast chapter house
<b>Su</b>	<b>7</b>	9.15am Holy Communion 11.00am Connections
<b>M</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>Tu</b>	<b>9</b>	
<b>W</b>	<b>10</b>	9.15am Midweek HC at ESL 7.00pm PCC meeting chapter house
<b>Th</b>	<b>11</b>	
<b>F</b>	<b>12</b>	
<b>Sa</b>	<b>13</b>	
<b>Su</b>	<b>14</b>	9.15am Holy Communion 11.00am Connections
<b>M</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>T</b>	<b>16</b>	10.30 – 12.00 Coffee & Chat chapter house
<b>W</b>	<b>17</b>	9.15am Midweek HC at EMC 11.00am Pastoral visit Hillswood Lodge
<b>Th</b>	<b>18</b>	
<b>F</b>	<b>19</b>	7.00pm N Staffs Accordion Band in village hall
<b>Sa</b>	<b>20</b>	
<b>Su</b>	<b>21</b>	9.15am Holy Communion 11.00am Connections
<b>M</b>	<b>22</b>	
<b>Tu</b>	<b>23</b>	
<b>W</b>	<b>24</b>	9.15am Midweek HC at ESL
<b>Th</b>	<b>25</b>	
<b>F</b>	<b>26</b>	
<b>Sa</b>	<b>27</b>	
<b>Su</b>	<b>28</b>	9.15am Holy Communion 11.00am Connections
<b>M</b>	<b>29</b>	
<b>Tu</b>	<b>30</b>	7.00pm Endon Methodist Church 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert

## ENDON FRIENDSHIP CLUB COACH TRIP

An outing to Llandudno has been arranged for Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> August. Coach pick-ups are from The Black Horse at 9.00am, The Plough at 9.05am and the Village Hall at 9.10am and leaving Llandudno at 5.30pm.

The cost is £21.50 for members and £22.50 for visitors.

A £10 deposit is required by 11<sup>th</sup> June please and the balance by 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Please contact Eileen if you would like to book a place on **01782 760446**.

# Electrical Appliance Testing at Church

Rev Patricia writes...

All the electrical devices and extension leads are tested regularly to make sure they are in good working order and safe to use. Following the latest PAT Testing the firm has provided some tips to help us all to keep safe, not just at church but in our own homes. Always switch off using the on/off switch on the device/appliance first and then disconnect at the plug. Unroll cables when the appliance is in use to avoid rolled up cables becoming overheated (such as a vacuum cleaner).

If you have a Tower Air Fryer please check out this website as some have been recalled.

<https://manchesterindependent.co.uk/tower-air-fryer-recall/>

And check out this website about a type of extension lead, which we are told, always fails PAT testing so that you can avoid buying one.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/stores/TESSAN/page/2A9CB6C2-78AB-46E2-9729-3CBBCA12DA17>

Also Kmart model JA-B01 blk.

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Tickets also from Yvonne Wilton 01782 502004.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO MALACHI MILLINS and the Endon High School robotics team!

Malachi, a regular attender at our Connections service, has won a Lego competition. He and his team have been invited to the finals in South Korea to compete on the world stage in the IET First Lego League.

He would be very grateful for any financial support you could offer. It is going to cost £18K to send 5 boys and 2 teachers. See scan opportunity on the left or go to <https://gofund.me/93c56a6b1>

*Malachi is on the right of the picture holding a baseball cap.*



## THE BIG CLEAN!

Thank you to all who turned up to give the church a thorough clean and tidy on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May in time to welcome our visitors for Well Dressing weekend. Your efforts were much appreciated including those of our 2025 Well Dressing queen Lily Foster!

## STOKE-ON-TRENT MALE VOICE CHOIR CONCERT

We were delighted to welcome back **The Boys in Blue** to sing their "Spring Serenade" selection of songs on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to Sue and all who were involved in setting up the church and providing refreshments and thank you to Jean and Sophie for organising the raffle. The total amount raised for church funds was £437. A great effort!



## PASTORAL TEAM EVENTS...



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

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 1<sup>st</sup> June at 2.30pm and to Hillswood Lodge on Wed June 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



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**Project Manager Lindsey writes...**

Thank you St Luke's for your recent donation. Here's the usual list of welcome items:

**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**

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

**Toiletries:**

**Shampoo and conditioner**

**Toothpaste and toothbrushes**

**Razors and shaving foam**

**Toilet rolls**

**Soap**

**Deodorant (male and female)**

**Nappies**



## Come follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad

### YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU NOW – EVERY VOICE MATTERS

#### INSPIRING 18-25s TO STAND FOR ELECTION TO GENERAL SYNOD

The Church is at a crucial moment in our life in so many ways. There is, despite the debate over figures, an undoubted generational shift in attitudes towards the Bible and the church and locally, we are in the early stages of realising our vision: Seeking the Kingdom. We are at a moment of so much challenge and opportunity. We need to grow our church, our ministry and our financial resources to fulfil our vision. We need all hands on deck!

A key part of our vision is to grow a younger church and to see younger people taking responsibility for our governance. It is obvious that young people should be encouraged to take an active role in every part of our church life. There are so many issues of crucial importance for our life, witness and worship that need fresh and new perspectives, rooted as always in the life of the church, our Christian beliefs and faith revealed in scripture and our worship together week by week.

As well as encouraging participation in parishes, in ministry and in chaplaincies, our church is governed by elected Synods. The General Synod is our elected national assembly, essential for shaping its direction and governance. Elections occur every five years, with the next elections between August and October this year.

Would you consider standing for election to General Synod?

General Synod considers and approves legislation for the entire Church of England, develops new forms of worship, discusses important national and international issues, and sets the annual budget for national activities. It has legislative authority – it is one of the few bodies in England authorised to make national laws through Measures that are approved by Parliament and the Monarch.

Candidates for the Synod are driven by their commitment to mission, governance, and pastoral care, aiming to influence policies on key theological and social matters, including social justice and environmental issues.

Drawn from among people across our worshipping communities and voted for by members local Deanery Synods, being a General Synod member means being ready to speak in debates, with clear sight about their views and the views we represent. This calls for determination, strong communication and negotiation skills and strength of character and conviction.

To be elected, candidates will need to plan, network and build support. Involvement in parish, deanery and diocesan activities helps establish a reputation that can lead to endorsements and votes.

Candidates should create a clear manifesto and set out their stall to resonate with potential electors, engage with voters, and build trust.

Synod is not all work. Among the 450 members lasting friendships develop, bringing sharing and support for each other's ministry.

Are you called to serve on General Synod? Are you ready for the challenge? Do you know someone who could represent our diocese? Ultimately, standing for General Synod is a call to serve the Church in shaping its mission and governance for today's world. *(Photo Geoff Crawford, Church of England).*



*Tug Wilson has represented the Lichfield diocese at General Synod for twenty-one years and is active both locally and nationally in supporting the Church's mission and ministry.*

### Key dates for the 2026 General Synod election:

14 July	Current General Synod dissolves
14 August	Nominations for New Synod open
7 September	Nominations close
21 September	Voting opens
13 October	Voting deadline
14-16 October	Voting Count
16-18 November	new General Synod meets

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## HOW TO READ YOUR MEADOW!

June is the perfect month to enjoy grassland flowers and many of us have a 'pocket meadow' of long, flowery grass in our churchyards, chapel yards, cemeteries and also our gardens. As well as being beautiful these small pit stops for pollinators can have great wildlife value within both urban and rural landscapes.

Sometimes however, a meadow area seems to have fewer and fewer flowers as the years go by and it can be hard to know why. If this is the case in a meadow that you manage the grasses may give you a clue as to the cause of this problem.

Native grasses can be divided into fine and coarse species. The fine grasses are shorter, about 30cms, with fine, needle-thick stems and small leaves. Fine grasses allow plenty of room for wildflowers too. Common species include Meadow grasses, Bents and Fescues.

The coarse grasses are larger, sometimes over 1m high, with thicker stems, broad leaves and a tussocky base. In a sward of coarse grasses all but the largest, strongest wildflowers will be swamped and lost, their seeds will not reach soil to germinate and small plants will be overshadowed and pushed out. The main coarse grasses are Cocksfoot, False Oat-grass and Yorkshire Fog.

Whilst a flowery meadow may contain both fine and coarse grass species, if the proportion of coarse grasses increases to more than just occasional plants here and there then you may have a problem. Coarse grasses thrive in places with higher soil fertility and infrequent cutting. If you are cutting your meadow once a year, quite late in the season, this increases fertility and the strength of the coarse grasses. Raking up cuttings is vital for a meadow, if left uncollected the cuttings rot, increasing nutrients and swamping other plants. So, if coarse grasses dominate your meadow then cut more often, earlier in the summer and rake hard so that bare soil is revealed.

Whilst meadows vary depending on soil, location and weather, a good rule of thumb is to leave a meadow uncut for three to four months and no longer. You can cut in March or April and then again in July or August or, if you don't cut in spring then cut by mid-July. This does mean cutting off some flowers but it really knocks back the coarse grasses, favouring fine ones. After a year or two you will start to see wildflowers return. Also, most meadow plants are perennial so the flowers will still be there even if they didn't set seed and you can always cut around a clump or two of late flowering species.

All the best, Harriet

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

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Shirley shares...



## MAGAZINE ARTICLE SERIES – What not to say to somebody with dementia

*This is the seventh in a series of articles where we are sharing some words and questions to try to avoid when talking to a person with dementia. This material is based on and taken from an Alzheimer's Society blog, <https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/blog/language-dementia-what-not-to-say>*

**What not to say to somebody with dementia...**

**Don't say....**

Let's have a cup of tea now, then after that we can go for nice walk and get lunch and something else to drink in that café you like next to the big church in town.

**Do say....**

Let's have a cup of tea now.

Why? Long complex sentences can be difficult to grasp. It's more helpful to use short, simple sentences.

### **"The Alzheimer's Society blog explains..."**

Too much information can be overwhelming: 'Let's have a cup of tea now, then after that we can go for nice walk and get lunch and something else to drink in that café you like next to the big church in town.' Long, complex sentences can be difficult to grasp for somebody with dementia. It's difficult to process several ideas at once as cognitive abilities slow down, so it's better to give directions or instructions one step at a time.

### **Try this instead:**

Use short, simple sentences as much as possible. Avoid speaking too much in loud or busy environments, and wait until you have the person's full attention before you start. During a conversation, give the person enough time to process what you are saying."

*For a conversation about dementia or memory loss, or for more information about dementia and dementia-friendly church, you are welcome to contact Shirley Brindley or Rev Patricia Robinson.*



## **SMALL CHANGE COLLECTION:**

Sylvia invites you to bring to church any small change you no longer require! This is to help boost church funds. Thank you!

## **ART CLUB:**

No date available at time of printing. Please contact Sue Forrester for further information.

## **FLOWER CLUB:**

No date available at time of printing. Please contact Sue Forrester for further information.



# CANDLE DEDICATIONS for JUNE

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.

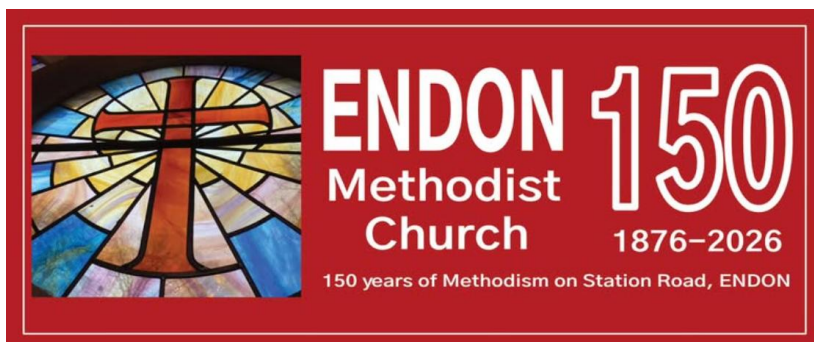
Jun	CANDLE OF HOPE	SANCTUARY LIGHT
7 <sup>th</sup>	The candle is kept burning by Marilyn Plant	The candle is kept burning by Alan Williamson
14 <sup>th</sup>	Sheila and Stan Hurst to celebrate the birthday of their granddaughter, Lauren (17 <sup>th</sup> )	Ann Boulton to celebrate Christopher's birthday (17 <sup>th</sup> )
21 <sup>st</sup>	Ann Boulton in loving memory of Mabel on the anniversary of her death (20 <sup>th</sup> )	Rosey and Geoff Smith in loving memory of our granddaughter, Naomi.
28 <sup>th</sup>	Shirley Brindley in loving memory of a very dear Mum and Dad	The candle is kept burning by Alan and Maureen Payne



## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS to

Margaret Barlow (3<sup>rd</sup>), Fran Dale (4<sup>th</sup>), Muriel Buckle (10<sup>th</sup>),  
Sophie Brough (16<sup>th</sup>), Chris Boulton (17<sup>th</sup>), Sarah Horton (19<sup>th</sup>)

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



## ENDON METHODIST CHURCH

is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary this year!

**ENDON COMMUNITY CHOIR** will be presenting a concert to mark this special milestone on **Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June** in the Methodist Church at **7.00pm**.

**Please support this event!**

**Tickets £5 from Hilary Holt 01782 502594 or any choir member.**

Rev Debbie Lovatt, vicar	07359 893424
Emma Ashworth, St Luke's warden	07861 730806
Rev Philip Robinson (minister w Permission to Officiate)	07983 863372
Rev Patricia Robinson (organist, also minister w PtO)	07854 418488
Sue Forrester, Flower Club / Foundation gov / Safeguarding Officer / St Luke's Facebook / Art Club	07854 043187
Deb Podmore, Connections / school chaplain	07508 959637
Sheila Simpson, St Luke's Electoral Roll Officer	01782 502006
Shirley Brindley, candle dedications / pastoral team leader	01782 504089
Steve Dale, St Luke's treasurer	07894 098011
Sheila Hurst, St Luke's Gift Aid Sec / MU rep	01782 503622
Ros Benson, newsletter / St Luke's website / PCC Secretary	01782 504137
Kath Howell, St Chad's PCC chair / warden / worship leader	01782 304616
Rev Caryl Siegertsz, St Chad's Asst Minister	07973 513128
Julia Podmore, treasurer	07980 802121
Pat Saul, St Chad's PCC vice-chair / secretary	07973 863930
Peter Millard, St Chad's buildings / warden's team	01782 505338
Claire Houston-Brown, warden / St Chad's Safeguarding Officer	07779 667470
Sheila Tipper, St Chad's news contact	01782 534647
Rev Debbie Lovatt, St Michael's Horton contact	07359 893424

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, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2026**

either by e-mail [jandrbenson@btinternet.com](mailto:jandrbenson@btinternet.com) or phone 01782 504137.

## ADVANCE NOTICE!

Kenya Choral Connections Choir from All Saints' Cathedral, Nairobi will be singing at St Michael's Church, Market Place, Macclesfield on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July. Tickets £15 (£12 under 18s) from 01625 433187 or email: [andy.donaldson@mdmt.org.uk](mailto:andy.donaldson@mdmt.org.uk)

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