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7th 11:00am Holy Communion

14th 9:30am Sunday School

21st 11:00am Service at St Peter's

28th 11:00am Service at St Peter's

OUR CHURCH IS OPEN 10AM—4PM DAILY



Sunday School

Anyone can come to Sunday School we have a great group of people and love for more to join. Our next Sunday School will be in Church on

14th July at 9:30am

Hello I'm Anony Mouse, I am on holiday in St Michael's for the summer and I'd love you to come and visit. I'm not easy to find but if you look hard enough I am here.

Don't expect me to always be in the same place because I move around a lot. Look for my diary in the Parish Magazine and you'll find out what I've been up to.

Some of my friends are hiding in this Newsletter, can you find all 10 of them?





July 2024 Clergy Letter





Finding God in Silence

Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' 1 Kings 19: 11-13 NRSV

Elijah knew that God wasn't present in any of those dramatic events. It was only when he heard "the sound of sheer silence", that he went out to meet with the Lord, who then spoke to him.

Just over a year ago I started training on the Art of Spiritual Direction Course, along with Linda Pitcher. We've now finished the Course and I've found it challenging but also very rewarding. Each session began with about an hour of prayer, when we found a quiet space and reflected on a passage of scripture, a poem or a picture, allowing it to daw us into a time of silent prayer. Then we responded by journalling or in some kind of artwork. We were encouraged to spend a time each day at home in this type of prayer. Although it wasn't always easy to carve out the time, I found it so valuable to reconnect with the practice of contemplative prayer; just being available to listen and to enjoy "resting under the gaze of God"

This kind of prayer certainly isn't just for those intending to be "spiritual companions" to others! Over the past few months I've been helping with a weekly Contemplative Prayer Group at HMYOI Stoke Heath. We use material from "Finding God within – Contemplative Prayer for Prisoners" by Ray Leonardini, who has led prayer groups in American prisons. We spend around 12 minutes in silence and then allow a time for anyone to reflect back if they wish. Some men have begun to recognise the benefit of carrying on the practice in their own cells, finding it helps them feel calmer and more focussed. Even in prison it is possible to enter into your own quiet space; to filter out the physical noise around you – and, more importantly - the noise of your own inner thoughts.

This type of prayer is a means of drawing us deeper into a relationship with our Lord; of discovering a God who loves and accepts us and who longs to meet with us. All you need is a quiet space – maybe somewhere you can place a candle, a cross or whatever helps you to focus on Jesus. Something you may find helpful as a starting point is the "Pray as you Go" App which is free to download. As our thoughts turn to summer holidays, why not try taking some time out with God – if only for a few minutes each day – and allow Him to lead you along some new paths as you journey with him.

Rev Chris S



JUBILEE **BIG** NEWS

The Jubilee now has a drinks licence, and the Committee may be willing to organise the drinks for your party! Put them on the list to book for your next event. A well organised and lovely venue, parking, and on site children's play area. Reasonable competitive hire charges.

> Run by volunteers for the benefit of all. Contact the committee to book a date.

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

The Horse, Dog and Horticultural Show is on Saturday 14th September

As we mentioned in last month's edition the Horse Show Horticultural tent is going to be bigger and better. All entries cost a £1.00 and to be in the tent before Judging commences - see below all the important details; If you would like to sponsor a class please find the details below:



Please email: cc_clifton@outlook.com with your details and sponsorship selection

| Class | Class Description/Categories | | | | |
|-------|---|--|--|--|--|
| | Horticultural Tent—Judging starts at 10:30am | | | | |
| 56 | Best Homemade loaf of Bread Loaf of your choice) | | | | |
| 57 | Best Homemade Jam | | | | |
| 58 | Best Homemade Biscuits (5 biscuits of your choice) | | | | |
| 59 | Best Homemade Victoria Sponge | | | | |
| 60 | Best Horse or Dog Painting (Up to 12 years old) | | | | |
| 61v | Best Cut and Stick - Animal Themed (Up to 12 years old) | | | | |
| 62 | Best Photograph taken within Childs Ercall Village | | | | |
| 63 | Best in Show - Classes 56-62 (1st Placed Competitors) | | | | |

Sponsorship Details

- 1. £30:00 Class Sponsorship -Business/ Family Name to feature on Class Rosette
- 2. £35:00 Class + Schedule Sponsorship -Business/Family Name will feature on Class Rosette Tails & Business Logo will feature in the Show Schedule.
- 3. £45:00 Class + Schedule Sponsorship -Business/Family Name will feature on Class Rosette Tails 1/2 page Business Advert will feature in the Show Schedule.

ADVERTS WILL BE PRINTED IN BLACK AND WHITE

Last month we held a Wine Tasting Evening hosted by Helen and David
Word It was a wonderful evening – Ward. It was a wonderful evening great company, food, and location. The heavens might have opened but

that didn't dampen the evening. Preet Sahota entertained us all with good knowledge and passion he had about South African Wines which we consumed during the evening. A very big thank you to the Ward family and in return the church made over £300 profit which was excellent. Thanks also to all who came and watch out for next years gin tasting night.





JULY'S ICE CREAM FACTS

Everyone loves ice cream, especially on a hot summer's day, which is why National Ice Cream Day in the US this year is 17th July.

Many of us assume that ice cream originated in Italy due to the reputable richness of proper Italian gelato. In fact, ice cream made specifically with milk, was a Chinese concoction from around 200AD. It was brought to Europe (via Italy) over 1,000 years later by explorer Marco Polo. A single cow can produce 64 pounds of milk in one day and can make up to 5.3 gallons of ice cream each day.

In 2015, Norwegian ice cream company Hennig-Olsen set a new record for the biggest ice cream cone. The 110-kilogram cone topped with 1,080 litres of ice cream was 3 meters and 8cm in height and could have provided 10,800 two-scoop servings.

Namjatown amusement park in Tokyo has a place called Ice Cream City. There, you can sample bizarre and stomach-churning flavours such as basil, eggplant, oyster, eel, beef tongue, or even "coal" and "Indian curry" ice cream.

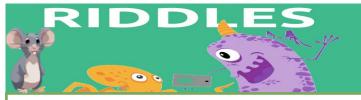
July 2024

| Church | 7th July | 14 th July | 21st July | 28th July |
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| Circi cir | Trinity 6 | Trinity 7 | Trinity 8 | Trinity 9 |
| | 2 Cor 12:2-10 | Ephesians 1:3-14 | Ephesians 2:11- end | Ephesians 3:14- end |
| | Mark 6:1-13 | Mark 6:14-29 | Mark 6:30-34,53- end | John 6:1-21 |
| | | 11 am | 11.00am | 11 am |
| St Peter | | Café church | Holy Communion | Morning Prayer |
| Stoke on Tern | | Rev B Richards | Rev B Richards | Rob Richards |
| | 11.00am | 9.30am | | |
| St Michael | Holy Communion | Sunday School | | |
| Childs Ercall | Rev B Richards | Lay lead | | |
| Cimas Lican | Rev C Alexander (P) | | | |
| | 9.30am | | 9.30am | |
| St Luke | Holy Communion | | Village Service | |
| Sambrook | Rev B Richards | | Lay lead | |
| Lawrence productives and use and use and | Rev C Alexander(P) | | | |
| | | 10.00am | 10.00am | 10.00am |
| St Oswald | | Café Church | Holy Communion | Morning Prayer |
| Hinstock | | Rev B Richards | Rev C Simpson | Lay lead |
| | | Jenny Evans | | |
| | 10.00am | 10.00am | 10.00am | 1.00pm Baptism |
| St Swithun | Morning Worship | Holy Communion | Family Worship | Rev B Richards |
| Cheswardine | Rob Richards | Rev Janet Holmes | Rev B Richards | 6.00pm Evensong |
| | | | | John Naylor |
| | 6.00pm | 3.00pm | | 10.00am |
| St Mary | Evensong | Family Worship | | Holy Communion |
| Hales | Rev B Richards | Rev B Richards | | Rev B Richards |
| | Rob Richards (P) | | | |
| St Lukes | 11.00 | 11.00am | 11.00am | 11.00am |
| Hodnet | Morning Prayer | Holy Communion | Holy Communion | Morning Prayer |
| Hounet | Barney Reeve | Rev C Alexander | Rev Janet Holmes | Janice Parker |
| | | Rev C Simpson (P) | | |
| | | 6.30pm | | 11.00am |
| The Epiphany | | Evensong | | Holy Communion |
| Peplow | | Rev C Alexander | | Rev B Richards |
| | | Rev C Simpson (P) | | |

^{*}Family Worship Theme: The 10 Commandments (God has rules)

WEEKDAY SERVICES IN THE MONTH

Thursday 25th - Holy Communion St Swithun's, Cheswardine - 10.00am -Rev B Richards
Childs Ercall Morning Prayers Every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. All Welcome



June Riddle Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world? Answer: It would still be Mt. Everest.

July Riddle Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday?

Flower Rota July - Carol Lewis August - Gill Mellor

If anyone would like to join the flower rota please contact Barbara Weston number on front of newsletter.