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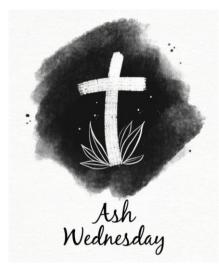
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February 2024

# **INTERREGNUM Month 44**

Feb 13<sup>th</sup> SHROVE TUESDAY - pancakes at the Methodist Church from 3.00pm. All welcome!





# LENT beginneth!

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> ASH WEDNESDAY 9.15am Ecumenical Holy Communion at the Methodist Church 7.30pm Holy Communion with ashing at St Luke's (Rev Philip) 12.00noon to 2.00pm LENT LUNCH (last orders 1.30pm - see below for more details)

**OUR ECUMENICAL LENT COURSE "Not a Tame Lion"** will run from Thursday, 22nd Feb for 5 weeks in the chapter house preceded by a special FILM NIGHT at the Methodist Church on Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.00pm. The film is based on a well known C S Lewis story set in Narnia so suitable for all ages. Bring the children and grandchildren! There will be no charge (although donations are welcome) with popcorn and ice cream provided. The course booklet can be obtained from Rev Patricia for £5.50. *More information on page 7.* 

#### LENT LUNCH



This will consist of a choice of homemade soup and a roll followed by cheese and biscuits and fresh fruit. We are charging £7 per person in aid of Leek Food Bank. Help with serving and washing up appreciated. Please inform Shirley if you intend to come.

#### FEBRUARY at ST LUKE'S

4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY 9.15am HOLY COMMUNION – Rev Philip 11.00am CONNECTIONS

11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY 9.15am MORNING WORSHIP Barrie/Roger 11.00am CONNECTIONS

18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY 9.15am HOLY COMMUNION – Fr David Nicol 11.00am CONNECTIONS

25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY 9.15am MORNING WORSHIP – Barrie / Roger 11.00am CONNECTIONS



#### CONNECTIONS

A FAMILY-FRIENDLY SERVICE Sundays at 11am at St Luke's CE Academy, Leek Road in the school hall. lasting about 40 minutes followed by games for the children and refreshments.

#### **NEXT PCC MEETING**

Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the chapter house

#### FEBRUARY at ST CHAD'S

4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY 10.45am FAMILY SERVICE - KH / MF

11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY – LEPROSY MISSION 10.45am PRAYER & PRAISE – KH / MF

18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY 10.45am HOLY COMMUNION – Rev Barry

25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY 10.45am MORNING WORSHIP – KH / MF

The COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE COLLECTION on Dec 16<sup>th</sup> at the Methodist Church amounted to £270 for 'Water Gives Life'. Thank you to all who contributed.

FILM NIGHT with popcorn! The film is based on a well known story by CS Lewis. Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.00pm at the Methodist Church. Bring your children and grandchildren.

#### **ST LUKE'S CHURCH OFFICE**

Unless involved with funeral duties Barrie mans the office on Mon, Wed, and Fri from 10.30am to 1.00pm using **07517 653370.** During these times the church is open for private prayer.

#### ECUMENICAL MIDWEEK SERVICES on WEDNESDAYS

Holy Communion at 9.15am Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at Methodist Church Feb 14<sup>th</sup> at Methodist Church Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at St Luke's Feb 28<sup>th</sup> at St Luke's

		2024 ST LUKE'S CHURCH DIARY Feb - Mar
Sa	Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30am PRAYER BREAKFAST in chapter house
Su	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am HC / 11.00 Connections FOOD BANK COLLECTION
Μ	5 <sup>th</sup>	
т	6 <sup>th</sup>	
W	<b>7</b> <sup>th</sup>	9.15am HC at EMC / 1.00om FLOWER CLUB / 7.30pm BIBLE STUDY at James & Ros's
Th	8 <sup>th</sup>	
F	9 <sup>th</sup>	
Sa	10 <sup>th</sup>	
Su	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Morning Worship / 11.00am Connections
Μ	12 <sup>th</sup>	
Т	13 <sup>th</sup>	SHROVE TUESDAY: Pancakes at Methodist Church from 3.00pm
W	14 <sup>th</sup>	LENT: ASH WEDNESDAY 9.15 HC at EMC / 12.00noon – 2.00pm LENT LUNCH in
		chapter house / 7.30pm HC with ashing at St Luke's
Th	15 <sup>th</sup>	
F	16 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm FILM NIGHT at Methodist Church as prelude to the Lent Course
Sa	17 <sup>th</sup>	· ·
Su	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am HC / 11.00 Connections
Μ	19 <sup>th</sup>	
Т	20 <sup>th</sup>	
W	<b>21</b> <sup>st</sup>	9.15am HC at St Luke's
Th	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am and 7.00pm LENT COURSE in chapter house
F	23 <sup>rd</sup>	
Sa	24 <sup>th</sup>	
Su	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Morning Worship 11.00am Connections
Μ	26 <sup>th</sup>	
Т	27 <sup>th</sup>	
W	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am HC at St Luke's
Th	29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am and 7.00pm LENT COURSE in chapter house
F	Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>	St David's Day / 2.00pm WORLD DAY OF PRAYER at EMC
Sa	2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Su	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15am HC / 11.00 Connections FOOD BANK COLLECTION
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#### **PASTORAL TEAM** (Phone nos on back page) HILLSWOOD LODGE CARE HOME: next visits Wed Feb 21<sup>st</sup> and Wed March 20<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.

The residents really do enjoy these services and the chats afterwards.

Pastoral team members regularly visit folk who are no longer able to attend church. Do get in touch with Shirley if you know of anyone who would like a visit.

#### WALKS followed by refreshments:

16 of us walked round Knypersley Pool on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> which was a dry day. Afterwards most of the group sped to the golf club café for a coffee and light lunch. Listen up for details of the next walk. Do join us.

# The Methodist Church

- Every Sunday 10am Worship
- Monday 10am 1.30 Community Café (not bank holidays).
- Wednesday 9.15 Holy Communion Alternately with St Luke's Parish Church

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- Thursday 10.30 Fit-as-a-fiddle: Exercise, conversation and coffee
- Thursday February 15th 2pm 3.30pm Bereavement Café
- Fridays 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb: 10 12 Friday Friendship. Enjoy conversation over a cuppa! All welcome.
- Friday 6pm 'Blast' youth club for 7-11 year olds (during term time)



#### ST LUKE'S NEW WEBSITE DESIGN

Over the last few months I have been working with the Church Edit Team who announced in October that they wanted to update our website. The new

design is now "live". Please have a look at it. I have been doing my best to keep the content up to date and remove obsolete information. If you spot any errors or have suggestions for anything you think should be added, please let me know.

Type *endonstlukes.org.uk* into your browser. Ros





We believe in life before death

# NORTH STAFFS CHRISTIAN AID SPONSORED WALK

# To be held at

# TITTESWORTH WATER

(Three miles north of Leek, just off the A53)

# SATURDAY 16th MARCH 2024

#### **REGISTRATION FROM 9.15am**

#### WALK STARTS AT 10.00am

The walk will be launched by

The Bishop of Stafford and the Lord Mayor of Stoke-on-Trent Special Guest the High Sheriff of Staffordshire Mrs Victoria Hawley

Sponsorship forms and more information from your local church or phone John Bamford (01782 516137) or contact Mike Willmot at **mwillmot@talktalk.net** 

By kind permission of Severn Trent Water

Sponsorship forms can be obtained from Barrie or you can sign the one on the church noticeboard. Do consider taking part in the walk which can be the shorter walk of about 2 miles or the longer one of about 5 miles.



### CANDLE DEDICATIONS for FEBRUARY

For  $\pounds 2.50$  you can keep the Candle of Hope or the Sanctuary Light burning for a week with a dedication. Thank you to all of you who have supported the candle dedications this year.

Shirley is taking dedications for 2024. Please contact her on 504089 as soon as possible if you would like a particular date.

Feb	CANDLE OF HOPE	SANCTUARY LIGHT
4 <sup>th</sup>	Shirley Brindley in loving memory of Sue Barber, a very dear friend.	The candle is kept burning by Lyn Pickering
11 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Boulton to celebrate the birthday of her grandson, Alfie	Mabel McGrath in loving memory of her brothers, William and Joseph
18 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Boulton to celebrate the birthday of her daughter-in-law, Helen	Sheila and Stan in loving memory of dear aunts
25 <sup>th</sup>	Sheila and Stan to celebrate the birthday of their daughter, Clare (4 <sup>th</sup> March)	Sheila and Stan to celebrate the birthday of their grandson William's 21 <sup>st</sup> birthday (1 <sup>st</sup> March)



# **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS to**

Robert Harrison (2<sup>nd</sup>), Daniel Benson (6<sup>th</sup>), Jean Brough (11<sup>th</sup>), Sheila Hurst (17<sup>th</sup>), Bertie Thomlins (21<sup>st</sup>), John Bradshaw jr (24<sup>th</sup>), Rev Alan Betts (27<sup>th</sup>)

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

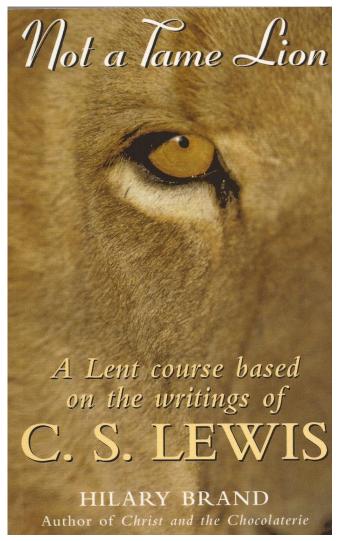
#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Fri 1<sup>st</sup> March at the Methodist Church 2pm



The artwork shows three Palestinian women praying together in a peaceful, outdoor space and is aptly named 'Praying Palestinian Women'. The artist Halima has used motifs and symbols which indicate the origin and cohesiveness of these women: Olive trees are a sign of everlasting and abundant life because they can live for thousands of years. The Palestinian people are deeply rooted in their country and this is underlined by the golden roots of the tree. Poppy flowers are abundant and meaningful as they are a reminder of loved ones who have given their lives for their country. Traditional Palestinian dress such as the tatreez (embroidery), thobe (dress) or the white scarf symbolise the people's creativity

and their country's rich heritage. The keys are a symbol of the hope to return to Palestine.

#### MORE INFORMATION: Ecumenical Lent Course "Not a Tame Lion"



 a book by Hilary Brand based on the writings of C. S. Lewis. Thursdays at 10.30 or 19.00 in the Chapter House for five weeks from Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. Each week there is a chapter to read individually before the course and a chapter to read following the group meeting. The material is drawn from two films one of which is "Shadowlands" (Directed by Richard Attenborough with Anthony Hopkins, available on YouTube) the other is based on a well known story by C S Lewis. It would be helpful to watch these before the course begins. Some people have already watched "Shadowlands" again to refresh their memories. If you would like to join the course, you can obtain a copy of the course book from Patricia Robinson (07854 418 488 or email pmrobinson51@gmail.com).

Books cost £5.50 with church discount. Please let Patricia know in good time if you would like a copy as more may need to be ordered. If you prefer to source your own, the books are available from the Methodist Bookshop in Hanley, or you may find them online.

#### PRAYER BREAKFAST

This is planned for **08.30 on Saturday 3rd February** in the Chapter House at St Luke's Church.

Come and join us along with members of the Methodist Church for breakfast followed by a time to pray for our community.

If you prefer, just come for 09.00 when there will be a time of worship, followed by prayer. All Christians are welcome, whatever denomination so do invite other people if you know they may be interested.

### **CHRISTIAN BLIND MISSION**

Thank you to all who gave donations to CBM for Christmas greetings in the December newsletter. **£145** was raised and Steve has sent off a cheque.



Project Manager, Lindsey Stockton writes...

Cereals

Coffee

**Tinned tomatoes** 

Tinned meat

**Tinned fruit** 

All these items are needed:

Longlife semi-skimmed milk Pasta sauce Tinned vegetables Instant mash Tinned potatoes Tinned soup Ketchup/brown sauce Fruit squash Sponge puddings Tinned rice pudding Rice Tinned fish Custard Pasta

Household cleaning products:

Washing up liquid Multi surface cleaner Cleaning cloths/sponges Laundry liquid/capsules/powder Toiletries:

Shampoo and conditioner Shower gel and soap Toothpaste and toothbrushes Deodorant Razors and shaving foam

Biscuits/snack bars

#### **Babies:**

Nappies – all sizes PARTICULARLY NEED SIZE 2 AT THE MOMENT Nappy bags Wet wipes Baby shampoo and bath lotion Cotton wool Talcum powder

If you are a donor, please try to deliver your donations at the Foodbank on Tues and Fri between 10.00 am and 12 noon – as it gets very busy with clients after this time. Alternatively, you may use any of our Permanent Collection Points which are still available at various locations listed on our website <u>https://leekdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/givehelp/donate-food/. We are also able to collect any large donations - please contact the Foodbank to arrange this.</u> If any of you would like to discuss anything relating to the Foodbank or arrange a visit, please contact me at <u>projectmanager@leekdistrict.foodbank.org.uk</u> or on 07916 005064. We continue to welcome corporate volunteers, school groups and individual volunteers, and we are always very happy to show people around and share with them the work we are doing.

#### NEXT COLLECTION at St Luke's and Connections: Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup>

# **FLOWER & CRAFT CLUB**

#### Wednesday, February 7th



#### in the Chapter House from 1pm to 3pm

If you would like to come and watch, have a cuppa and a chat or bring knitting, you would be very welcome too. Bring your own choice of flowers, foliage and container. Any suggestions for the Well Dressing Weekend Flower Festival will be welcome. I apologise for having to cancel the January meeting and look forward to seeing everyone.

Sue

# and OUR ART CLUB...

# Our next club meeting will be on a Saturday, date to be confirmed, from 10.00am to 12noon.

What a talented group of artists we have at Endon Art Group! We plan to put together an exhibition of work in time for Well Dressing Weekend.



Pencils, crayons and sketch pads are needed. Nicola demonstrates techniques for drawing still life and is very encouraging to those who feel they have no talent in this area!

A **£2** donation covers tea, coffee and biscuits. You don't need to come every time and can book on to sessions that interest you.

Further information about the Art and Flower & Craft Clubs please contact Sue Forrester on 07854 043187.

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#### Come follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad

# **Giving Up**

#### Jonathan Hill, Lichfield Diocese's Director of Finance contemplates an alternative understanding of 'giving up for Lent'...

We so easily misrepresent Lent as a miserable time of depriving ourselves – of giving up sweet treats or alcohol, other nice things and even joy. But it is really about reflecting Jesus' time in the desert in contemplation and resisting temptation, preparing himself for the years of his public ministry that were about to start.

It is a great time for each of us to reflect on our own ministries – we all have them, to family, friends and communities around us: some are very public as clergy and lay ministers, others very quiet through supporting neighbours or words of encouragement or praying for others.

It is often said that the last part of a person to be converted when they come to faith is their wallet, yet tales of generosity and advice on using whatever little wealth we have are the most common topics in the Bible. Some preachers vehemently call for each of us to give exactly ten percent of our income to support the local or global church; a number that comes from the Old Testament: others simply urge considered generosity, following the instruction of St Paul to the Corinthians – "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:6-7). The Church of England recommends giving 5% to the local parish and 5% to other Christian mission. What we each actually give is up to us, unknown to the vicar or PCC or anyone else.

What we do know is that our churches, despite the challenges of a secularising nation and reduced voluntary activity across the country, remain key to many communities providing practical and spiritual services. Many people who rarely enter the church value the presence of our buildings at various points in life. And keeping them open relies on the tithes of the faithful and the generosity of visitors. There is good news here – the average regular giver in the Church of England contributes about £15 each week. In Lichfield Diocese the figure is £11.15, not terrible in a diocese with significant pockets of deprivation and amazingly 7% up on pre-pandemic, pre-cost-of-living-crisis levels. And to those who remain faithful givers, both diocese and parishes are very grateful. However, the number of regular givers has fallen, meaning budgets in parishes generally are squeezed.

I find it hard to process the numbers and detailed spreadsheets without a cup of coffee in my hand, and enjoy buying from a well-known retailer on my way to work. But after a few scribbles on the back of a coffee cup, I realised that if I gave up one cup per week and gave its cost to my parish and every other giver did the same, we'd solve the cash-flow issues in our parishes at a stroke. I have resolved to do that with a direct debit through the Giving Direct scheme which sends funds directly to your chosen parish. So my challenge to you this lent is to review your generosity – to your parish church and elsewhere, and do as I have.

Jonathan Hill is Lichfield Diocese's Director of Finance. The diocese offers three ways that help people give to their parishes: through Giving Direct standing orders which ensure parish receives both the gift AND recouped Gift Aid within 14 days; through our Just Giving account; and for one-off gifts, the Donate Now scheme can be added to parish websites. More information at lichfield.anglican.org/receiving-donations-online.



# A Parliament of Rooks

Although February usually feels far from spring, it is the month when rooks usually start to build their nests, although sometimes they start in January. Many churchyards contain rookeries, situated within tall

deciduous trees and a great deal of fun can be had in watching the antics of the rooks. Rooks make their nests from small branches and twigs and can be seen flying in with suitable material but also pinching particularly nice ones from the neighbours! A winter storm can seriously disrupt this nest building activity and send them back to the beginning with a great deal of chatter and fuss.



Rookeries may contain a few nests or sometimes up to a thousand and, once established, a rookery may last for centuries in the same location. Rooks are sociable and as well as nesting together they often feed in groups, eating a wide variety of foods including invertebrates pulled from the soil by their large, strong beaks. They will also eat fruit, seeds, acorns and grain and can visit garden bird feeders, taking hold of them with their feet rather like a parrot. Mixed flocks of rooks and jackdaws can be seen flying around, calling prior to going to roost. The collective nouns for a group of rooks are a parliament, congregation or clamour!

Rooks and crows can appear quite similar until you look and listen closely. A rook has a domed forehead and greyish face, its leg feathers give it 'baggy trousers'. Crows are sleeker, tend to nest singly and are often seen in twos or threes but rarely in larger flocks. Both birds have a cawing call, but crows have a harsher note and tend to repeat the call three times, whilst rooks use a wider variety of sounds and pitches including some clicks and wheezing sounds. Rooks and crows belong to the Corvid family which also includes ravens, jays, magpies and choughs. Take a look at the Caring for God's Acre website for a Spotter's Guide to Corvids.

Please let us know if you have a rookery within your local churchyard or cemetery and take a moment to think how many generations of rooks may have nested there.

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 diomem22



# **NEW YEAR QUIZ ANSWERS**

Did you have a go at last month's quiz? Nearly all the answers are fairly common trees so I hope you managed to work out or have a good guess at most of them.

Here are the answers. Well done if you managed to get all or most correct!

1	Mixed up Kate	ТЕАК
2	Is going to be in debt	WILLOW
3	An ember or a request for silence	ASH
4	Found in Barrow and Jarrow	ROWAN
5	Who in France is mixed up with a rose that's not right?	SEQUOIA
6	Cared about	CEDAR
7	Studied timber at university I hear	REDWOOD
8	Popular without you	POPLAR
9	All right about an article	ОАК
10	A cry some altered	SYCAMORE
11	Sounds like the second person	YEW
12	Ample redistribution	MAPLE
13	I'm among the French	LIME
14	People from the north long for this	SCOTS PINE
15	Home changed with barn conversion	HORNBEAM
16	A pig among plenty	MAHOGANY
17	Instrument of chastisement from precious metal	SILVER BIRCH
18	Could be an aircraft	PLANE
19	Appear among bee changes	BEECH
20	A thousand follow the Spanish leader	ELM

# **BIBLE STUDIES / LENT COURSE**

**The next bible study will be on Wednesday 7th February** at Ros and James's home. Rev Philip will be preaching the Sunday before, and you will be able to ask him any questions arising from his sermon – "Quiz the Preach"!

These are opportunities to meet and discuss the bible readings on the sheet the previous Sunday. Keep your Readings Sheet and bring it with you. Meet at 19.30 at Claremont, St George's Avenue (home of James and Ros). *NB There will be no further Bible Study Groups until after Easter as we will be meeting weekly for the Lent Course.* 

Please see the Lent Diary on p3. If you need a lift or can offer a lift to someone please contact Rev Patricia.

# **February Prayer Focus**

- Those adversely affected by the recent storms, floods, doctors' strikes and rail strikes
- Thankfulness for the miracle of 379 passengers safely evacuated from the aircraft on fire in Japan
- Those seriously affected by the severe earthquake in Japan and those who sadly lost their lives in the small aircraft which collided with the passenger jet
- The families of all those whose loved ones have been murdered
- The families and friends of those shot dead or were badly injured in the shooting at Prague University
- The truly horrendous situation in Israel and Gaza and especially the hostages
- A permanent cease-fire and the release of all hostages and for desperately needed aid getting into Gaza
- Many thousands still experiencing dire living conditions and deep sadness having lost loved ones as a result of the recent severe flooding in Libya and the earthquake in Morocco as well as aid agencies trying desperately to help
- Inhabitants of the Hawaiian island Maui devastated by wild fires
- An end to the war in Ukraine and parts of Ukraine devastated by bombing and the people affected
- Climate change and the urgent need to combat its effects
- The serious consequences of shipments of grain being prevented from reaching their destinations, especially the African countries
- Those taken prisoner by the Russians
- Serious concerns about the growth of Artificial Intelligence and its influence on all our lives
- Safe passage for those caught up in the current fighting in Sudan and an end to the conflict
- King Charles III and all working members of our royal family
- The current threat from China and N Korea supporting Russia in the war in Ukraine
- All aid agencies and volunteer recovery teams
- The problems of AI and managing them
- Those seeking justice for women in Iran and regime change
- For those on low incomes in the light of the rise in energy bills
- Organisations striving to get aid into Afghanistan where women have been banned from working as aid workers
- The problem of people-trafficking across the Channel and those seeking asylum
- All hostages in Iran awaiting release especially Morad Tahbaz and Mehran Raoff
- The huge problem of loneliness
- Refugees in Yemen and the US border with Mexico
- Loved ones and all in our parish who are currently unwell
- Our church wardens and worship leaders during the interregnum
- The future of our benefice following more than 3 years of interregnum
- 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
- All who have lost loved ones recently
- The Trussell Trust food banks still needed as much as ever

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For the duration of the interregnum 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**, **January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024** 

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

### **CLEANER REQUIRED for ST LUKE'S**

For the last few months our church has had no official paid cleaner. We are very grateful to Sheila Hurst who has been quietly doing this job as a volunteer. However, we do need to appoint someone as soon as possible for 2 hours a week. The PCC is willing to pay £12.50 per hour. Please contact Barrie or Ros if you know someone who would be prepared to take this on.