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ODD RODE PARISH MAGAZINE

ALL SAINTS'



THE GOOD SHEPHERD



ST LUKE'S

Sept Oct Nov 2023

Parish Diary Dates for 2023

June

1st Monday in month Mothers Union @ Village Hall 2.pm

Warm Wednesdays 12.00-5.00pm @ The Good Shephard .

Meals served each Friday 2.00pm @ St Luke's

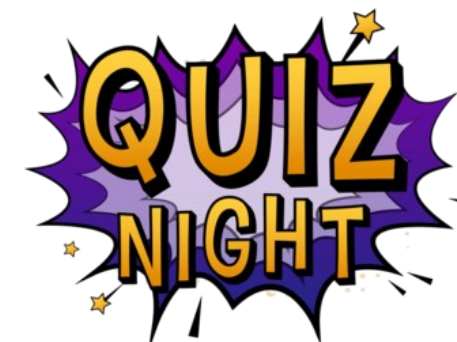
Parish Magazine schedule for 2023

Issue	Deadline to Editor	Distribution
December	12th November	December

All Saints' Church Yard

Please **Do not** put any slug pellets or use liquid sprays in this church yard! They are extremely harmful to the wild life

**The Good Shephard
20th October at 7pm**



With Sausage and Mash
Teams of Four £10 per person

The Good Shepherd

Autumn Fair

7th October 2023

From 12 until 14.00pm

Come join us at the Good Shepherd

To enjoy our Autumn Fair.

With home made cakes and refreshments

Arts & Crafts

Tombola

Raffle



From The Rectory

A Place for All

"There at the foot of yonder nodding beech
That wreathes its old fantastic roots so high..."

So wrote Thomas Gray in his *Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard* in words that put me in mind of the magnificent stump that stands proudly in the old section of our churchyard at Odd Rode. It is a reminder of the years of growth and change that the churchyard represents. Sadly, because of the danger posed by its instability, the tree needed to be felled some years ago but we were able to leave the stump and roots as a feature. Some of the wood from this tree formed the start of a stumpery which is home to a wide variety of insects and small creatures. As I stood in the churchyard a couple of weeks ago following a service of burial, waiting for family to finish their time of reflection by the graveside and conveying their respects and greetings to others gathered there, I had time to look more closely at our burial ground. The area which had not been mown was covered in wild purple flowers and there were also areas which are purposely left wild as a habitat for birds and other creatures such as frogs and hedgehogs. I was powerfully struck by the rich diversity but also the potential conflicts that such a miscellany invites. For example, the debate continues whether we should have lawn-like tidy churchyards or wilding areas which encourage life. Some would wish for it to be neatly trimmed whilst others would want it to be left to grow. There is no clear answer to this question and at Odd Rode we have opted for a compromise which might please all or which may please none.

This compromise is reflected also in the wide variety of tastes in memorials at both of our churchyards at All Saints and St Luke's because people's ways of working through grief are so different. This is reflected in the extensive biodiversity we seek to encourage in flora, insect life and animals which call our sacred plot home. Several times I have had to mediate between people with conflicting ideas about memorials and the management of them. On a number of occasions I have also needed to explain the benefits of 'wilding' on a rotational basis. It's never going to be possible for everyone to be happy all of the time, but with a little consideration for each other we can all get along fine. Compromise is the key, along with a responsible attitude towards each other and towards the broader life forms that seek their habitat in our churchyards.

The Good Shepherd

Power of the Mighty Pie



25th November 7pm

£13.00 per Person

Meat and Potato Pie or
Vegetable Pie

Homemade Stick Toffee Pudding



In a churchyard there can, I think, be no 'one size fits all'. That would be to disrespect our uniqueness and diversity as human beings; it would also disregard our responsibility to the wider creation and the potential that is in every churchyard to encourage life and the love of life to thrive.

There are, of course, some things that we may not wish to encourage. Recently slugs and the control of them have highlighted the conflict that exists. We encourage natural slug control methods (which are incidentally very effective) rather than the use of poisonous pellets which are a danger to other species which may ingest the slugs. Evidence of this has been found in the churchyard with dead hedgehogs and birds. Conflicting interests will always exist but can be managed if we take a thoughtful and respectful look at each other's needs alongside the benefits of using churchyards not just as burial grounds but also as areas where we can promote the co-existence with God's creation which is so important to the subsistence of life on our planet.

We do well, I think, to follow in the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi who reminded us that in honouring each other and the wider creation we honour our God, the Creator. He wrote: *All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia...Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness.*

Our churchyards at Odd Rode speak predominantly of life rather than death and thereby also speak clearly of the resurrection hope that we have in Christ.

The comfort that is derived from such a beautiful and tranquil space is to be enjoyed by all and not spoilt by the unthinking actions of a few. We need to look to the good of all – including animals and plants – if our churchyards and our world are to be a happy and thriving place where all can feel they are respected and loved.

Philip

AUTUM CANAL RAMBLINGS



The first strong winds of October carpeted the surface of the canal with a range of Autumnal colours, gold, red, greens and yellows, these leaves will eventually sink to the bottom of the water and create a vegetable soup which will feed a myriad of creatures which will then feed the fish which will then feed the Mink and the Otter. I have seen both of these animals along my stretch of the canal. The Mink is a non native species and will kill for the pleasure of it, I had wondered one year where all the moorhens had disappeared to on my stretch until one day I saw the Mink searching the vegetation along the edges of the canal, it became clear then what had happened to them. This year in spring an Otter surfaced and looked me straight in the eye before submerging again, I followed the ripples and disturbance in the water until it reached the lock gates, to go any further it had to come out of the water, this time I had splendid views as it ran along the edge of the weir before jumping into the overflow and carrying on its way. I have walked this stretch for eleven years and only seen an Otter once, lets hope its not another eleven years before I see another one, but it does show they are making a comeback. When I mention my sighting to other dog walkers they seem a bit sceptical, "are you sure it wasn't a rat" was one comment, "I've lived here for thirty years and never seen one" was another comment, maybe their eyes are not attuned to looking at the wildlife which surrounds them every day.

Monty (our dog) has been trained not to chase birds or animals that he sees along the canal towpath, this day a squirrel was on the towpath in front of Sue and Monty becoming more agitated as they approached, not having any trees on their side of the canal to make an escape into, it suddenly leapt into the water with a splash and began to furiously doggy paddle to the other side. to say they were both surprised is an understatement, none of us had heard of the this behaviour or witnessed it before.

It has been a bumper year for fruits and nuts, walk beneath an oak tree and the ground is covered with acorns, likewise with the beech trees the ground is covered with beech nuts, the Blackbirds love to forage in the leaf litter for insects. Rowan tree branches are bent double with the weight of the berries, winter visitors like Redwings and Fieldfares will have a feast waiting for them when they arrive from colder climes. Damson trees also produced a bumper crop which we took advantage of and picked around 12 pounds of berries. It has been a fairly typical Autumn so far, windy, rainy, a bit of sunshine but very mild up until now. Let us see what winter has in store for us and let us see what happens along our stretch of the canal. Until the next time, take care. Colin

Out of the mouths of babes by Margaret

In a mother's womb were two babies. One asked the other: "Do you believe in life after delivery?" The other replied, "Why, of course. There has to be something after delivery. Maybe we are here to prepare ourselves for what we will be later." "Nonsense" said the first. "There is no life after delivery. What kind of life would that be?"

The second said, "I don't know, but there will be more light than here. Maybe we will walk with our legs and eat from our mouths. Maybe we will have other senses that we can't understand now."

The first replied, "That is absurd. Walking is impossible. And eating with our mouths? Ridiculous! The umbilical cord supplies nutrition and everything we need. But the umbilical cord is so short. Life after delivery is to be logically excluded."

The second insisted, "Well I think there is something and maybe it's different than it is here. Maybe we won't need this physical cord anymore."

The first replied, "Nonsense. And moreover if there is life, then why has no one ever come back from there? Delivery is the end of life, and in the after-delivery there is nothing but darkness and silence and oblivion. It takes us nowhere." "Well, I don't know," said the second, "but certainly we will meet Mother and she will take care of us."

The first replied "Mother? You actually believe in Mother? That's laughable. If Mother exists then where is She now?"

The second said, "She is all around us. We are surrounded by her. We are of Her. It is in Her that we live. Without Her this world would not and could not exist." Said the first: "Well I don't see Her, so it is only logical that She doesn't exist."

To which the second replied, "Sometimes, when you're in silence and you focus and you really listen, you can perceive Her presence, and you can hear Her loving voice, calling down from above."

– a parable from Your Sacred Self by Dr. Wayne Dyer

ODD RODE MOTHERS' UNION

Summer 2023



The Mothers' Union outing in June took us to "The Piece Hall" in Halifax the West Riding of Yorkshire. The Hall has been described as a "rare and precious thing, an architectural and cultural phenomenon which is absolutely unique". It is the only remaining Georgian cloth hall in the world and dates from 1779 when it was built as a cloth hall for trading pieces of cloth (36 yards in length) of woollen fabric produced on a hand loom.

We enjoyed the outing immensely which included visits to the many boutique style shops selling a great selection of goods plus a variety of refreshments.

Rosemary and Nora won the quiz. WELL DONE.

13th June.

Several members went to Holmes Chapel branch for a delicious Strawberry Supper. We were PLEASED TO WIN THIS YEARS QUIZ. Joyce won a bottle of wine and everyone was given a bunch of Sweet William.

3rd July.

The branch attended a talk by Mr John Higgins, a retired Headteacher, whose subject was "There is more than cash in the attic". John had researched the area and quoted relevant and amusing stories about local artefacts discovered in attics. The talk was entertaining and fascinating and enjoyed by all.

ODD RODE MOTHERS' UNION Continued-



Saturday 12th August Afternoon Tea.

Mothers' Union members served afternoon tea at All Saints' Church. The food was wonderful and so were those who prepared it and set tables etc. A variety of stalls were set out and organised by another team of hard working individuals. Peppa Pig competition was won by Jacky and Bubbles by Susan Potts. Janet our Treasurer needed two pairs of hands dealing with the speed at which visitors were coming in. The afternoon was in support of "THE SUMMER OF HOPE APPEAL". Helping needy children with Educational materials food and clothing whenever the need arises.

The total to date is approx. £1600. Well done everyone who contributed to this super day . A big THANK YOU to all helpers, members and friends especially to Janet B for all the effort she makes on our behalf whatever the event.

Monday 4th September Scholar Green Village Hall at 2-00p.m.

An inhouse meeting "Special Memories" where several members will share special moments or events in their lives. These moments may be sad or joyful. We aim to make the meeting interesting.

Monday October 2nd at 2-00p.m.

Rev Kate Pwaisiho ordained on 1st July will take to us about Mothers' Union in the Soloman Islands. Kate is the youngest child of Bishop William Pwaisiho whom we have met several times at Branch meetings. Kate is a very entertaining and able speaker. Visitors are welcome.

Monday 6th November at 2-0p.m.

The meeting will be organised by members interested in aspects of Art-Work. A practical aspect will be included and several members will bring examples of their work.

Please let me know if you would like to contribute. All are welcome.

BARBARA .
Branch Leader

Angela J Hurst DipCFHP MPSPract

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St Luke's Church and Community Group

St Luke's journey continues to follow a creative pathway with the church playing an active role within the community. There is an established pattern of worship with a lay led service on the second Sunday of the month and a Eucharist service on the fourth Sunday.

Pupils and staff of the church and Woodcocks' Well School help to lead the service held on the second Sunday which includes craft activities for the children. Having children and their families in our church continues to enrich our worship and it is proving to be a successful initiative.

The community action group which was formed from members of the congregation, the headteacher and staff representative of the school and members of the community continue to meet and reflect together and make suggestions of how we can grow.

Alison's Friday Community Meal is an enjoyable occasion for people of all ages. She plans, cooks and serves a two course meal every Friday at 2pm This is free of charge to support people who are struggling financially but there are some regular supporters who make donations. It provides a warm place to chat and on occasion they have had visiting speakers and musicians.

Alison has also established the collection of food to open a food bank which offers support to individuals and families in need. This is an asset in the community. On the 23rd August there will be a coach trip to Llandudno for people attending the various community groups to have a fun day out.

The choir continues to meet every Tuesday evening in church and now has forty members. Emma does a magnificent job of training the choir and choosing a varied programme that suit the divergent personalities of the choir and their supporters. They have continued to visit a number of care groups to provide entertainment for the residents and are at present rehearsing for a concert to be held in church. Amazing Group!!!

The Mums and Toddlers group now have an established group of volunteers who offer stimulating sessions for babies and young children. The activities follow a thematic approach and include activities such as Forest School Days, Teddy Bears Picnic and a day at the seaside. The group has established links with the Community Garden Group in Mount Pleasant with Jennifer volunteering in both groups.

Thanks to everyone who has played a part in this journey, no matter how small and we look forward to your continued support and prayers.

So Much Love from Pam and all St Luke's Church Congregation.

Everybody at St Luke's

Lawton Memorial Hall Gala Day

Saturday 7 October 2023

To Celebrate Hall's 70 years Supporting the Community

Lawton Memorial Hall will celebrate 70 years since its opening in October 1953 in style.

Volunteers are busy planning an exciting day with events for the whole family to mark this special day. The Open Day will feature demonstrations and taster sessions from its regular users, activities to take part in, competitions, opportunities to find out more about the hall and its history – there will be plenty to see and do. The fun will continue in the evening with a Gala Evening of entertainment and enjoyment led by Andy Lloyd.

The hall was built following extensive fund raising by local people as a special memorial to all those who lost their lives in the two World Wars. It was a heroic and heartfelt project to remember those who had not returned following the conflicts, providing a meeting and gathering place for the 'benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Church Lawton'. The original Lease and Trust deed, dated 30th July 1953, stated that the premises 'shall be held upon trust for the purposes of physical and mental training and social moral and intellectual development'.

In the 1990's, the original wooden structure of the hall was deemed unsafe and again local people stepped in to raise funds to rebuild the hall with modern facilities and meeting rooms. In 2023, Church Lawton Parish Council took over as the sole trustee. It has survived the challenges of the pandemic and with the support of a dedicated group of volunteers, it is set to continue to provide an important facility for the community.

It is now used every day or the week to provide something for everyone – Little Athletes, Body Control Pilates, Clubbersize, Line Dancing, Discover Dancing and Indoor Bowling as well as Afternoon Tea Dances and Keystone Support Centre. The Parish Council meet there and the PCSO holds regular surgeries there too. It is also available for private hire for weddings, family celebrations, parties, conferences and other events.

Table Top Sales are in the diary for the Autumn and events for Christmas and into 2024 are being planned.

The **Open Day** will start at 12.00 and continue through the afternoon to 4.00pm. Entry and refreshments will be free. Tickets for the **Gala Evening** will go on sale shortly.

Thanks for the Memories

Have you got special memories of Lawton Memorial Hall that you could share, or any photographs that we could copy and display? We'd love to hear from you!

- Did you have your wedding reception at the Hall?
- Do you remember the original hall?

Have you stories about it?

- Do you remember seeing in the New Year at the Hall?

Or come along on the day and share your memories



NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS'

HARVEST TIME at ODD RODE

In a rural parish Harvest time is always a special celebration every year. Harvest Thanksgiving will be celebrated at All Saints' on Sunday 1st October at 10.30am with our three churches joining together for our Parish special Thanksgiving Service. There are lovely hymns of praise and thankfulness for the crops being safely gathered in and prayers of thanks for the many Farmers who work so hard growing their crops, taking care of their fields, pastures, and their animals. The congregations bring their harvest gifts to the service and children bring their harvest baskets, they are all donated to Alsager food bank the next day. Do come along and enjoy this lovely service.

Grace and John

Jean Bowers has also informed us that there is a great need for 'protein' products; tinned meat, ham, fish; these are meal makers. Also, toiletries are needed. All your gifts will be very appreciated.

Poppies for November



It will soon be poppy time would anyone willing to be part of a team to help create poppies of all types for display in All Saints' Church please contact Jean Colesby mag Editor.

For the knitters have included a Pattern

For the best finish, knit with a Double Knit (DK yarn). The size of needle you choose will determine how big the poppy will be, but we recommend 3.5mm or 3.75mm (UK9). Garter/knit stitch pattern Colour A Red (one ball will make a lot of poppies!) Colour B Scrap of black or black button
Body of Poppy Using Col A cast on 120 stitches Rows 1-4 knit Row 5 knit 3 stitches together across the row (40 stitches) Rows 6-9 knit Row 10 knit 2 stitches together across the row (20 stitches) Rows 11-14 knit Row 15 knit 2 stitches together across the row (10 stitches) Cut yarn leaving a tail of about 20cm. Thread tail through yarn needle and slip all the remaining live stitches onto the yarn tail and pull tight. Pull around into a circle and then mattress stitch (or use whatever stitching you normally use) to seam for an invisible seam. Centre of Poppy Using Col B, cast on 16 stitches. Cast off. Coil into a tight spiral and sew base to the centre. Or use a black or green button with 4 holes and sew to center of poppy. Add pin.



Normal Pattern for Worship

Monthly Services at Odd Rode

First Sunday

9am Eucharist at The Good Shepherd, Rode Heath
10.30am Eucharist at All Saints, Odd Rode

Second Sunday

9am Eucharist at The Good Shepherd, Rode Heath
10.30am Eucharist at All Saints, Odd Rode
10.30am Family Service (lay-led) at St Luke's, Mow Cop

Third Sunday

9am Eucharist at The Good Shepherd, Rode Heath
10.30am Eucharist at All Saints, Odd Rode
10.30am Family Worship at St Luke's, Mow Cop

Fourth Sunday

9am Eucharist at The Good Shepherd, Rode Heath
10.30am Eucharist at All Saints, Odd Rode
10.30am Eucharist at St Luke's, Mow Cop

Fifth Sunday

10.30am Parish Eucharist at one of the three churches. Ring the Rector or Churchwardens for details.

Every Wednesday there is a Eucharist at The Good Shepherd, Rode Heath at 11am

Mattins at All Saints'

September 17th

*For up to date information check the parish website
www.oddropdeparish.org*

NEWS FROM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Future Events for your Diary

Friday 1st Sept – Staffordshire Night – 6.30 for 7pm start

Sunday 10th Sept – Harvest Thanksgiving Service (in support of Foodbank)

Sunday 17th Sept – Songs of Praise Service – **10.30a.m.**

(Make sure you have filled in a form from Gerry to choose your favourite hymn.)

Saturday 7th Oct – Autumn Fair -12 to 2pm – Refreshments served in the schoolroom

Friday 20th Oct – Quiz Night with Sausage and Mash Meal 6.30 for 7pm start

Saturday 25th Nov – Pie Night – 6.30 for 7pm start

Saturday 2nd Dec – Christmas Bingo at Rode Heath Village Hall

1.30 for 2pm start (£1 entry – tea and biscuits at interval)

Sunday 3rd Dec – Toy Service – 9am Eucharist Advent Service – 4pm

Everyone is welcome to come along and join us.

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NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS' continued-

Notice

Art Exhibition

Saturday 2nd September 2023

10.30am to 4.00pm

Sunday 3rd 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Local Artists

Kay Bayliss

And

Yvonne Szkwara



Admission Free
Refreshments available

Farmers market days

(Rode Hall)

1st Saturday of the month

Refreshments are served in All Saints' Church

10.30-1.30pm unless there is a wedding

If you would like to help at these times please contact

Grace or Barbara

Thank You



HOW DID IT GO?.....

Bangers and Mash Quiz Night – May – raised £400

Strawberry Fair – June – raised £518

Italian Evening – July – raised £350

The money from these events went mostly to the repair of the bell which stopped ringing following the death of Queen Elizabeth. We would like to give a big THANK YOU to everyone who supported us so well.

COLOURFUL CRAFTERS BRIGHTEN UP THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Following the wonderful Easter decorations on the church fence, our talented crafters used their skills to repeat the project using beautiful knitted and crocheted Summer flowers. This enhances the work that can be seen throughout the village.

We look forward to their next display for Autumn. Thank you so much ladies.



In the next issues of the magazine, it is intended to examine the urgent topic of CLIMATE CHANGE and how recent world-wide events should shape our policy over the next months!!

COMPARITIVE SOURCES OF CARBON DIOXIDE IN THE ELECTRICITY ENERGY

INDUSTRY WITH REFERENCE TO THE NATIONAL GRID

1 BACKGROUND

The National Grid is responsible for the safe, secure, transmission of **electricity** from the power sources eg nuclear power station, to the local electrical power distribution systems eg Scottish Power Energy Systems (SPES) which is the local Distribution Network Operator (DNO) that supplies South Cheshire.

The voltage of the power sources which feed the grid varies from 10-30kv. Using local switching stations, this is increased to a much higher voltage. The highest voltage within the National Grid is 400Kv and this is adopted to reduce energy losses in transmission. The smaller the electric current, the lower the energy losses. The voltage received from the National Grid by the SPES is 11kv, via their DNO distribution sub-station. They supply electricity to homes at a voltage of 230v (previously 240v)

2 THE EFFECT OF DIFFERENT ELECTRIC POWER SOURCES ON THE CO2 EMISSIONS

The electric power sources which **feed in to** the National Grid are examined by order of CO2 pollution. In 2008, the average CO2 emissions were 510 gCO2 /kwh but by 2020 (start of Covid restriction), this figure had dropped to 181gCO2/kwh due to the fierce industrial shutdown. By 2022, this figure had been held to 182 gCO2/kwh due to greener sources coming on line.

SOURCE OF CO2 (Ref.1)	CO2 EMISSION RATE(gCO2/kwh)#
Coal fired power station*	1001
Natural gas turbine power plant	469
Biomass plant eg wood chips and pellets	230
Solar panels	46
Geothermal	45
Nuclear power stations	16
Wind (onshore)	12
Large scale hydro (Scottish dams with water turbines)	4

grams of carbon dioxide per kilowatt-hour of electricity produced

- NB Coal fired plant will be phased out by Oct.2024

To be Continued next addition