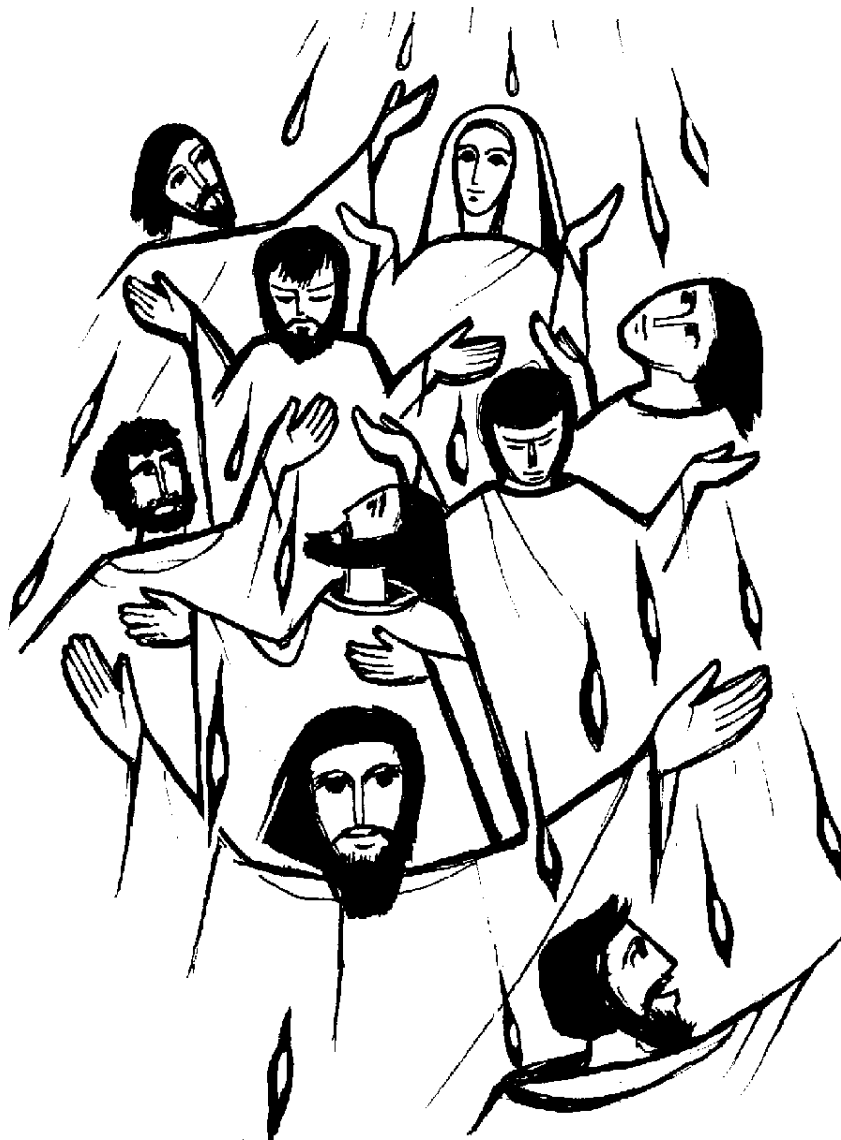


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Reflection.....

A very wise priest once said to me that a rector only needs to do three things:

1. Eat
2. Sleep
3. Be occupied with the things that God is occupied with

Well, as your new rector I can assure you that the first two will probably not be a problem (as long as I resist my temptation to watch horror films too late into the evening!). But, the third one... That's a little more difficult. How on earth would I even begin to do that?

Of course (and you know this already) these are not just the tasks of the rector, or of the clergy, but of the whole people of God. So how might *we* together be occupied with what God is occupied with? How might we find out what God is doing and join in?

In scripture, I think the place to look is Jesus's manifesto in Luke 4. This is one of the clearest examples of God explaining exactly what God's mission is in the world. It is to give good news to the poor, free people from the things that bind and oppress them, open the eyes of the blind and proclaim God's kingdom of peace and justice.

That's quite a lot though, isn't it? I think if I were to do a little bit of just one of those it would be a life's work. So where should we start?

The writer and theologian Jim Wallis says we should ask ourselves what in the world today most breaks your heart and offends your sense of justice, and try to do something about that, and join with

others who are doing the same.

For me I think the thing that I long for the most is that everyone might know how loved they are by God, and believe his promises – that they are a child of God, made in God's image, forgiven, loved and free, and capable of the most extraordinary acts of generosity and kindness.

What is it for you?

Of course, this is not to say that all the holy work we do is lofty and heroic. Loving as Christ loves isn't a grand strategy with a known outcome, it is patient, faithful, steadfast and self-giving. The glory of God's kingdom can truly be glimpsed in the making of tea, the tending of graves, the typing of emails and the tidying up of craft materials.

We all have holy work to do, and much of it I hope we will do together in these coming weeks, months and years, by the grace of God.

Best wishes - Abbie

Rev'd Dr Abbie Walsh

Rector of St Michael and St Mary Lichfield
and St John Wall

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MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

TEA AND CAKE

TUESDAY 17 MAY



Thank you to all those who attended for what was a very enjoyable afternoon.

We have 33 distributors [200 magazines] of whom 18 attended. Most have had a connection with the Benefice for many years, so there was a meeting of old friends and plenty of lively chat! For me, it was nice to match faces to names!

Each distributor was asked to introduce themselves and give a brief summary of their association with the Benefice and where they deliver their magazines.

An impromptu and interesting discussion ensued concerning our outreach and how we engage with all the new housing development in Lichfield.

It was agreed that the afternoon had been very successful and it is hoped there will be another event towards the end of the year.

My personal thanks to the brilliant cake makers, servers and wash up persons! I could not have done it without you!

Liz Clarke



Pentecost

The Day of Pentecost marks fifty days since Easter Day and brings the Easter season to an end. It is a major feast of the Church's year when Christians recall how God's Holy Spirit was given to the disciples after Jesus' ascension, empowering them to begin the work of making disciples of all nations.

Pentecost (which comes from the Greek word for 'fiftieth') has its roots in the Jewish Feast of Weeks.

Jesus had promised his followers that, although they would not see him after his Ascension, they would receive the Holy Spirit to guide and inspire them.

The Acts of the Apostles describes how the crowds gathered in Jerusalem – representing many nationalities and speaking many languages – were able to hear the disciples preaching in their own language.

'When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.'

Acts 2, Chapter 2

The colour most often associated with Pentecost is red, representing the tongues of fire which the Acts of the Apostles describes appearing above the heads of the disciples as a sign that they had received the Holy Spirit.

With its focus on God's Spirit being poured out on believers, Pentecost is one of the most popular days for baptisms and confirmations in the Church's year.



<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/pentecost>

CHOIR CONCERT

Wednesday 15th
June at 6.30pm
at St Michael's
Church



It will include superb performances
from the robed choir , music group
and soloists from church.

We hope to have some
refreshments afterwards.

LARGE COPIES of the magazine are available on request

Deadlines!

For June Magazine: Deadline is

SUNDAY 12th June

Contact David Shiel

shielfamily@gmail.com

Pew Sheet:

every Thursday 7:30am

Contact Parish Office

CHILDREN'S SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Family Praise

Sunday 5th June
10am St Michael's



First Steps



Monday 6th June
10am St Michael's

Come and join us at our ...

MESSY CHURCH

for craft, story, song and food on



SUNDAY 7th June

4.30 – 5.45pm

in St Michael's Church

Ages 0-11 yrs. welcome

INSTITUTION OF OUR NEW RECTOR

St Michael's pews filled on Sunday 15th May as we welcomed Abbie for her institution as our new Rector. The Rev. Dr. Abbie Walsh is the 15th Rector of St. Michael's since the position was first created in 1867, and the first woman to hold the post. Abbie, of course, is now also Rector of our sister church in the Benefice: St. John's, Wall.

We were very pleased to welcome the Rt. Rev. Michael Ingrave, Bishop of Lichfield who conducted the service of Eucharist and Induction supported by the Archdeacon and other clergy.

Bishop Michael gave his thanks to those who have sustained the Benefice during the interregnum. It had not been an inactive period, he said, and he looks forward to this new chapter in the Benefice.

The Archdeacon conducted the Declaration and Oaths, leading to the installation of Abbie. As always, the music and choir of St. Michael's excelled. How wonderful for us all, post Covid, again to be singing the hymns and the responses.

The Deanery Lay Chair, Sue Jones for the churchwardens, Helen Robertson of St. Michael's School, the Clergy Chair of Churches Together, our Mayor Mr. Robert Yardley and representatives of the Foodbank and the Pathway Project all welcomed Abbie.

After the service the congregation enjoyed a wide buffet selection out under gazebos in the churchyard, organized by the Mothers' Union. All in all a joyful day.

*Bishop Michael Ipgrave
and Revd Dr Abigail
Walsh*



*The formal induction where
Abbie was shown to the main
entrance, went up into the bell
tower to toll the bell to
announce her arrival in the
parish to the community and
then she was taken to her stall
in the Chancel.*



*And finally, the social gathering
afterwards, a chance for Abbie to
meet some of her congregation
members.*



People of the Way

Published: 1st May 2022



On a beautiful sunny day in late April, a small group of pilgrims gathered at St. Winefride's Well, Holywell as we began our pilgrimage journey from Holywell to Shrewsbury. We were welcomed by the local clergy, who prayed with us and blessed us on our way, and by the Guardian of the Well Shrine who shared the history of this holy place, visited by thousands of pilgrims every year. (Read more of the account of St. Winefride's dedication and faithful following of God's call on her life, and further details of the pilgrimage, on our diocesan website, at <https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/the-st-winefride-trail.php>)

During the first two days of our pilgrimage I was struck by the generous hospitality and prayerful support of the churches that welcomed us during our journey. It has been so encouraging to hear the good news of God at work through the faithful and creative witness of these communities of faith, often serving a wide geographical area of isolated rural communities.

In the New Testament we see the Greek word for 'hospitality' used, which literally translates as 'love for strangers'. It is clear in the bible that there is an understanding that showing hospitality changes all those involved in the act: those receiving hospitality, and those offering are no longer strangers. This has certainly been my experience of the hospitality shown by our host churches - we are no longer strangers but pilgrims together as we follow Jesus.

I have also been deeply moved by the generosity of my companion pilgrims in supporting one another along the way. To journey together requires a significant measure of honesty, openness and vulnerability as we celebrate the joy of the journey, appreciate wonderful mountain views, the warmth of Christian fellowship, prayer together and a deepening of our faith. But also in acknowledging when we are tired or are finding a particular section of the journey especially challenging, in listening carefully as people share of themselves and their personal journey of faith and in sharing life together as community.

As beloved children of our loving God and followers of Jesus, we are all called to demonstrate the extravagant love of God in acts of generous hospitality of the heart as we walk the journey of faith and life together. St. Winefride's story is one of restoration, transformation, healing and blessing. I hope that you will join us in giving thanks for this remarkable life of faith and in sharing the good news of God's love, shown to us in Jesus, as we reach out into the communities we serve.

+ Sarah Shrewsbury



Queen's Jubilee Events at Lichfield Cathedral.

Lichfield Cathedral has unveiled a programme of events to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

A special beacon will be lit, while the building itself will also be illuminated in red, white and blue during the celebrations weekend.

There will also be a performance of Song of the Commonwealth by the Lichfield Cathedral Jubilee Choir, while a piper and bugler will also play over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Finishing off the celebrations will be a special Choral Eucharist 10.30am on 5th June.

People visiting are also asked to donate to help those less fortunate, with collections being accepted on behalf of Lichfield Foodbank.

The Very Rev'd Adrian Dorber, Dean of Lichfield, said:

“On this joyous occasion, as we all celebrate in our own ways, it should be at the forefront of minds that there are thousands of households in the UK who are struggling to put food on the table.

“We are asking that all Lichfeldians, as they make their preparations for the extended bank holiday weekend, to consider making a donation to Lichfield Foodbank.”

A donation point is available at Lichfield Cathedral every day, but a dedicated ‘Big Jubilee Lunch’ donation area will be in place from 28th May until 3rd June.

For more details about what items of food are being requested for donation please visit .

<https://www.lichfield-cathedral.org/news/news/post/560-queens-platinum-jubilee>



UNITED BENEFICE WALKING GROUP

There is no walk planned for June because the next walk, being led by Ray Allen, is being held on **Saturday 2nd July.**

beneficewalkinggroup@gmail.com



St. Michael's Churchyard Working Party

The Crab apple trees alongside the path from the Church Door to the Main Churchyard Entrance have flowered beautifully this year. I was also pleased to see that there was a large amount of pink blossom on the young crab apple trees. We have been planting these trees periodically over the last 4 years, replacing any mature trees that have died and filling in gaps. 9 of the 10 trees planted have flowered well and we hope fruit will be produced in this and future years.



Blossom on a young crab apple tree.



The plants in the Herb Garden, established in May, 2021, are also growing well. Most plants survived the winter. We now have over 20 herbs, and a few more that are wild and have just seeded themselves in there. To see the herb garden, go to the outside tap, walk for a few yards and the herb garden is on your left.

Borage growing in the herb garden.

Our beautiful Easter Garden has now been in the Churchyard for 15 years. In 2007 Christine and John Polhill decided it would be good to have a permanent Easter Garden. They planned to use large boulders which were obtained from a quarry near Cannock. **Tippers** collected the rocks and brought them to the Churchyard where they were fixed into position. A "Pyramid Construction Style" system, using wooden planks as levers, enabled the top rock to be lifted on to the others

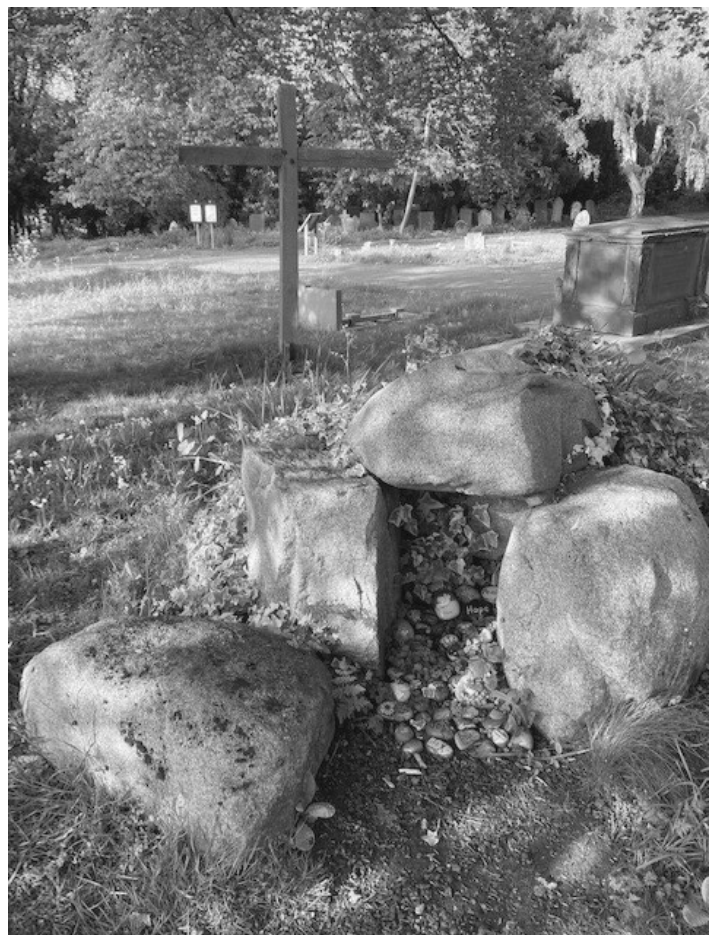


*Some of the many primroses
near the Easter Garden.*

creating the Empty Tomb effect. The wood for the cross is oak and was supplied by a timber merchant near Tamworth. The Easter Garden has been an excellent addition to the Churchyard. It has been looking splendid this year with a variety of Spring Flowers and a meadow of primroses on the entire "island." Many thanks to Christine and John for their vision and making the Easter garden a reality. Do have a close look at it next time you are in the Churchyard.

The Churchyard Working Party will be meeting on **Saturday June 25th.**, from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. We will be doing essential Summer maintenance work, including weeding the Tower Beds and Herb Garden and checking as many parts of the Churchyard as we are able, doing any work that is required. Please join us if you can. You will be made very welcome.

Ray Allen 251654



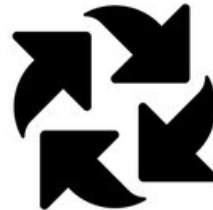
The Easter Garden in all its beauty.

ECO AWARD

GOING FOR SILVER



REDUCE



REUSE



RECYCLE

St Michael's Church has achieved the Bronze award but now it is time to work towards achieving the Silver award.

The areas that we are asked questions about are

- Worship and Teaching
- Buildings
- Land
- Community and Global Engagement
- Lifestyle

I am trying to do my bit towards this in the office, using recycled paper whenever I can.

I reuse scrap paper as much as I can and I try to leave scrap paper piles around so that if anyone needs to leave a message for me there is recycled paper to write on rather than using the new paper from the shelves or single use post it notes (which I am trying to phase out using if I can).

I am reducing the amount of paper that we use by keeping more records digitally rather than on paper. Invoices are now sent digitally whenever possible.

I hope to recycle paper waste from the office via the new blue bag system that has been introduced in my area recently, but this is very

new and I don't know how much I'll be able to fit in my bag. We'll have to wait and see how successful I am that.

The wardens asked me to order eco friendly products whenever possible and this includes the cleaning products in the kitchen and that the cleaner uses on Thursdays.

We order large 5 litre bottles of fluids so that smaller bottles can be refilled and hopefully the larger 5 litre bottles will also be able to be refilled in future too, so please don't throw away the larger bottles, just leave them on the kitchen windowsill for us please.

We have also bought a coconut fibre pan scourer which is a simple swap from regular plastic sponges.

- 100% biodegradable
- Plastic free
- Home compostable

The company that I bought these from promises that a tree is planted for every pack sold. I shop at Peace



With the Wild but there are now loads of companies offering eco friendly alternative products.

We can all do our bit for the environment and to help church achieve the Silver award to find out more about the questions on the survey visit

<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/how-eco-church-works/>

Angie King

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Diocese of Lichfield

St Michael's MU Report

In April Margaret Hawksworth led our service during which we prayed for our link dioceses and also for the people of Ukraine. In our thoughts we held Barbara Homewood and Chris Kirk who had died earlier this year. Three of us had attended the burial of Chris' ashes shortly before our meeting, joining Reg's and most appropriately within sight of their home. We also thought of Caroline Green whose memorial service will be later this year.

In May we were able to join with other M.U. groups in the Deanery for a service at St. John's Chase Terrace. It has been so long since Covid restrictions forced us to keep apart.

In June we expect a visit from a representative of the Salvation Army in Cannock and will probably also have an outing.

Now I must get to the kitchen and bake. In 3 days time we will have a new Rector and it will be a great occasion for us all and like all great occasions at St. Michaels much cake will be needed. Join Mother's Union and make cake.

Betty Lyne

SEVENTY YEARS of MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Mothers' Union is grateful for the patronage and witness of Queen Elizabeth II over the years. So much has changed during this time! We give thanks for her 70 years of service and support, as well as celebrating just some of the ways in which we have been able to make a difference to families and communities worldwide.

Mothers' Union taking action across the world

1953 Delegation sent to UK Home Secretary, urging reform of Solicitation Laws

1965 *Away From It All* (AFIA) holiday scheme for disadvantaged families launches in the UK

(see below)

1975 *Message Home* starts in Liverpool (see July magazine)

1995 MU representatives attend NGHO Forum at fourth UN Conference on women in Beijing

1997 *Supporting Children and Families affected by imprisonment* SCIP begins

2000 As part of the Jubilee 2000 campaign, provincial presidents urge Japan to take the lead on debt relief at the G8 summit

2000 MU is given consultative status within the Economic & Social Council of the United Nations on issues such as poverty, gender equality, and HIV and AIDS – every year since, a delegation from MU has attended the United Nations' *Commission on the Status*

of Women (CSW)

- 2005** We join the Jubilee Debt campaign calling for debt relief for the world's poorest countries
- 2010** Our *Bye Buy Childhood* campaign calls on the UK government to ensure that the advertising and marketing industry value children as children and stop exploiting their natural inexperience to pressure their parents
- 2011** CEO of MU leads an independent review *Letting children be children* on the commercialisation and sexualisation of childhood in the UK
- 2017** MU presents petition to UK Parliament around access to child credit for domestic abuse survivors
- 2018** MU contributes towards UK government consultation on relationships and education
- 2020** MU advocates for changes to the draft Domestic Abuse Bill in the UK, in particular calling for support for survivors with insecure immigration status and protection for children
- 2021** Our Worldwide President is appointed as representative of the archbishop in *Religions for Peace*, the world's largest and most representative multi-religious coalition
- "Your long history tells us that circumstances may change, but the needs of human beings, households and families do not."**
Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, MU 140th Anniversary Service 2016

ABOVE AND BEYOND

Since 1965, Mothers' Union has run the 'Away From It All' (AFIA) programme of experiences and holidays across Britain and Ireland, helping many families rebuild relationships. This provided a framework for our Thank You Key Workers Appeal.

The Covid-19 pandemic impacted everyone. However, an army of individuals kept us all going – from shop workers to care workers, refuse collectors to bus drivers, nurses to delivery drivers. Without them our lockdowns would have been much harder. They ensured we were as safe as possible, often putting themselves at risk in the process.

Our Thank You Key Workers Appeal recognises those who have gone above and beyond to help others, as well as families already facing challenges of low income, health, disability or strained relationships, exacerbated by the pandemic. We held a money raising appeal, received some gifts in kind and a grant of £20,000 from the Community of St Andrew Trust. This helped us support 300 families affected by the pandemic and over 800 individuals.

The project contributed towards 126 families (526 people) having a short break in 2021. This took place in partnership with 10 dioceses – Llandaff, Exeter, Chichester, Durham, Sheffield, Southwark, Southwell, and Notts, Peterborough, Birmingham and Leicester.

‘It made such a difference to us having a week away and recharging our batteries. It was a well-deserved break that helped us as a family.’ (Llandaff)

‘Our Away from it all break was wonderful, a much-needed chance to relax and recharge. Without the MU we would not have been able to get away for a break like this’ (Peterborough).

‘Thank you so much for this opportunity to be able to take my two children away on a fun holiday. They are registered as young carers due to my health condition, so it was so lovely to be able to watch them be so carefree.’ (Salisbury)

We also provided 274 gift packs to families around Britain and Ireland. These included games and other activities to help build family relationships, plus shopping vouchers. ‘My kids were so happy when they saw the gifts...I spent the gift voucher to buy school shoes for my little one and a school shirt for my second daughter.’ (Southwark)

News from the Hawksworth Family in China:

April was a pretty quiet month for us here in Chengdu. Given the situation in Shanghai and Beijing, there were whispers of a local lockdown here in Chengdu. We had a spike in cases at the beginning of the month, however this turned out to be people who were quarantining and not actually people infected with Covid! We continue to monitor the situation daily and have weekly covid tests. This is the norm for us now.

The weather has been up and down, with hot and cold spells interspersed with some very heavy showers. Nothing like Hong Kong, but still heavy. The rivers are swollen but under control and people carry on with daily life. Peter has been the victim of a heavy chest infection these last two weeks but is now almost fully recovered. The children with the exception of Milo, have had assorted colds and coughs but are otherwise okay.



Our housekeeper Su makes a winter melon soup with pork ribs and broth. I'm told this is good for anyone feeling under the weather or has a cough! It's very tasty!

A few weeks ago during a particularly warm period, Su made us Sichuanese BBQ. It was delicious! Lots of fresh local vegetables, marinated meats and quails eggs! I hadn't eaten a quails egg until I

arrived in Chengdu! They're everywhere here!

I have this month (May) started my job at Peter's school as Junior school librarian. The library currently only has 2,500 books so cataloguing and ordering them is taking a while but I'm grateful it's only a small number initially. It's interesting and the school has such a wide variety of poetry, fiction and non-fiction in English, Chinese and Korean! Each school day starts off in the library where the children can explore books from different cultures. This is followed by the "Wake-up and shake-up" dance outside! It's a lot of fun and the children really enjoy it!

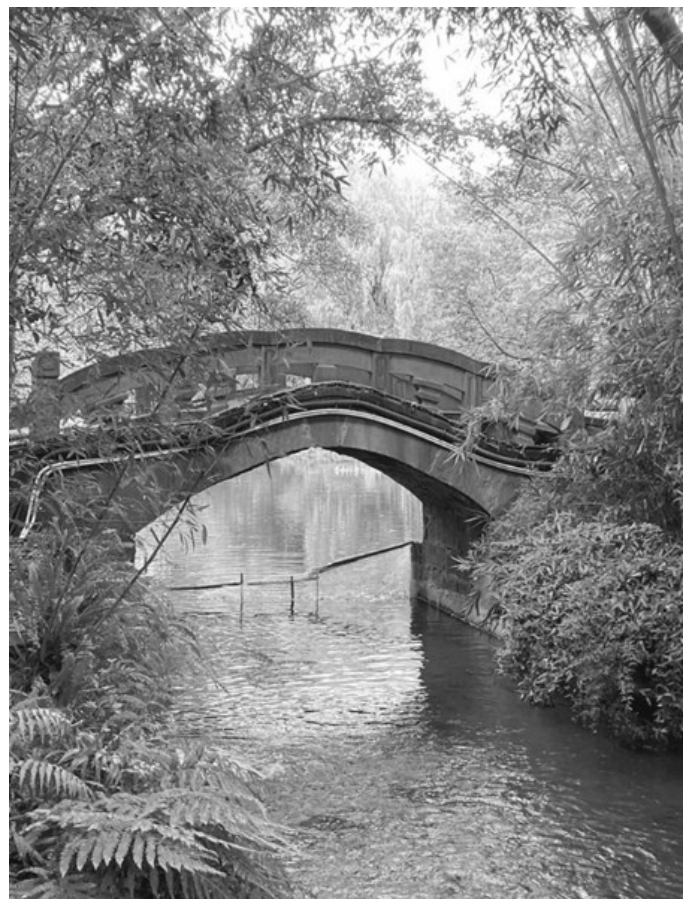
This week Milo has been away for the week on a school trip to Songpan. It's approximately a 7 hour drive from Chengdu, and is up in the mountains in the north. The altitude is approximately 2,500 meters above sea-level. He had a wonderful time trekking on horse- back, hiking, and map reading. During the trip, the children got to experience a traditional Tibetan meal (Milo couldn't eat this due to his nut allergy) as well as Tibetan hospitality, trips to some local shrines and historical monuments.



May is the month that the second largest earthquake in Sichuanese history struck. The anniversary is May 12th. The epi-centre was in a place called Wan Chuan and measured 8.0 on the Richter scale. It caused billions of \$ worth of damage and the aftershocks were felt for years afterwards. There were 3 days of national mourning following the earthquake in 2008. This is honoured every year.

Earthquake season is usually over the summer season which makes the 2008 earthquake unusual. According to my Chinese teacher Stephanie, if there's an earthquake and people are still playing Mahjong, you don't need to worry. It's not a strong one! Since we've been in Chengdu, we haven't experienced an earthquake...yet. We are prepared and have been briefed on what to do and where to go.

Today (15/05/2022) We spent the afternoon in a bamboo forest in the north of the city. Lots of varieties of bamboo. The weather has become drier these last two days so people are venturing out over the weekend. The park was filled with people dancing, as well as children's art clubs, friends playing "Go!" (Chinese Checkers in the UK!) as well as sugar artists that make beautiful creations using melted sugar. They were simply beautiful.



The children enjoyed some sugar lollies in the shape of a rabbit!
We're slowly getting to grips with the language and Peter and I continue to have lessons twice a week. Milo has mandarin every day at school and, according to my Chinese teacher, he's fluent! She can understand everything he says, even with an English/ Cantonese accent! I feel I have a lot to learn!

We hope everyone in the Parish of St. Michael's is well and safe. We think of you all often. We are also excited for you with the arrival of the new rector, Abbie Walsh! We know you will all be your wonderful welcoming selves and only wish we were there too to welcome her!

As always, much love to you all,

The Hawksworths xxxx



Up at dawn to Waltz Matilda!!!

On Monday the 25th.April, the shiel Family were up and out at 4.30 am to make the trip to Melbourne's Shrine of Remembrance for the annual Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) Day Dawn Service of Remembrance to pay tribute to those forces who made the "ultimate sacrifice" during, and following, the landings at Anzac Cove on the Gallipoli Peninsula at dawn on the 25th. April 1915 a WWI.

The Dawn Service commenced at 5.00am with moving addresses from the Victoria State Governor, the Hon Linda Dessau, and the President of the Victoria Australian Returned Servicemen's League (RSL)the equivalent of our Royal British Legion (RBL), Greg Mellick, the extremely poignant service ended with the playing of the "*Last Post*" and was followed by a marchpast by some of the many regiments of the Australian forces accompanied and led by their Pipe & Drum and brass bands.

The parade concluded at 11.15am with a breath-taking flypast by 'planes of the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) and then after a quick visit to the Shrine's coffee shop we headed back to our son's for lunch.



WALL NEWS

National Garden Scheme / Knowle Lodge Open Garden

The impact of covid 19 severely curtailed the National Garden Scheme opening activities. The scheme relies primarily on the income generated by admissions at the garden gate and through the sale of plants, tea and cakes.

St Johns Church, Wall has for many years supported this charity by providing refreshments at Knowle Lodge in Lichfield by kind permission of Kate Cooper.

This year I received the phone call once again to ask if the church could be of help yet again with the refreshments of tea, coffee and cakes.

The garden was open on two occasions. First was on a cold but dry day on Sunday 6th March. This early opening in the garden season is to show off the abundance of daffodils that brighten up the garden following the winter. The garden was at its best and visitors came from a near and far to enjoy the start of the Garden Scheme year. The second opening on a warmer, bright day April 24th when the tulips were in bloom. On this occasion we had an increase in visitors who all appeared to enjoy their afternoon in the fresh air. These two events have not only helped to support the National Garden Scheme charities but also helped enormously to start our fund-raising events at St Johns Church, Wall. We are grateful to Kate Cooper who provides us with the opportunity to help with donations to the many charities which benefit from the scheme (see web site for National Garden Scheme) and help us with our funds at St Johns.

Hilary Barker

PROVERBS PRAYERS



Proverbs 11:17

Those who are kind
reward themselves,
but the cruel do themselves harm

Proverbs 11:25

²⁵ A generous person will be enriched,
and one who gives water will get water.

Proverbs 12:25

²⁵ Anxiety weighs down the human heart,
but a good word cheers it up.

Proverbs 14:21

²¹ Those who despise their neighbours are sinners,
but happy are those who are kind to the poor.

Proverbs 14:31

³¹ Those who oppress the poor insult their Maker,
but those who are kind to the needy honour him.

Proverbs 15:4

⁴ A gentle tongue is a tree of life,
but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

Proverbs 19:17

¹⁷ Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD,
and will be repaid in full.

New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised (NRSVA)

Lord Almighty, you created us in your likeness to be loving, tender hearted, forgiving and kind. Father, I'm truly sorry that I fall so far short of your original plans for your creation.

Search my heart Jesus with the warmth of your tender love. Melt away my fears and pre-conceptions that stop me showing kindness to all, no matter how different to me they are or how much I find their behaviour unacceptable.

Holy Spirit guide my in my daily life, as I interact with others, reminding me to be kind, gentle, patient and generous.

I ask for your help, in Jesus' name.

Angie King



Ephesians

4:31-32

³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³² **and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.**

Memorial Book

Having the name of a loved one written in our Memorial Book is another way of remembering their life. The Book is kept in the case in the Prayer Corner and pages are turned twice a week, so that names are visible through the glass on the date nearest their death.

It costs £10 to insert a name. Please complete the form below and return it to a member of the Ministry Team with the remittance.

Memorial Book

Name of Deceased (as you wish it to appear in the Memorial Book)	
Date of Death:	Age at Death:
Name of Contact (in case of any problems or queries)	
Telephone Number:	

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From the Registers

Baptisms			
St John's	15th May 2022	Samuel Peter Ricketts	23 mths

Weddings		

Funerals			
St Michael's	25th April	Chris Kirk (interment of ashes)	92
St Michael's	9th May	Elizabeth Johnson	84
St Michael's	17th May	Roger Manning (interment of ashes)	



Bible Readings

Sunday 5th June

Pentecost

[Red]

Acts 2.1-12

John 14.8-17[25-27]

Sunday 12th June

Trinity

[White]

Romans 5.1-5

John 16.12-15

Sunday 19h June

1st Sunday after Trinity

[Green]

Galatians 3.23-end

Luke 8.26-39

Sunday 26th June

Birth John the Baptist

[White]

Isaiah 40.1-11

Luke 57-66,80

Sunday 3rd July

Thomas the Apostle

[White]

Ephesians 2.19-end

John 20-29

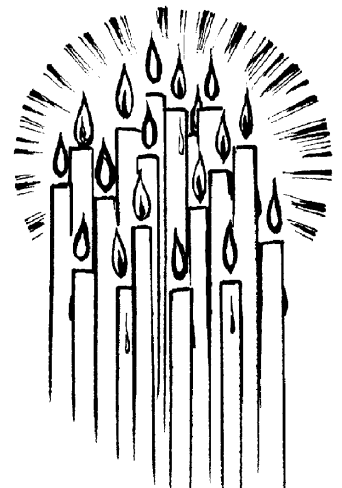
Sunday 10th July

4th Sunday after Trinity

[Green]

Colossians 1.1-14

Luke 10.25-37



St Michael's Rota – June 2022

Sunday 10.00 am	5 June Family Praise	12 June	19 June	26 June
Sidespersons	Pat Toplis David Bull	Ray Allen Maureen Brand	Judy and Mike Godfrey	Enid Barry Ted Green
Reader		Linda Collins	Stephen Barton	Chris Baker
Servers		N/A	N/A	N/A
Communion Assistant		N/A	N/A	N/A
Intercessor		Linda Collins	Stephen Barton	Chris Baker
Coffee	Brenda Liptrot Shirley Trelfa	Sonia Doidge Lesley Allen	Audrey Dudley Brenda Eley	Elizabeth Allen Trish Jones
Healing				TBA

Sunday	26 June
Reader	TBA
Intercessor	TBA

Sunday 6.00 pm	5 June No service	12 June No service	19 June Evensong	26 June No service
Sidesperson			Margaret Frean	
Reader			Margaret Frean	
Communion Assistant				

..... and Finally

Easter morning at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne

In keeping with Mary's early-morning dash to the empty tomb on the First Easter Day, The Shiel Family made their own early start to attend the Easter morning sung Eucharist at Melbourne's beautiful St. Paul's Cathedral .

A packed (300+) Congregation was treated to a thoroughly moving service, led by its 20+ strong robed choir with the Easter Sermon delivered by the Archbishop of Melbourne (the most Revd. Dr. Philip Frieir.

On Entering the Cathedral we were confronted by a 30 foot representation of the Empty Tomb and then , suspended high above the choir was a 7metresculpture of planet Earth eentitled **"Gaia"** by ;the sculptor Luke Jarram to encourage visitors to contemplate on the urgent action needed to fight the Climate Emergency which is threatening our



planet.

The sculpture will remain in place throughout Eastertide and Pentecost all-in-all an extremely moving Easter service which encouraged thoughts of times past and things developing around us to this day.



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