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### \*\*\* CHILDS ERCALL CHURCH IS OPEN FROM 10AM-4PM EVERY DAY \*\*\*



Hi! It's the holidays and I am in St Michael's Church for the summer. It took a lot of walking to get here, but here I am. Did you find all my friends hiding in the July newsletter? It took me a couple of goes to find all 10.

I've had a look around and there is a very nice tabby cat across the road so hopefully he would like a mouse as a friend, and not as his teal

I am looking forward to the stories at Sunday school on the 14th of July so whilst I wait I will get on with some dusting - yes dusting! I do need to earn my keep. If I leave my duster out, please would you put it by the front porch so I can find it again.

Your church is beautiful. When the sun comes out it shines through the coloured glass in the windows, and shines on the floor. I sing and dance in the colours, it feels like my very own disco! Will the font will be filled with water? I would like to have a bath - I don't want to be too smelly! I also want to practise my swimming when I am in the font.

My favourite colour is yellow. Do you know why that is?

Can you guess? Yes? Because it is the colour of cheese - yum, yum. Lastly my cousin Charles is going to visit me here, so if you see a lost mouse,

please let him know where the church is! Yours most mousely, Anon Mouse x





## August & September Clergy Letter



'May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever He may send you. May He guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm. **May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders He has shown you.** May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.'

This simple verse, which comes from the Northumbrian Community Morning Prayer, was the blessing I chose at the end-of-year church services for two of our Benefice schools last week.

My mind went back to the childhood thrill of breaking up for the long summer holidays. Mum and I would pack our bags, leave the London smog and noise, and take the train down to our small caravan on the Purbeck Coast in Dorset for the WHOLE of the school holidays! My memories are of space, clean air and freedom to roam.... Long Summer days and space to wander and to **wonder**. So often it seems we rush through life without pausing to drink in the everyday beauty around us. The beauty which betrays

the fingerprint of a generous Creator who wants us to enjoy colour and variety, to feel the wind through our hair and the sun on our backs (and sometimes the soft refreshing rain!)

This Summer I challenged the children with the **ABC** of a good Summer holiday.... Have an ........ Adventure Look at something... Beautiful Do something ...... Creative



Paint a picture, take a photo, write a poem, make a model. The bible tells us we are made in the image of God the Creator.... Human beings are CREATIVE – music, art, cookery, architecture, drama, engineering... the list goes on. It starts when we pause and take time to LOOK closely at the **wonders** God wants to show us in the world around us... instead of passing them by...

"Earth's crammed with heaven and every common bush afire with God, but only he who sees takes off his shoes. The rest sit around and pluck blackberries."

– Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

Have a **WONDER-full** holiday and CREATE something.... Perhaps you might even show me... or send me a photo? (**beckyrichards@hotmail.co.uk**) And may God bring you home rejoicing, once again into our doors!

Rev. Becky Richards, 22/7/24



## **New Benches**

There will be two new benches arriving in the church yard over the next month to replace the damaged wooden ones.

One will be sited in the old church yard by the porch and the other one will be in the new churchyard.

As a PCC we realise how important having a seating area in the church is and apologies for the inconvenience.



### THE HORSE, DOG AND HORTICULTURAL SHOW IS ON SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER AT BRADLEY FARM, CHILDS ERCALL BY KIND PERMISSION OF MR & MRS CLIFTON

This is great day out for all the family starting at 09.00am and going through into the night thanks to our lovely friends from the Village Club

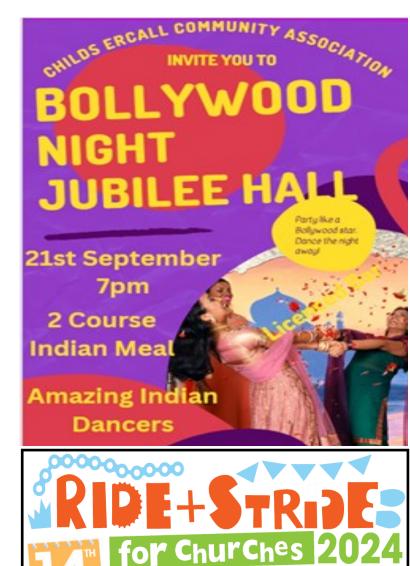
- The Horse show commences at 09.00am going on throughout the day
- The Dog show will commence at 12.00 noon with plenty of classes
- All entries for the Horticultural tent to be in by 10.00am on the morning

There will also be Refreshments, BBQ, Bar and plenty of stands on the day making it a great event

We look forward to seeing you all there and for more information on the Classes and times please contact Claire Clifton on email **cc\_clifton@outlook.com** or via Facebook



foodbank The Food Bank collection point is in the church porch. All donations gratefully received The food left with us is sent on to Market Drayton where it is distributed back to local families



Join the adventure and help support your Parish churches with the exhilarating annual church crawl! Ride+Stride is the biggest fundraiser

for the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust. Run, walk, cycle, or drive to explore as many stunning churches as you like.

Refreshments will be available in church and then you can pop and visit our horse and dog show that's on the same date.

#### Bollywood night 21st September doors open 7pm

Those of you that came last year will remember a wonderful night of food and dancing. You can wear Indian dress if you want to - but it's not obligatory. The meal starts off with samosas, pakora's and dips followed by a choice of 4 main courses, (one is a vegetarian option), then for desert there is Barfi (a milk based sweet with a fudge like consistency), together with a licensed bar and our amazing Taj Mahal backdrop for

photos – what an evening!

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Next PCC meeting will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October and if anybody has anything they would like to raise please contact Gill Mellor.

# **Harvest Lunch**

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at the Jubilee Hall, Club doing the bar. Tickets available from the Club or from Gill Mellor 01952 840334 All proceeds raised for the church.

# Enter Highest Temperatures

The official record for the highest European temperature is 48C, registered in Athens, Greece, in 1977. But regional authorities on the Italian island of Sicily registered a temperature of 48.8C on 11th August 2021.

**Death Valley, California** -Furnace Creek in Death Valley currently holds the record for hottest air temperature ever recorded. The desert valley reached highs of 56.7C in the summer of 1913, which would apparently push the limits of human survival. There is debate over the validity of this temperature,

but even if proved false Furnace Creek still comes top: a temperature of 54.4C was recorded in August 2020. Average temperature highs today reach 47C during summer, and it's the driest place in the States.

**Dasht-e Loot, Iran** -This desert plateau has the hottest ground temperatures on the planet – satellite measurements taken between 2003 and 2009 found a maximum temperature of a staggering 70.7C. Needless to say, the region is uninhabited. Fetch the iced drinks !!!!!!

