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June 2021

INTERREGNUM Month 12



Jean Brough has been determined to complete fifty laps of Milton Park (whenever the weather permitted) to raise funds for St Luke's church. The total so far is over £1300. You're a star, Jean! There is still time to show your support for Jean via the Just Giving site on website or a direct donation to Jean.

JUNE PLAN FOR ST LUKE'S

SUNDAY June 6th

9.15am MORNING WORSHIP

led by Roger and Barrie

SUNDAY June 13th

9.15am MORNING WORSHIP

led by Roger and Barrie

SUNDAY June 20th

9.15am MORNING WORSHIP

led by Roger and Barrie

SUNDAY June 27th

9.15am MORNING WORSHIP

led by Roger and Barrie

MIDWEEK SERVICES

**Wednesdays at 9.15am in the
chapter house led by Barrie.**

**Holy Communion when Rev
Eleanor is available.**

ST LUKE'S CHURCH OFFICE

Unless involved with funeral duties, Barrie mans the church office in the vestry on Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri from 10.00am to 1.00pm using tel: **07517 653370.**

While the office is open the church is open for private prayer. All enquiries relating to baptisms, weddings and funerals should be directed to Barrie. Currently a maximum of 30 (5 for weddings) are allowed in church but be aware that guidelines can change.

ST LUKE'S ZOOM MEETINGS

11.00am COFFEE & CHAT on Fridays (hosted by Neil Taylor). All welcome. Contact Neil for further details.



11.00am CONNECTIONS on Sundays led by Neil and Deb (phone nos back page.). On the first Sunday of the month we have a child friendly, family service via Zoom with games, crafts and songs in a 25 minute package. Do spread the word!

The Zoom Connections passcode is
743 818 2108.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

At 8pm on alternate Wednesdays Sue hosts a Zoom bible study led by Deb using the same password as above. Currently studying Ephesians. For more information please contact Sue or Deb.

CHURCH FUNDS

Please bring your gift or envelope to church or issue a cheque and post it to Sheila Hurst or set up a monthly standing order or use the 'Just Giving' link on St Luke's website. If you bank on-line you could pay directly into the church account by setting up Endon St Luke's PCC as a new recipient. (*Bank details from Steve Dale or Sheila H. Phone nos back page.)* **THANK YOU to all our regular givers!**

JUNE AT ST CHAD'S



SERVICES

June 6th Family Service KH/CS

13th Praise and Prayer KH/MF

20th Holy Communion
Rev B Wilson

27th No service, church closed for
**CARYL'S ORDINATION AT
LICHFIELD**

Carrie's new parish is Kingsley which includes Oakamoor, Cotton, Foxt and Whiston. The incumbent is Sue who is part-time (point 5). The plan when she began her training was that she would complete her curacy at Bagnall and Endon but of course that's not possible so we will lose her for at least two years.

**Kath Howell can be contacted on 01782 304616 or 07971 887039
or howsie07@btinternet.com**

From Sheila H: HEATING REMINDER

From the beginning of June to the end of September there will be very little heating on in the church - remember your cardigans or jackets!

GIFT AID

If you have signed a Gift Aid Declaration form so that your donations can be gift aided please remember to inform Sheila Hurst if you no longer pay tax. If you forget to inform me and I wrongly claim gift aid YOU may have a bill from HMRC to recover the gift aid claimed. It is your responsibility to inform me. For the 2020/21 financial year we were able to claim over £5000 back from HMRC.

MASKS

I have just received another donation for the sale of masks made by Liz. Hopefully there will soon be no need for further use of masks. Altogether Liz has raised £255. Many thanks for all your hard work , Liz and thanks to your customers too.

ST LUKE'S APCM

This was held on Sunday May 23rd after the morning service in church, chaired by Barrie and attended by about a dozen others including Rev Philip Swann. The accounts had been previously approved. Wardens, deanery reps, PCC members, examiner of accounts and electoral roll officer were all re-instated unchallenged. Reports were read out and included "The Simpson Report" being Roger's usual...

"STATE OF THE UNION" WARDEN'S MESSAGE:

If the water is really clear, you can see how it is that a swan glides across the water. The big webbed feet furl on the fore-stroke, and then fan out on the back-stroke. Trailing one foot, the swan changes course and gently comes to rest. Beneath the water are skill, strength and beauty.

After Alan's retirement and the re-opening of some churches, we, your churchwardens agreed that we would present a simple service of morning prayer each Sunday, and that we would do this even if we were the only people in church. It is amazing and humbling to see that week after week this modest target has been exceeded tenfold, or even sixteen-fold, today. In addition, we are fortunate in having the support of several clergy, who take Communion services here, as is the case today. May we say how much we value this; it is a joy and a privilege to welcome them. It was only when I had started writing this that I realised that we had a human Swan in our midst; didn't do that on purpose, honest!

However, the number of bums on seats on a Sunday by itself is not a good indicator of the health of a church. "The service is over; now let the service begin!" as Alan once put it at the end of Morning Prayer. Monday to Saturday the less visible part of the life of this church goes on, the steady beat of webbed feet below the surface. The practical jobs get done; the bills are paid, repairs carried out, cleaning, sweeping and polishing, setting the central heating, counting the money; all these essential tasks are carried out by those who have been described as the unassuming, the unfailing, and all too often the unthanked, who are the backbone of any organisation. A quick look at the accounts shows that the financial backbone of the church is the band of unobtrusive and generous souls who give regularly, through the envelope system or by banker's order. Sheila's sterling work on the Gift Aid returns helps a lot. This is not to decry the cash donations, and the special fundraising efforts which are also part of the church's life, some of which bring us together, as far as this is possible, while others are delicious.

In parallel with the 9.15 service is the weekly Connections service, which originally took place in the school. Since the coming of Covid, it has been an on-line meeting. It concerns us that these two forms of worship, and the people who attend, are becoming increasingly separated. We would like to see a greater exchange of ideas and people. A more varied diet would be good for all.

There are intangible forms of service too; Barrie's open door at the church on several mornings each week brings him in contact with people who need to talk or to pray, or just to sit quietly. He's also a wise and sympathetic taker of funerals; let's not forget those who

give their time to act as vergers. We hope soon to balance these occasions with the joy of weddings.

As direct social contact has been limited over the last year, other forms of communication have come to the fore. The text of each week's address or sermon is e-mailed out each week, or distributed in print. The newsletter is faithfully produced by Ros, and distributed digitally or on paper. There are e-mails and phone calls and Zoom meetings and postings on social media. We do our best to maintain links; we're all on the same bunch of grapes.

It's my ambition, if I'm spared, to pass on to the next Vicar of St Luke's a church which is alive and kicking or, as Alan Titchmarsh might put it, is in good heart.

Thank you all!

FUNDRAISING REPORT (Sylvia Bradshaw)

The Fundraising Team has worked together on several projects during the past year this included:

Covid masks which were made beautifully by Liz and were much appreciated by everyone during the pandemic

Homemade Jam and Marmalade are always very popular and we are grateful to Barbara & others for their skills and time.

Shirley's "Pick a Square" game where numbers were chosen at random and prizes donated by members of the congregation. This was enjoyed by the whole congregation.

Jean's walk Jean is at present tirelessly walking 50 laps of Milton Park and hopes to finish by the end of June. This brave lady has already raised over £1,300 and some of us have had the privilege of joining her. Well done Jean!

Cake Challenge* – everyone has come together to bake 100 (hopefully) boxes and plates of cakes will be available in the Chapter House, after morning worship on 23 May, in exchange for a Charity donation. (*total raised **£165.**)

St Luke's Lent Appeal (Bishops Lent Appeal was suspended due to Covid) Over £700 was raised specifically for the Teenage Cancer Trust. This charity was chosen because one of our teenagers from the Family service was recently diagnosed with leukemia and is undergoing treatment.

Our Face book page (many thanks to Sue) has highlighted St Luke's Church presence as well as our fundraising efforts to the much wider community and has resulted in some orders being received as well as many positive comments.

These fundraising initiatives have helped not only to raise vital funds for St Luke's but has also helped to link the congregation and the community together, especially during the pandemic, and many new friendships have developed even though social distancing has made it more difficult to communicate. Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way and to the congregation for all their support.

PASTORAL TEAM (Shirley Brindley)

Since the last Pastoral Team Report, there have been some changes to indoor visiting but we are still unable to see anybody in a Care Home. However, we have continued, in various ways, to keep in touch with as many people as possible, over the winter and into spring.

One or two home visits have gone ahead in a restricted way because the people in question rely on our team members to deliver shopping etc.

The telephone groups continue to operate, with calls to those who do not yet feel comfortable in returning to church. Copies of the Lectionary sheet and Sunday Sermon are being delivered weekly to anyone who is not on line and would like one.

When restrictions were at their height, a number of us walked with just one other person from church when the weather permitted. The Walking and Talking group has now resumed and we encourage church members to come along and bring a friend.

One member of our team has kept in contact with a number of church members and friends in the village, who live on their own, with doorstep meetings three or four times a week. This contact has been very much appreciated.

The team has worked closely with our Connections Group, both at the outdoor Carol Service and the Easter Family Fun activity, in an attempt to reach out to the local community and encourage people to come up to the church.

Coffee and cake in gardens obviously came to a halt in the cold months but these outside meetings are resuming now.

The pastoral team prayer chain continues to be used on a regular basis and we are pleased to be able to offer this support.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the team for all their hard work, particularly during these difficult times.

FINANCIAL REVIEW (Steve Dale)

Total receipts of ordinary unrestricted funds (the General Fund) amounted to £37,478 and payments amounted to £40,993. This is a loss of £3,514 compared to a gain of £8,280 for 2019. Further discussions were held with the Lichfield Diocesan Finance Department resulting in the debt to the diocese being written off over the next two years. St Luke's therefore needs to maintain the current level of monthly payments with an additional one-off payment of £5000 in 2021 and also in 2022.

CONNECTIONS REPORT (the team)

Since the lockdown started last year, Connections has been meeting, via Zoom, every Sunday. There were two occasions, last year, when the restrictions were eased, that we met in the church building. Not all of our families joined us, as they didn't feel the church building was suitable for young children. During this year Nathan and Rachel O'Neil have re-joined the Connections team. Nathan works for Youth for Christ in Derby and has helped us enormously with the technical side of internet use, enabling us to now have worship songs and short video clips, to enhance our Sunday worship.

After consultation with our families, we now have a specific Family Worship Zoom service on the first Sunday of the month, with games and interactive activities, which Nathan and Rachel lead. Our families also get involved by leading the prayers.

Before Alan and Maryanne left a "Connected" WhatsApp group was set up, which enables everyone to keep in touch. Texts of the Sunday talk are posted on here each Sunday, after the service. This means that if someone can't make the service, they can still share in the Word of God. These texts are also posted on the St. Luke's Facebook page.

Just recently Suzy Jordan has decided to retire from leading the worship at Connections, but still wants to part of the group and attend the services.

On the 25th May 2021, Connections is hosting a Zoom Prayer and Worship evening to which the whole of St. Luke's church family is invited.

Over the past year members of the Connections team have been involved in the Outdoor Carol Service and the Easter Activity. Debbie Podmore has taken over the leading of the Zoom Wednesday Bible Study Group.

Looking Ahead

The Connections team want to go back into the school as soon as it is safe to do so and the regulations allow. The head teacher is happy for Connections to continue to use the school.

*On behalf of the Connections Team: **Neil Taylor, Debbie and Dave Podmore, Nathan and Rachel O'Neil, Sue Gibbons***

HELP & HOPE AND FOOD FOR ENDON (Joe Porter)

- *Over 1,000 bags of fresh fruit & vegetables from Haregate Community Centre delivered to over 50 households throughout Endon, Stockton Brook and Brown Edge over the last 56 weeks.*
- *Christmas dinners and food bags delivered to 31 households in Endon and Brown Edge.*
- *The scheme and Cllr Joe Porter won a 'Points of Light' Award from the UK Prime Minister for helping elderly and vulnerable people during the pandemic in summer 2020.*
- *Help & Hope letter packs delivered to every household in Endon for summer, Christmas and Easter over the last year.*
- *Weekly prayer cards supplied by Endon Methodist Church to all those in receipt of the food bags.*



KNITTED SQUARES At the present time it is not possible to take completed blankets and other aid to refugees outside the UK due to COVID restrictions. However Ann at Biddulph is still joining squares together ready for a time when restrictions are lifted.



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.

Please contact Shirley Brindley on 504089 as soon as possible if you would like a particular date.

| Jun | CANDLE OF HOPE | SANCTUARY LIGHT |
|------------------|---|--|
| 6 th | Sylvia Bradshaw to celebrate the 18 th birthday of grandson George (11 th) | Barrie in celebration of Kai's birthday |
| 13 th | Rosie and Geoff Smith in memory of our granddaughter Naomi Mabel McGrath in loving memory of a dear husband, Don | Sheila and Stan to celebrate the 21 st birthday of their granddaughter Lauren |
| 20 th | Linda Foster In loving memory of her father on his birthday (23 rd) | Marilyn Plant to celebrate the birthday of son, Nicholas James |
| 20 th | Shirley Brindley in loving memory of a very dear Dad and Mum | Mabel McGrath in loving memory of John |

Happy Birthday!



JUNE BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to

June Pope (2nd), Margaret Barlow (3rd),
 Fran Dale (4th), Gail Stone (9th),
 Mary Goodson (12th), Sophie Brough (16th),
 Chris Boulton (17th), Sarah Brindley (19th)

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



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LICHFIELD



Come follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad

KEEPING THEIR FACULTIES SHARP

The Historic Law Courts in the Church of England and the work they continue to do today:

The division between ‘church’ and ‘state’ is an interesting one for the Church of England, intertwined with the history of the Reformation and rebellion against a Pope who wouldn’t allow a certain king a divorce at his whim. As well as registering marriages and deaths, the legal arm of the Church was often called on to judge cases of slander, probate, marriage and tithes. There is still a courtroom in Lichfield Cathedral, the Consistory Court where many cases were heard – it’s on the south side by the high altar and beneath the St Chad’s Head chapel. As one of the earliest dioceses in England, Lichfield’s influence once covered a huge swathe of the north west of the country, from Warwickshire to Lancashire. As the population grew, new dioceses were formed from within it but by the 16th century the Consistory Court still heard cases from all over Staffordshire, north Shropshire, Derbyshire and north-east Warwickshire (the latter now the dioceses of Derby and Coventry). The archives that remain from earlier centuries are now at the Staffordshire Archives and some of the stories researchers are now cataloguing from there might even make a tabloid newspaper editor blush!

There is still a Consistory Court, but its work is somewhat less salacious these days, dealing mostly with questions about changes to church buildings, churchyards and exhumations, and the judge, the Diocesan Chancellor mostly sits in front of a laptop rather than a medieval courtroom. He is linked to a team known as the Registry which has two main functions: one is to act as legal adviser to the Bishop and the other is advise clergy on canon law. It has a role in the licensing of clergy to operate in the diocese; and the system of Patronage which shares the responsibility for appointing vicars between bishop and other historically interested parties; the consecration and modification of buildings for public worship and perhaps most frequently advice on church law for baptism, marriages and burial.

Faculty Jurisdiction – decisions on more contentious plans for buildings or gravestones – are the topics which most often hit news headlines today, whether about swapping pews for chairs, adding glass and toilets to buildings or what is appropriate in a churchyard. It is the Chancellor who has to balance family wishes for a loved-one’s memorial that reflects their life and the wider need to keep the churchyard as a place of restful calm that is appropriate for Christian worship and a comforting space for mourners and the wider community, where individual memorials do not jar in the landscape and that the church members can safely maintain even when direct family are no longer able to.

***Andrew Wynne** is the Registrar for Lichfield Diocese*

Read more about the current activity support and services provided by the Registry team at www.lichfield.anglican.org/registry and the historic goings-on unearthed in the [Bawdy Courts](http://Bawdy Courts project from the Staffordshire Archives at lichfieldbawdycourts.wordpress.com/) project from the Staffordshire Archives at lichfieldbawdycourts.wordpress.com/.



Churchyard Walls



It is quite possible that the oldest built structure in your local churchyard will be the boundary wall. These walls may have been mended over the years but usually with the original stone, gently replacing and resetting damaged sections. Whether lime mortar or drystone, churchyard walls have built up a rich array of species over the years.

South facing walls are particularly good for invertebrates with many different creatures using the gaps and holes to nest and shelter. Look for wrens and dunnocks hopping over the stones of the wall searching for spiders to eat. There are a great many species of solitary bees and wasps to be found nesting within walls too.

Walls can be excellent for lichens unless they become covered in ivy and other shading plants in which case the lichens are lost. Walls have their own specific plants, not found elsewhere in the churchyard, and this is particularly true for lime mortared walls in an area where the soil is not particularly lime rich. Can you spot ivy-leaved toadflax, wall rue, maidenhair spleenwort, rusty back or adder's tongue fern? Some annual plants grow early in the spring, whilst the wall is still quite damp and cool; they flower, seed and then dry out as summer progresses. Others, like saxifrages, are suited to dry conditions.

As well as the wall surface, there is life within it too. Walls are cool, safe places to shelter and hibernate. Frogs, toads and newts use them and reptiles including lizards and slowworm shelter within the wall then emerge to warm up and hunt. Look for lizards basking in full sun whilst the slow worm stays hidden, finding a warm place beneath vegetation or a stone or piece of wood.

So, look after your walls and try to keep them in good repair, they are very special.

All the best, Harriet Carty

Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor, harriet@cfga.org.uk, www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk - individuals and groups in the diocese receive 20% members discount on all CfGA materials. Use the discount code Lich19

Some daft definitions (from latest Leek Parkinson's Support Group newsletter):

- *Heroes: What a man in a boat does*
- *Pharmacist: A helper on a farm*
- *Selfish: What the owner of the seafood store does.*



CONGRATULATIONS TO REBECCA AND DAN

on their marriage last week in London. Maryanne told us that folk cheered them on as they walked across from the wedding venue to the reception venue between St Pancras and King's Cross. Many of us in St Luke's have very fond memories of Bex, daughter of Rev Alan and Maryanne. While resident at Endon vicarage she played a very active part in the life of our

Church, especially in our youth activities, prayer and home groups. We pray the Lord's blessing on their new life together.

A BIG THANK YOU to Sylvia who organised our cake stall on May 23rd and to all those who made and bought the cakes. It was a good effort and raised **£165** for St Luke's church funds.



ENDON WELL is dressed this weekend!

Our Endon Well is decorated with oak branches to mark Oak Apple Day and commemorate the restoration of the English monarchy in May 1660.

Endon's first ever Well Dressing took place on 29th May 1845 when the Well was simply draped in oak branches to mark the erection of the Well by landowner Thomas Heaton. Back then, villagers met by the Well and celebrated the occasion by drinking tea and eating crumpets.

The oak leaf symbolises the time King Charles II

escaped from capture by hiding in an oak tree in the grounds of Boscobel House, Staffordshire.

Joe Porter

and have sadly had to remove our church treasurer from office having convinced himself that the Great Commission was in fact his 10% out of the offering.

You will be pleased to know that our beloved vicar, Derek, has been released from police custody after being held overnight for apparently contravening social distancing guidelines with regard to St Cliff's worship team. He now realises that it was a mistake to publicly state that they were all singing off the same song sheet - meaning, having a shared passion for Jesus and not in its literal sense.

We have finally managed to source a Christian company to repair St Cliff's Roof. We look forward to having Felt Lead on the premises shortly.

apologise for describing the bishop as a bored again Christian.

Our ministry team have had a little setback with regard to encouraging the good folk of St Cliff's to expect the miraculous. Last Sunday, when praying for Mr Carruther's hip he was asked if he wanted the affected leg longer. His reply that "yes, another 25 years would be great" wasn't what they were expecting.

Our competition to rename our women's intercessors group is being extended by an additional week. The only entry, 'Birds of Pray' was felt to be not quite right.

We are pleased to announce that the FREE WIFE sign in St Cliff's foyer has now been corrected to read FREE WIFI.

And now for a few smiles...

**HERE ARE
CUTTINGS FROM
ST CLIFF'S
NEWSLETTER**

(widely shared on Facebook as part of the "Derek the Cleric" series.)

ANOTHER EXTRACT FROM THE VINTAGE MAGAZINE COLLECTION. This one is from May 1986 the year following the Jubilee Festival:

Our Well-Dressing Festival.

MAY 29TH AND 30TH.

(From the "Staffordshire Sentinel").

Fifty-one years have elapsed since the first Well-dressing took place at Endon, the initial step being taken by the late Thomas Heaton, and the custom was observed yesterday in the usual ceremonious manner. The initials "T.H.," in memory of the founder, were shown conspicuously in the dressing of the well or spring in the middle of the old portion of the village, close by the stream which is forded from the highway. The method of dressing has been such that the water used by the villagers falls from an opening in what is more like a recess than a well, above and beside which rises a flat groundwork for flowers. Daisies and bluebells have been mostly used in the decoration. Thousands upon thousands of them have been arranged in various designs. The words, "A fountain of gardens," appear at the top, standing out in a horse-shoe shape, and underneath are displayed the initials of the founder, together with the figures "1845," a reminder of the first ceremony. White daisies form the letters, amid a mass of bluebells. Mosses, hawthorns, pansies, and various other flowers, in addition to daisies and bluebells, are placed together in such a way as to represent the sun on one side, the moon and stars opposite; and numerous birds are shown in the different designs. Other decorations are to be seen in the village. The well formerly in use is neatly adorned; white daisies, with a border of bluebells on a mossy bed, form the words, "Give me to drink," over the fountain. The entrance to the sports field bears an arch worked in flowers with a floral crown and flags. Red daisies with moss are arranged to form the words, "Welcome to our 51st Anniversary." All these decorations (the work of Mr. D. Larner, of Leek,) together with the garlands displayed at the cottages, looked exceedingly beautiful in the brilliant sunshine which happily prevailed, and were greatly admired by the visitors, of whom there was a large influx from the Potteries and from a wide surrounding district. The North Staffordshire Railway Military Band headed a procession formed near the well by 42 girls at two o'clock. These girls were all attired in white muslin and different coloured sashes, with sailor hats trimmed with white ribbon, all presented to them by the Well-dressing Committee. Mrs. Webb made the arrangements in this respect, and showed very good taste. The choice fell upon Miss Dora Irene Baines as May Queen, upon Miss Elsie Rhead, the Vicar's maiden, to crown the Queen, and upon the following girls as maids of honour: Violet Harvey, Susannah Stevenson, Florrie Mellor, Charlotte Bolton, Ethel Rhead, Lilian Webb, Gertrude Wright, Jane Harding, Edith Badnall and Edith Clews. All the children carried garlands and hoops in the procession to Church. The maids of honour had their sceptres, and the May Queen received her floral crown as a gift from the Vicar, the Rev. James Badnall, who is also the Chairman of the Committee. She also carried a lovely bouquet, several of the flowers coming from Trentham. Her dress was of cashmere, trimmed with watered silk, and lace, and her shoes were of white satin. After Divine Service in the village Church, where the Rev. A. J. Tilson, Curate of Shelton, preached a suitable sermon, the children walked in procession to the well. Here two hymns (184 and 213, A. and M.) were sung by them, and then they proceeded to the sports field, where the crowning of the May Queen was performed. May dances, under the direction of the Vicar, followed, and a programme of sports was satisfactorily carried out.

June Prayer Focus

- The release of Roman Protasevich in police detention in Minsk
- The COVID crisis in India and Brazil especially the oxygen shortage
- All medical staff worldwide battling the effects of COVID
- Our politicians as they make very important decisions which affect us all
- Improved safety for women on our streets
- Our police force and the challenges they face
- Teachers and children now schools have re-opened
- UK businesses and trade problems following the Brexit deals
- The fresh wave of violence in Northern Ireland
- Thankfulness for those who have worked tirelessly to develop the COVID vaccines and those tasked with administering them
- The success of the vaccines that they may lead to effectively controlling the virus
- A determination among folk to continue to adhere to government guidelines to stop the spread of infection
- The huge problem of loneliness
- Refugees everywhere especially in Yemen and the US border with Mexico
- All suffering at the hands of deeply corrupt governments
- Loved ones in our parish who are currently unwell
- Our church wardens and worship leaders during the interregnum
- Our new bishop Matthew and the appointment of our next incumbent
- The Church of England dealing with a shortage of clergy and funds
- Yemen – the on-going crisis and those trying hard to get aid into the country
- The release of Iranian-British mother Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe
- 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 in Hanley
- The problem of the millions of plastic bottles afloat in our oceans and the tons of 'space junk' orbiting our planet
- All who have lost loved ones recently
- The Trussell Trust food banks especially during this time of crisis
- All children in danger of going hungry

DON'T FORGET THE FOOD BANK!

Donations can be left in church and Barrie will ensure they are taken to the Leek depot.

Urgently required items:

- pasta sauce jars
- coffee
- shaving foam and razors



Please do not donate :

- baby formula milk powder
- baked beans
- pasta
- tinned tomatoes

DO YOU MEASURE RAINFALL?

Alan Williamson is still hoping to contact someone who regularly measures rainfall in this area.

If you or someone you know measures rainfall please phone Alan on 01782 503870.

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| Roger Simpson, St Luke's warden / worship leader / PCC chair | 01782 502006 |
| Barrie Jackson, reader / St Luke's PCC Sec / Administrator (*for church enquiries) | 07517 653370* 07510 074097 |
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| Neil Taylor, worship leader / Connections | 07961 652104 |
| Suzy Jordan, music leader / Connections | 01782 504589 |
| Sheila Simpson, St Luke's Electoral Roll Officer | 01782 502006 |
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For the duration of the interregnum the newsletter will be available on-line as a PDF attachment and on the church website.

Paper copies are available for those without internet access.

Please contact Barrie if you would like a paper copy or know someone who would.

Please submit notices for our next newsletter to Ros Benson

by **Tuesday, June 22nd**.

either by e-mail jandrbenson@btinternet.com or phone 504137.