

The Parish Church of St Elizabeth's Ashley

Newsletter No 8: July 2021



Welcome to the July edition of St Elizabeth's newsletter. Please note, the PCC meeting will be taking place on the 18th July after the Holy Communion service.

Baptism at St Elizabeth's



We had a wonderful Sunday on the 13th of June when Delilah Washington, aged 13, and Raphael Washington, aged 11, were baptised here. Giselle, the Curate, had been to visit them prior to the service where they shared their faith and aspirations as Christians and their future plans. They made the decision themselves to be baptised with us which was all the more poignant because they had attended St Elizabeth's with their Great Grandmother, Jean Dolan. Jean was a very popular barmaid at the Greyhound pub in Ashley and had always been involved with St Elizabeth's. Jim Clarke, who read one of the readings, spoke of how Jean had been one the first

people in the village to make him welcome. Delilah and Raphael were able to chose their own Godparents who all came to support them on the day. They also chose all the hymns for the service (there was an amusing moment at the end when Rev'd Giselle was asked without prior notice to sing a solo)! Rev'd Giselle presented them with two shells; a representation of the Christian journey they had now embarked on. Overall, it was a very special morning where the Spirit moved bringing many blessings and laughter to all those present.

Community Café Project

Starting on the 4th of July after St Elizabeth's community service, on the first Sunday of every month, Jim and Ali and a few of the St Elizabeth's folk will be running a community café from 12pm to 4pm to raise funds to support people living in poverty. They will be serving Fresh Coffee, Tea and Cakes + Milkshakes from Ashley's very own Davies Dairy; it is Moolicious! To give you a bit of background, Jim and Ali run a company in Manchester and as part of the companies outreach, they have recently set up a café in Oldham to support people who have faced significant life challenges such as poverty, youth unemployment or prison.

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This includes the café as well as a food bank called 'Food 4 Thought' which they run from a local church (Elim Foundation of Hope) working with shelters in Oldham. As well as Ashley Café supporting these projects and building community around the church, 25% of profits will also go to the St Elizabeth's Church.

Everyone is of course very welcome and your support will be hugely appreciated.

Rose Queen

Just a reminder that on the 18th September, the Ashley Rose Queen at St Elizabeth's is taking place. If you would like to be involved in any way, please do get in touch. We need cakes, chocolates and wine for tombola and raffle prizes! If your child would like to be in the procession, please let Catherine Jones know as soon as possible on jonescatherine492@gmail.com.

Loose Change Postponed

In the light of the continuing COVID restrictions, understandably yet disappointingly, we have had to cancel the much anticipated return of *Loose Change* in July. Hopefully the band will be able to return in the Autumn, but as of yet, there has not been a new date arranged. Watch this space!

Churches Together Services

Evening Services @ 6.30pm

August 1 st	All Saints Hale Barns
August 8 th	Altrincham Baptist Church
August 15 th	Holy Angels RC
August 22 nd	URC
August 29 th	Hale Methodist

St Elizabeth's Services

Date & Time of Service	Clergy/Minister	Bible Readings & Readers	Intercessors	Preach	Music
Sunday 4th July @ 11am Community Service	Rev'd Giselle Rusted	Ezekiel 2: 1-5 Mark 6: 1-13 Peter Hardern	Richard Batty	Rev'd Giselle Rusted	John Erlam
Sunday 11th July @ 11am Service of the Word	John Moss	Amos 7: 7-15 Mark 6: 14-29 Peter Hardern	Mike Rusted	John Moss	Keith Munday
Sunday 18th July @ 11am Holy Communion (followed by PCC)	Keith Hine	Jeremiah 23: 1-6 Mark 6: 30-34, 53-end Richard Batty & Alice	Allesandra Pompili	Keith Hine	John Erlam
Sunday 25th July @ 11am Holy Communion	Rev'd Kaz Stanton	Acts 11: 27-12.2 Matthew 20: 20-28 Jim Clarke	Jim Clarke	Chris Graham	Keith Munday

For your prayers

If you would like us to pray for anyone, please contact the Parish Office, Church Wardens or Vicar.

Unwell We ask God's healing for:

Kevin Gregory