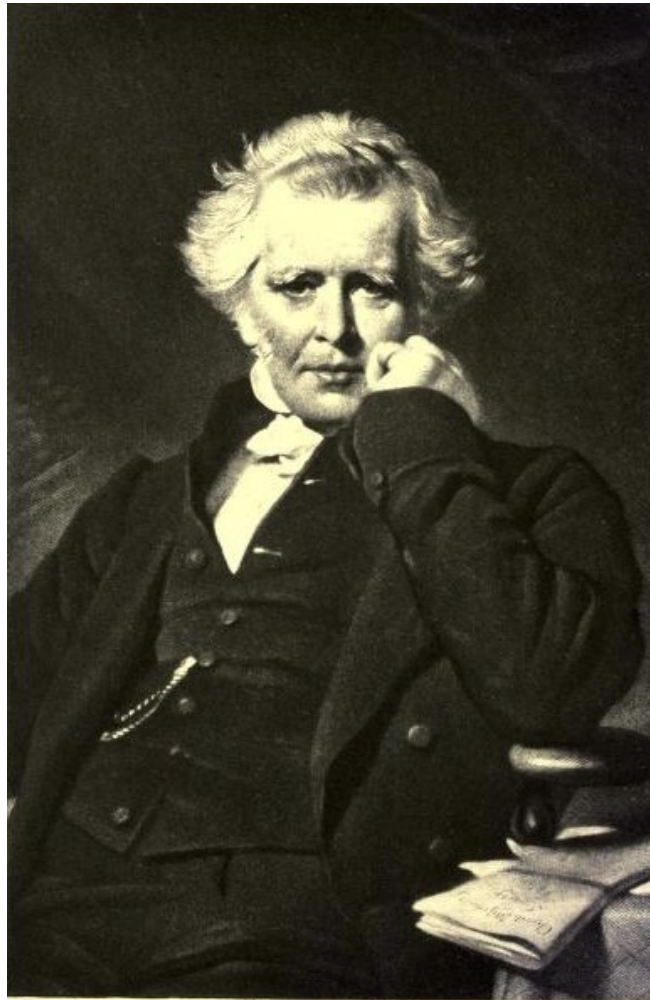


# THE PARISH MAGAZINE

## July 2019



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1797, 1813, 1873**

**The United Benefice of  
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# Reflection for July

## Greetings from St Michael's School

It seems hard to believe as I write that I have now enjoyed 20 years of contributing to the parish magazine, first as Deputy Head, and then as Headteacher. So much has changed in that time, but the one constant has been the fantastic links between St Michael's Church and School. I have always felt incredibly privileged to be part of the long established, but ever evolving links that exist. I think one of the strengths is the shared commitment from yourselves as parishioners, alongside our staff team.

The education landscape is continually changing. Over half of the schools in Staffordshire are now academies and belong to a whole range of different multi-academy trusts. This is something that we recognise and will need to begin to reconsider over the coming year.

This time last year I shared our values with you: belonging, friendship, forgiveness, respect, courage and perseverance. These are now embedded into every aspect of school life and it is lovely to see our children not only living out the values, but openly talking about them. We are also very proud of our inclusive school and a number of visitors recently have commented on how wonderful this is.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the recent 'Thy Kingdom Come' workshops. Our Year 5 leaders were superb and confidently led each of the sessions. They really see St Michael's Church as their own special place and it is wonderful that they have the opportunity to

lead the sessions up in Church. Claire Shaw, Diocesan Director of Education, visited the opening session and was really impressed by both the Year 5 Leaders and the responses of the children taking part. Particular thanks to Rector Simon and Andrew Jones for all that they planned and co-ordinated and to the many church members who came to help out.

Last week we welcomed Ray Allen into school to tell the children all about the churchyard project and in particular the planned BioBlitz. Ray really inspired the pupils and it is lovely to hear that a number of them came along to take part in the activities. We are now hoping that members of our School Council will be able to come along to the July Family Praise to share their campaign around the use of plastics. They led a super school worship last week in school, which we're hoping to be able to come along and share – at least in part, if not in full.

The end of this term will see the retirement of Sue Jones, Churchwarden, and highly valued Teaching Assistant. When I first came to St Michael's Sue was a very supportive parent and I have many memories of coming along to Nursery Praise each Advent with Reception children to hand over the travelling Mary and Joseph. Sue has for many years been a fantastic Teaching Assistant, who along with others, has ensured that our links between Church and School remain strong and grow with the times. We will say our own farewell to Sue in school, but she will be much missed in many ways, although I think Andrew has plans, so maybe it will only be au revoir...

We really do appreciate all that you do for us, including those who come into school to hear readers, help with jobs, and provide refreshments in church at Harvest and the Leavers Service. Every little helps, but special thanks to Maureen Brand, who is now almost full time in school.

Next school year will see our SIAMS inspection, which takes place every five years. We look forward to celebrating, as part of that process, the wonderful links which exist.

*Helen Robertson*

Headteacher



**LARGE COPIES** of the magazine are available on request

## Chad Blog

### The Bishop's Pastoral Letter for June 2019



Last September the Secretary-General of the United Nations made an impassioned plea to the UN General Assembly on the need to act to combat the threat of climate change. His speech is necessary reading for us all and can be found at <https://www.un.org/sg/en/content/sg/statement/2018-09-10/secretary-generals-remarks-climate-change-delivered>

A key quote is as follows;

“Climate change is the defining issue of our time – and we are at a defining moment. We face a direct existential threat. Climate change is moving faster than we are – and its speed has provoked a sonic boom SOS across our world. If we do not change course by 2020, we risk missing the point where we can avoid runaway climate change, with disastrous consequences for people and all the natural systems that sustain us.”

Reading Antonio Guterres' speech in the light of the recent Extinction Rebellion protests in London and the widespread strikes by schoolchildren, I am struck by the synchronicity between the Secretary General's call to action and these examples of direct action in response.

Incredibly, there are still pockets of climate change deniers, but just as dangerous are those (well represented in the national media) who are keener to portray protestors as misguided and even members of an 'eco mob', than to salute them for prioritising the future of our planet over the comfort of their armchairs.

What is our Christian response to this climate emergency, which threatens the very sustainability of God's good creation?

It is good to see former Archbishop, Rowan Williams, lending his active support to Extinction Rebellion. Each of us should be reviewing our own capacity to voice our own care and concern for God's world, alongside making the lifestyle changes that enact that concern, whether it be giving up meat and/or flying (the two biggest single contributions we can make to planetary sustainability), cutting back on car use, switching to green energy, or reducing our consumption of consumer goods.

At the last Diocesan Synod, our commitment to pursuing this agenda was demonstrated by the unanimous passing of the Diocesan Environmental Policy and Action Plan. One specific initiative within this is 'Eco Church' (<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>) which is a highly commended way of heightening environmental awareness in every parish.

Another positive means of engaging is through worship, especially by utilising the national church resources available for Creationtide (September 1<sup>st</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup>) - <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/news/church-england-commends-creationtide-resources>. Given the lead young people are giving on this issue, obvious opportunities arise for intergenerational activities and worship.

Let the Rebellion begin!

**+Clive Wulfrun**

# Prayer for Church Mission and Ministry

God our Father, you sent your Son to us:  
Grant that filled with your Spirit we may be  
renewed in faith,  
And inspired in hope and love,  
To spread the gospel of your kingdom to all  
humankind;  
Through Christ our Lord  
**Amen**

## Parish Surgery

For Baptisms, Banns and Weddings, staff are available at the Parish Office in St Michael's Church, Church Street on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday mornings** in the month by appointment only.

Please telephone 01543 262211 or email [office@stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk](mailto:office@stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk) to make an appointment.

## Deadlines!

For **AUGUST** 2019 Magazine:

Deadline is

**MONDAY 15th July**

Contact David Bull

**Pew Sheet:**

7:30am

every Thursday Morning.

Contact Parish Office



# CHILDREN'S SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

## First Steps



**Monday 15th July**  
**10am St Michael's**

## Family Praise



**Sunday 14th July**  
**10am St Michael's**

Come and join us at our ...

## MESSY CHURCH

for craft, story, song and food on



**NO MESSY CHURCH IN JUNE/JULY/AUGUST**

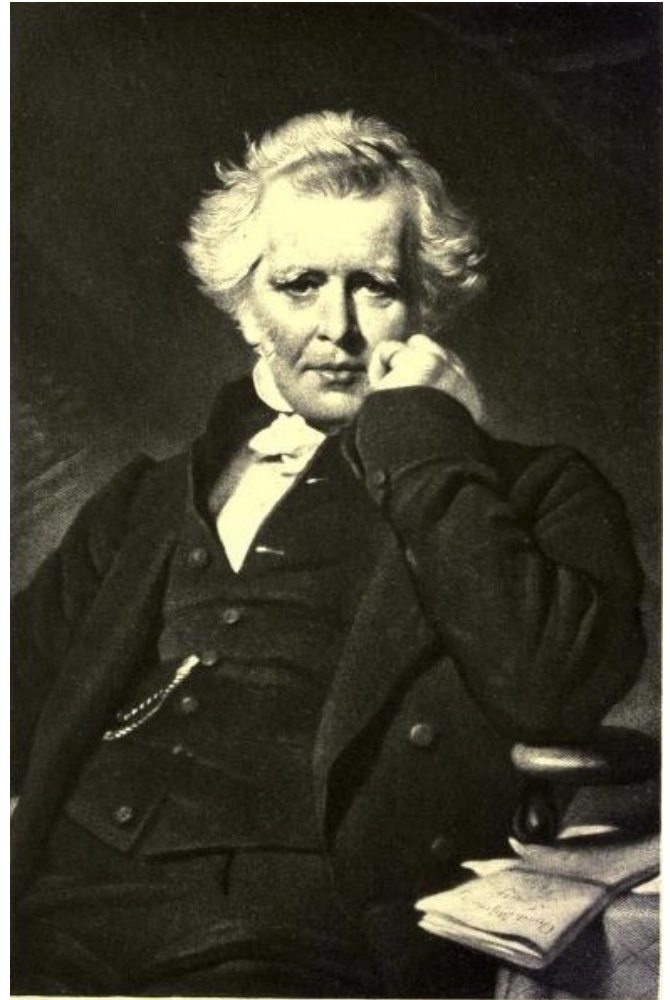
**Sunday 15th September**

4.30 – 5.45pm

in St Michael's Church  
Ages 0-11 yrs. welcome

## Henry, John and Henry Venn, priests, evangelicals divines, 1797, 1813, 1873

Portrait of Henry Venn (1796-1873), Anglican clergyman and administrator. From *Memoir of Henry Venn, B.D.* by William Knight (1882).



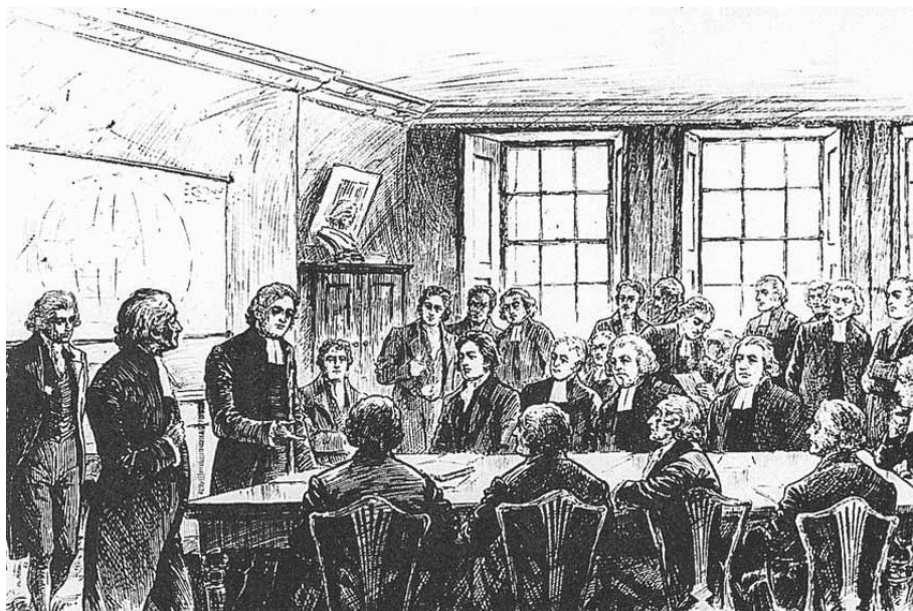
John Venn was born at Clapham in March 1759, where his father, Henry Venn Senior, was a curate. Later that year, Henry took his family to Huddersfield, where he had been appointed vicar, and they remained there until 1771. John was educated at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and became rector of Little Dunham in Norfolk and eventually of Clapham in 1792. He was one of the founders of the Church Missionary Society.

John's son Henry, Venn, was born at Clapham in 1796. After his time in Cambridge, he was ordained and held various livings, but in 1846 he devoted himself entirely to the work of the Church Missionary Society. He was secretary for thirty-two years and his organising gifts and sound judgement made him the leading spirit in the Society. IN his later years, he was recognised as a leader of the evangelical body of the Church of England. John Venn died at Clapham on 1st July 1813 and his son Henry died at Mortlake on 13 January 1873.

# CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

<https://churchmissionsociety.org/our-history>

*A sketch of the  
founding meeting of  
the Church  
Mission Society on 12  
April 1799*



Our story began more than 200 years ago with a group of Christians whose hearts were stirred to put their call into action.

This group included people like William Wilberforce, John Venn, and John Newton. Together they worked to abolish the slave trade, they fought for the rights of oppressed people at home and they launched out on dangerous seas to share Jesus with the world.

The effects of their efforts – as well as the work of thousands of men and women who have followed in their footsteps – are still seen and felt across the globe today.

## A brief history of Church Mission Society

The Society was founded in Aldersgate Street in the City of London on 12 April 1799. Most of the founders were members of the Clapham Sect, a group of activist evangelical Christians. They included Henry Thornton MP and William Wilberforce MP. The founders of CMS were committed to three great enterprises: abolition of the slave trade, social reform at home and world evangelisation.

Wilberforce was asked to be the first president of the Society but

he declined due to his workload but took on the office of vice president. Thornton became the first treasurer. The Rev Josiah Pratt, curate of St John, Bedford Row (London) soon emerged in a proto-chief executive role.

The spiritual background to the emergence of CMS was the great outpouring of energy in Western Europe now called The Great Awakening. John Wesley, an Anglican priest and failed missionary, became a key player in the UK version of the story. Not all those influenced by the revival left the Anglican Church to become Methodists. One such was John Venn, the saintly rector of Clapham.

Members of the second and third generation following the revival saw many opportunities to consolidate its effects. Alongside the main Clapham agenda they sponsored Sunday Schools for evangelism and education, founded Bible Societies and much more.

The Reformation and the abolition of monasteries and religious orders left the Church of England without vehicles for mission, especially for outreach to the non-Christian world. This new membership society agreed to be loyal to the leadership of bishops and an Anglican pattern of liturgy, but not dominated by clergy and emphasised the role of laymen and women. Much of what we call the Anglican Communion today traces its origins to CMS work. However CMS today is not confined just to Anglicanism, both in terms of people it sends out in mission or ally agencies and projects around the world.

It was expected that Church of England clergy would quickly come forward to be missionaries. When this didn't materialise CMS turned towards mainland Europe and the earliest missionaries were German Lutherans. For over a century CMS enjoyed rich work relations with the Churches and seminaries of Western Europe. Sadly this was gradually eroded as the European superpowers vied with each other in the race for colonial expansion. Even so we can say the 20th-century quest for Christian unity began through the

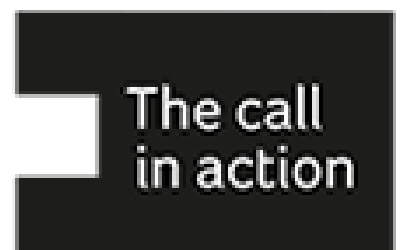
experience of mission.

Initially the Society had no designated offices. In 1813 it rented premises in Salisbury Square in the City of London and by the end of the 19th century a row of houses had become a large headquarters with a complex administration and numerous staff. In 1966 it moved to premises in Waterloo Road. In 2007 it moved to east Oxford to premises fitted to serving 21st century mission as part of a network of mission hubs all over the world.

The overseas mission work of CMS began in Sierra Leone in 1804 but spread rapidly to India, Canada, New Zealand and the area around the Mediterranean. Its main areas of work in Africa have been in Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Congo, Rwanda and Sudan; in Asia, CMS's involvement has principally been in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, China and Japan; and in the Middle East, it has worked in Palestine, Jordan, Iran and Egypt.

The chaplain on the First Fleet to Australia was sent at the urging of Wilberforce. The second was sent by CMS and is regarded as the Apostle to New Zealand where CMS Britain worked directly (1809–1914). Other work included Canada (1822–1930), with smaller missions in Abyssinia (1830–1842), Asia Minor (Smyrna) (1830–1877), Greece (1830–1875), Madagascar (1863–1874), Malta (1815–1843), Mauritius (1856–1929), Seychelles (1871–1894), South Africa (1840–1843), Turkey (1819–1821), Turkish Arabia (Baghdad, 1883–1919 and Mosul, 1900–1919), and the West Indies (1819–1861).

For more information about the Church Mission Society today visit <https://churchmissionsociety.org/>



# Tools for Self-Reliance.



**On Tuesday 2 July [10.00-12.00]**

Alison and Trevor James will be holding a

***'Join Us for Cake and Coffee' Morning***

at 36 Heritage Court

in support of the Rotary-supported Christian charity

**Tools for Self-Reliance**

which offers practical support and training

to self-help groups in Africa.

**Everyone welcome.**



We can also take direct delivery of  
any spare hand tools, garden tools  
and sewing machines that day.

# Regular Services and Worship in the Benefice

## Regular Services at St Michael's Sundays

8:00am Holy Communion  
10:00am Holy Communion

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

10:00am Family Praise

## Regular Services at St John's Sundays

10am Holy Communion

### Baptism @ 11.30am

4th Sunday

## Other Services at St Michael's Sundays

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 12:30pm

Holy Baptism

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 6:00pm

Holy Communion

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 4:30pm

Messy Church

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 6:00pm

Choral Evensong

### Tuesday

School Service

### Wednesday

9:30am Holy Communion

## Music in the Benefice

St Michael's Church

### Wednesdays

6.30pm Girls Choir

7.15pm Other parts &  
St Michael's Singers

### Monday before 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

7:30pm Music Group

## Bells Practice

Every Thurs 7:30pm, St Michael's

## Prayer Group, St Michael's.

For information contact  
June Frayn (264920) or  
Brenda Liptrot (251863)



## Baptism

**Preparation** First Tuesday at  
8:00pm at St Michael's



## St Chad Pilgrimage on Sat June 8th



The stream of up to 100 Pilgrims trekking around Stowe Pool after 19 miles from Repton , told us that we would be praising God for a successful journey. I am unaware that anyone failed to achieve their objectives. As I met these long-distance Pilgrims at Alrewas, I was impressed with their energy and strength ... after 13 miles in miserable rainy conditions.

This last 6 miles from Alrewas to Lichfield was the highlight for many as it passed over a great variety of terrain. Initially it was along the tow path of the Canal between Alrewas and Fradley Junction. We then crossed the canal and walked through woods and field edges until we reached the Curborough Sprint Track. The next section of the walk gave the organiser Robert Mountford and his team most concern. One month earlier it had a huge tree with diameter 3 feet blocking this public footpath. As it was unusable, a half mile length of stinging nettles had grown so some of them could touch our faces. Robert



Mountford not only managed to get the tree cut to clear a path, but also had a group of his trusted lieutenants help him clear the nettles. This path was close to Curborough Brook and it looked more like a ditch. Some of us feared it would be full of water after the previous rain but it served us well. It was probably the most authentic old English footpath towards Lichfield. The stiles provided us with a seesaw and the footbridges a very slippery challenge, but we all handled them without a major tumble. Finally the route passed by the fishing ponds at Curborough, before crossing the railway line, the allotments, St.Chads Well and Stowe Pool. The Cathedral greeted us with a most welcome drink and snack.

Pilgrims came from most of the Christian Faiths including Catholic, Baptist, United Reform, Methodist with a large number of senior ministers. Some had traveled a great distance.

We finished our afternoon with a short service to say thanks for our safe arrival and to reflect on the original journey of St. Chad. Bishop Michael, who walked all the way from Repton, pointed out that St Chad's journey passed from Northumbria, where they felt safe, to the Mercia region where their welcome was not certain. The Mercia people were interested in what St. Chad had to say and it resulted in the Cathedral and Diocese we love. More reasons for thanks.

*Brian Homewood*

<https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/news/2019/06/11/chad-pilgrims-defy-weather/>

# Summary of St Michael's PCC Meeting, 21 May 2019

## Appointment of Officers for 2019/2020:

<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Mike Godfrey
<b>Hon Sec:</b>	Phil Clayton
<b>Hon Treasurer:</b>	Viv Oliver
<b>Elec Roll Officer:</b>	Mike Godfrey
<b>Standing Committee Rep:</b>	Liz Clarke
<b>Safeguarding Officer:</b>	Maureen Brand
<b>Health and Safety Officer:</b>	Richard Brooks
<b>Asst Church Wardens:</b>	Liz Clarke, David Easton, June Frayn, Brenda Liptrot

## Environmental Group

Several people have asked to join. Simon will call a meeting in June.

## Reader Licences for over 70's

Simon explained the current rather complex rules regarding Readers and membership of the PCC. There are new Church Representation Rules due to be published in February 2020. They will be studied at the March PCC ready for the APCM in April.

## Processional Cross

Faculty will be applied for in June

## Safeguarding

Maureen informed that there are a number of ongoing routine DBS checks being done. She reminded us to ensure that we submit copies of our certificates for her recording/updating purposes.

The Diocese has produced a new Safeguarding Training Strategy Document.

Bishop Michael has asked all parishes for possible past case

reviews. Nothing has come to light but Maureen has asked anyone to report any past possible incidences to her.

### **Music Report**

Ted has produced a comprehensive report for discussion: Links with Scotch Orchard are good with Linda's links being maintained by Mel.

Issues raised at APCM were discussed: Simon stressed that any approach to schools has to be handled sensitively and can only be done by their invitation. Richard Brooks is hoping to stimulate interest for our Music Group.

Reassurance was given that money set aside for Director of Music is being used to pay for organists and choir activities. However, should a new Director of Music be appointed, this money remains in the budget.

Recruitment ideas discussed: Choir Development Officer, consultation with Cathy Lamb (Cathedral) and development of a choir for younger children, properly safeguarded.

Girls' Choir is singing at St Chad's in June.

### **Streethay**

Mel reported good feedback from card and leaflet drops with Baptisms, attendance at Messy Church and useful contacts being made.

School is scheduled to open in September. We will make an approach in October.

Another 50 houses will shortly be occupied.

Discussion was had as to what Community Facilities will be needed and provided.

### **Mission Action Plan**

A first draft was submitted. This is very much a work in progress reflecting Bishop Michael's Diocesan Vision.

## **IT at the Rector's House**

IT services will need to be updated when Simon takes up his position as full time Rector. These services have previously been provided by the Diocese in his role as Arch Deacon.

There is also a need to update IT provision in Church and the Parish Office which is within the remit of the Standing Committee.

## **Churchyard**

The roundabout in front of Church will be planted, by Diana, with shrubs.

Approval has been given for the Jones Family to provide a suitable bench with plaque for the Churchyard.

Due to privatisation, the Payback Team now has to be paid for. PCC reluctantly agreed as it was felt the work achieved would go backwards if this support does not continue. The tremendous amount of work done by Michael Toplis was very gratefully acknowledged.

Lichfield in Bloom judging day is 17 July. The Churchyard Working Party is to meet beforehand. The Tree Survey is to be completed by end of May.

Planning Application for shed and additional car parking spaces has been made. We have received a grant of £400 for Bio Diversity.

Plans for The Bio- Blitz are well in advance with good ongoing support from the school. Volunteers are required to help with serving refreshments

Nick Burton is looking to restore the Law Mausoleum clock. Concerns about the overall structure of the monument were expressed. Any work will require a faculty.

There is a possibility for Lottery funding.

The provision of a tap in the new Churchyard was raised. Unfortunately insufficient money has been collected at this time.

## **Church Hall and New Hall**

Contracts have now been exchanged. Simon will shortly take down displays and collate responses. The July PCC will be devoted to

discussing provision of new facilities. An independent facilitator will be appointed to enable all member of the PCC to fully participate.

## Christmas Card

A suggestion was made that we review the format of our Christmas card to promote our ongoing activities as well as our Advent programme. Suggestions and examples from other churches welcome!

## 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:	

Please make cheques payable to  
'PCC of St Michael and St Mary'

## ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCHYARD

A few months ago St. Michael's Church was invited to enter the Churchyard as part of Lichfield's entry for this year's **Britain In Bloom** event. We are pleased to be taking part and are joining a number of other Lichfield voluntary organisations who are also participating.

Britain In Bloom is an annual event run by the **Royal Horticultural Society (RHS)** and the aim is to improve Open Spaces in order to Green Grey Britain. Lichfield has taken part 5 times and last year won Gold. You may have seen a programme on television featuring Lichfield's entry.



The entry is non-competitive. The judges visit each Open Space and decide whether the village, town or city has reached a high enough standard for them to be awarded Bronze, Silver, Silver Gilt or Gold.

**The judges will be visiting Lichfield on Wednesday July 17th.** A route around the City will be worked out and they will look at all the Open Space areas and decide whether Lichfield's entry warrants a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award.

A small area of the Churchyard will be shown to the judges and we hope our contribution will help Lichfield to achieve Gold. The results will be given in September.

**The Churchyard Working Party** will be meeting on **Saturday July 13th.** and on **Wednesday July 17th, Judging Day, from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.** on each occasion. If you would like to come along on either or both of these days to help prepare the Churchyard for judging, you will be very welcome. **Tea/Coffee/Cake will be provided during the Mid-Morning Break.**

*Ray Allen*  
01543 251654



**Staffordshire  
Wildlife Trust**



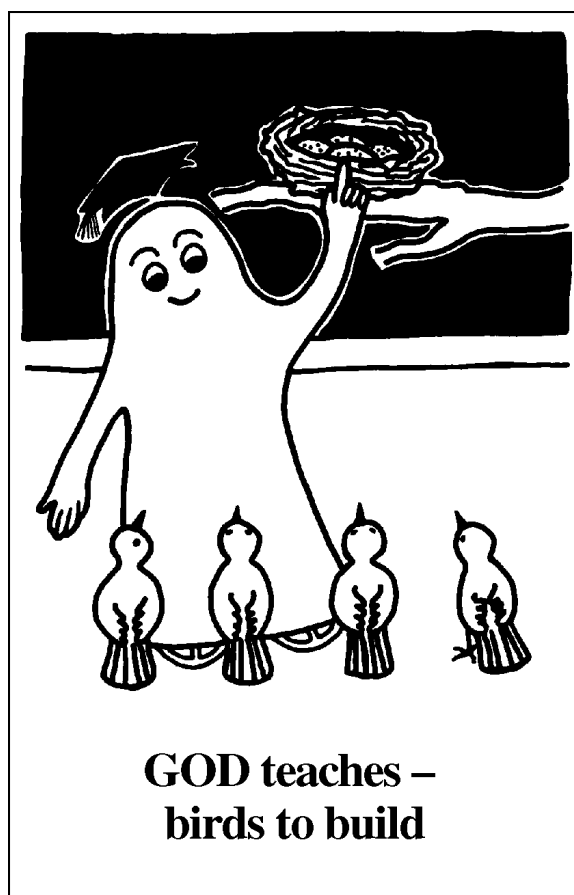
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## FLOODLIGHTING

Sponsor St Michael's floodlights to mark a special occasion or remember a loved one!

Your donation will brighten up the skies over Lichfield for the night.

Contact the United Benefice Office on  
**01543 262211**





## UNITED BENEFICE WALKING GROUP

We were very fortunate to have perfect weather for walking on Saturday 25th May. The walk was a local one in the near by village of Shenstone. With numbers once again over thirty.

We were able to see gardens at their best before the rain storms.

Shenstone has a lot to offer both in the village and the surrounding area.



Tea and cakes at Chesterfield Barn gave all present the opportunity for fellowship and food.

*Hilary*



We invite you to join us for our **July Walk at Branston Water Park on Saturday July 27th.**

We meet at **St. Michael's at 10.00 a.m.** We then drive to the **Car Park of Branston Water Park.**

There will be 2 walks, either side of coffee. For the first walk we will go along part of the **Trent and Mersey Canal** and then return to the Water Park for **coffee at the recently opened new cafe.**

Our 2nd. walk will take us around the Water Park. There are lots of trees, wild flowers and birds to be seen.

We eventually make our way to the **Blacksmith's Arms in the Village of Branston** just a short distance from the Park.

We will be having lunch here. We will be **pre-ordering our lunch.** Details of the lunches that are available will be given about a week before the walk.



After lunch we return to the Car Park and drive back to Lichfield.

The walks are completely flat throughout. There are **no stiles** and **the total distance of the 2 walks is around 3 miles.**

Walking shoes or boots are recommended. We should be back at Lichfield at around **3.00 p.m.**

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# ***St. Michael's Film Club***

## **1. Stan and Ollie**

*(98 min. Cert PG 2018.) Biography, Comedy, Drama*

Laurel and Hardy, the world's most famous comedy duo, attempt to reignite their film careers as they embark on what becomes their swan song - a grueling theatre tour of post-war Britain.

**Monday 1st July**

**1.30pm start**

**Refreshments £3.00 from 1.00pm.**

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**All welcome.**

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## **2. All is True**

*(101min. Cert P12A2018.) Biography, Drama, History*

A look at the final days in the life of renowned playwright William Shakespeare.

**Monday 5th August**

**1.30pm start**



“Bohemian Rhapsody” traces the meteoric rise of Queen through their iconic songs and revolutionary sound. Lead singer Freddie Mercury is regarded as one of the greatest singers in the history of rock music. He is known for his flamboyant and creative stage persona and four-octave vocal range which he attributed to his four prominent incisors.

Farrokh Bulsara was born in 1946 in Zanzibar to Parsi parents from India. The family practised the Zoroastrian religion. In 1970 Freddie met Mary Austin, “the love of his life”, later to become his girlfriend. He joined a band called “Smile” with drummer Roger Taylor and guitarist Brian May. Freddie wanted the band to become bigger so sold their van to book Trident Studios to record their debut album. Freddie changes the name to “Queen” and legally changes his name to Freddie Mercury. The band sign a contract with EMI and “Killer Queen” becomes a big hit and Mary and Freddie become engaged. “Queen” embark on a sell-out US tour where Freddie questions his sexuality.

In 1975 Queen records their fourth album “A Night At The Opera” but leaves EMI when Ray Foster refuses to release the epic operatic Bohemian Rhapsody as a single due to its six minute length. When DJ Kenny Everett debuts the song on radio it becomes one of the biggest hits ever made. Freddie begins an affair with Paul Prenter

and comes out as bisexual. He ends his engagement with Mary but they continue as best friends and she moves next door when he purchases an extravagant house in 1980.

Freddie's relationships sour with his band after their music video "I want to Break Free" is banned from MTV. He announces a \$4 million solo deal with CBS records and moves to Munich. He is lost in drugs, alcohol and orgies with the manipulative Paul. Mary urges him to return to his band as they have been offered a spot on Bob Geldof's fund raising initiative for the relief of famine in Ethiopia. After discovering Paul withheld the "Live Aid" invitation from him he severs connections with him. Freddie reconnects with his band and best friend, Mary, and finds love and support from his new partner Jim Hutton, who remains his loyal companion and partner until his death in November 1991 from AIDS-related pneumonia.

The song "Bohemian Rhapsody" is an amazing experience. It has been heralded as one the most memorable and influential songs in history. Its success may result from the genre fusion featuring; a cappella, ballad, opera, harmony in voices and instruments, hard rock and reflective coda and of course Freddie's distinctive voice.

Rami Malek does an excellent job of portraying Mercury's unique moves on stage as well as showing an intensely thoughtful insight into Freddie's feelings of alienation and isolation. Malek won Best Actor at the 91<sup>st</sup> Academy Awards.

*Alison Anketell June 2019*

# Hymns & Pimms



*A Songs of Praise style  
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**Sunday 28th July  
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**@ St John's Church, Wall**

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# WALL NEWS

## Memories of Nancy Hood

My happy memories are from 1970 when I went to work for Nancy and Cyril in The Trooper. There was always a lovely warm welcome, open fire, happy atmosphere and the men playing cards.

Nancy and Cyril left The Trooper to take on The Dog Inn at Whittington and I went to work there for a while.

They bought a bungalow in Quarry Hills Lane and held some unforgettable parties, a special one was for Halloween.

They retired to Chaucer Drive where Nancy spent the rest of her life.

*Aleen Perry*

We moved to Wall in December 1954 following the death of my father. Nancy and her husband Cyril were living in The Butts before running The Trooper. Nancy loved the village and the church. She was also a long-serving member of the WI, leaving when they moved to Whittington to run The Dog Inn and re-joining when they retired.

I remember seeing photos of Nancy wearing her outfit to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party representing Wall WI and looking as usual extremely smart.


Nancy was always one for attention to detail and doing everything properly and this showed when she began producing the Wall WI Bluebelle Shows. Aided by Cyril (Scenery – he could make anything out of cardboard or wood), Percy Higginbotham (Sound) and his wife Evelyn (Piano) they made a great team.

We staged the shows for about 12 years, three performances per show and raised money for local charities. It was not an easy task for Nancy as most of us were new to 'performing' but we have been left with wonderful memories of those happy times, all thanks to her encouragement.

*Pat Ellett*

*(Both former Bluebelles)*

**In Loving Memory of**



**Nancy Hood**  
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## St Michael's Rota – July 2019

<b>Sunday 8.00 am</b>	<b>7 July</b>	<b>14 July</b>	<b>21 July</b>	<b>28 July</b>
<b>Sidesperson</b>	Sandy Baker	Martin Dewes	Brian Smith	David Bull

<b>Sunday 10.00 am</b>	<b>7 July</b>	<b>14 July Family Praise</b>	<b>21 July</b>	<b>28 July</b>
<b>Welcomers</b>	Mary and Robert McAllester Jones	Maureen Brand	Shirley Trelfa	Brenda Eley
<b>Sidespersons</b>	Barbara Homewood Pat Toplis	Viv and Stephen Oliver	Brenda Liptrot Richard Keay	Judy and Mike Godfrey
<b>Reader</b>	Elizabeth Salt		David Easton	Mike Godfrey
<b>Servers</b>	Elizabeth Allen David Shiel		Maggie Easton Kay Martin	Kay Martin Phil Clayton
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Sheila Vaughan		Maggie Easton	Phil Clayton
<b>Intercessor</b>	Ted Green		Trevor James	Stephen Barton
<b>Coffee</b>	Lynn and David Edge	Alison Anketell Angela Burgess	June Frayn and Betty Lyne	Brenda Liptrot Anne Lingwood
<b>Healing</b>				Sheila Vaughan David Easton
<b>Transport</b>	Betty Bradbury	Ray Allen	Martin Dewes	Elizabeth Allen
<b>Flowers</b>	Lesley Allen	Lesley Allen	Sonia Doidge	TBA

<b>Sunday 12.30 pm</b>	<b>7 July Baptism</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Server</b>
		Sonia Doidge	Rita Athersmith	Elizabeth Allen

<b>Sunday 6.00 pm</b>	<b>7 July</b>	<b>14 July Communion</b>	<b>21 July</b>	<b>28 July Hymns and Pimms at St John's</b>
<b>Sidesperson</b>		Margaret Frean		
<b>Reader</b>		Ray Allen		
<b>Communion Assistant</b>		Ray Allen		

# Bible Readings

**Sunday 7th July**

**3rd Sunday after Trinity  
[Green]**

Galatians 6.1-10

Luke 10.1-11, 16-20

**Sunday 14th July**

**4th Sunday after Trinity  
[Green]**

Colossians 1.1-14

Luke 10.25-37

**Sunday 21st July**

**5th Sunday after Trinity  
[Green]**

Colossians 1.15-28

Luke 10.38-end

**Sunday 28th July**

**6th Sunday after Trinity  
[Green]**

Colossians 2.6-15

Luke 10.11.1-13

**Sunday 28th July**

**EVENSONG**

**6th Sunday after Trinity  
[Green]**

Genesis 42.1-25

1 Corinthians 10.1-24

**Sunday 4th August**

**7th Sunday after Trinity  
[Green]**

Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14; 2.18-23

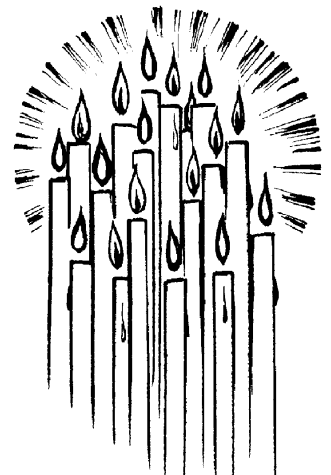
Luke 12.13-21

**Sunday 11th August**

**8th Sunday after Trinity  
[Green]**

Genesis 15.1-6

Luke 12.32-40



# From the Registers



## Baptism

St Michael	2nd June	Arthur Henry Edwards	23 mths
St Michael	2nd June	Hetty May Williams	12 mths



## Wedding

St Michael	18th May	Joseph David Bailey & Charlotte Louise Wynne Edwards
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## At Rest

St Michael	29th May	Karen Richards (interment of ashes)	55
St Michael	29th May	John Philip Graham	65
St John	6th June	Margaret 'Nancy' Hood	93
St Michael	12th June	Muriel May Brown (interment of ashes)	95
St Michael	18th June	Charles Brian Hanslow (interment of ashes)	84

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*Mother Theresa*

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