

The Newsletter of St.Giles', Newcastle, with St.Thomas', Butterson.
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Parish News

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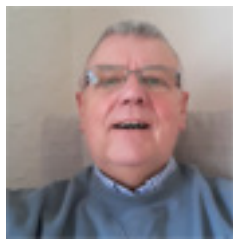
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The Wardens, Gillian Elks & Dennis Brammer write....



“Time flies when you are having fun”

The past twelve months have flown so the job as a Warden must be good!

The previous wardens at St Giles over their extended term, dealt with, amongst many other matters, two interregnums and Covid. Over the past twelve months since we took in the position as Wardens of St Giles our term seems to be panning out in a more practical nature.

We have encountered many challenges: ‘Where are the hymn books, where is the collection plate, what is the format for a baptism, where to find the keys, what is a wand! (One function is to prod worshipers daring to fall asleep during the vicar’s sermon. (‘BE WARNED’). The deputy Wardens and members of St Giles have been very patient answering our ‘never ending questions’. Suddenly we realised that although we were regular attendees, we generally had a lack of knowledge as to how St Giles works and also the number of volunteers who go quietly about their business keeping the church running.

To give a brief résumé, of what we have been up to, we have encountered, rats in the organ fan chamber, swarms of cluster flies in the tower, a broken fire alarm, defective emergency lights, bunches of homeless keys with no known lock, a leaking roof, being in attendance in the church to facilitate various workmen including organ tuners. Also, to facilitate funerals, weddings, baptisms etc, creating rotas and finally falling downspouts and subsequent roof damage, for which we have attended meetings with builders, scaffolders, insurance representatives. We could

probably fill several pages with jobs we have undertaken and jobs still ongoing.

We do have, on an almost a daily basis, various people who prefer the bohemian way of life. These visitors frequently create problems for us within our grounds, with tents and considerable amounts of rubbish, (human rubbish included), needles etc which we have to remove. Talking to people whilst engulfed in clouds of ‘whacky backie’, ‘Hey Man!’. We do try to deal with this problem sensitively but sometimes we have to call upon the assistance of street ambassadors from BID and also the police for their specialist knowledge and help.

We have also taken on the responsibility for St Thomas’ at Butterton. Much work has been carried out for example, clearing the drive and overhanging trees to make St Thomas more presentable and accessible. Our friends at Butterton will shortly have hot water which will make hosting their exciting forthcoming events easier, after all, washing up in cold water is not pleasant. They also had two downspouts which were blocked with various objects, one of which has now been cleared. The water previously held back was now free to flow soaking both Dennis and David upon its release to freedom. Hence, the remaining downpipe will wait until warmer weather before being cleared. Work is also in hand to repair the lead on the bell tower having being a victim of a strong westerly wind.

We would like to thank the committee at Butterton, for their hard work in promoting the church and also wish them all the best in their forthcoming events which will be advertised in this magazine during the year.

Working as a team is the only way to approach being a Warden, we both bring very different skills which ‘compliment’ each other and we also need to thank both Dennis’ wife Marilyn and Gillian’s husband David for their support.

Finally, we need to thank the congregation of St Giles who have supported us, answered our ‘never ending’ questions and embraced the changes we have made.

Dennis and Gillian
St Giles & St. Thomas Church Wardens



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From the Editor....

Welcome to our March issue, an issue that shows that parish life is, (almost), returning to normal with a bumper 'What's On' section listing events and Services for all ages, which would value your support.

To some, the 'Church' is a 'Sunday' thing, closed for the rest of the week and can be forgotten. Regulars will know that this is far from the truth with St.Giles hosting various services and groups throughout the week. To enable this to happen safely, our buildings must be well maintained and this, (along with numerous other duties), is under the care of our two Church Wardens who write the 'Letter' in this issue, giving an insight into their 'Warden's World'.

The Covid pandemic has made it difficult for churches to survive, and St.Peter's Methodist Church and hall in The Westlands has sadly been forced to close. Our article on the fight to save it shows that local 'People Power' may yet prevail and save it.

Our series about life in the Peak District, 'The Good Shepherd' continues, as does our digest of 'Newcastle News', all of which forms part of this March issue which I hope you enjoy reading.

Michael Pitstow

A Thought for the Month

A religion that does not begin with repentance is certain to end there – perhaps too late. - Anon



CLOCKS GO FORWARD

1 hour

Saturday, March 26th.

Our Front Cover

The magnificent ancient tower of St.Giles' stands proud over the Borough, but sadly it's position and height makes it vulnerable in winter storms. Recently strong winds dislodged part of a lead down spout, sending it crashing to the ground, but hitting two portions of roof on its way down. Atlas Scaffolding have erected an impressive scaffolding tower to enable inspections and repair work to be carried out.

Further details on page 8

Have you ever considered that..

~ A bird in the hand is safer than two over your head.

~ A narrow mind and a wide mouth usually go together.

~ A penny saved is a ridiculous waste of time.

~ A stitch in time would have confused Einstein.

~ No woman ever shot a man while he was doing dishes.

~ We need to save the earth. It's the only planet with chocolate.

What's On - 1

Something for You in 2022?

Shrove Tuesday Beetle Drive

**March 1st.
6.30pm.**



**Bring your own light
refreshments for
the interval**

**Tea and coffee
available**

**Please let Revd
Peter know if you
are coming.**

CHRISTIAN AID WALK 2ND APRIL 2022 TITTESWORTH RESERVOIR

Christian Aid Needs you!

We are all aware of the desperate state of our world. We all know about the millions of people facing a daily struggle to survive and to keep their children alive.

Christian Aid works in the areas of the world where they are needed. They provide emergency relief to people in crisis and also provide long term support to enable people to live with dignity.

We can help towards this enormous task.

The North Staffs Christian Aid sponsored walk will take place on Saturday 2nd April at Tittesworth reservoir.

The walk starts at 10.00am, there are two walks, a short easy one and a longer one. Both are really beautiful and enjoyable.

The Bishop of Stafford will start the walk and hopes to walk himself.

Please consider picking up a sponsor form from the back of church and come along on the day to enjoy a walk in the beautiful countryside. It is a fun day out for all the family.

For more information contact -
Janet Iwanicki 01782 630069.

Thank you.

What's On - 2

Something for You in 2022?

NEW: Monthly Pattern

First Sunday: SHINE

Second: All-Age

Third: SHINE

Fourth: LIGHTHOUSE

URGENT: Help is required with these new ventures. If YOU can help, please contact Jean Buckley or the Rector.

'SHINE'

**A NEW CHILDRENS
AND FAMILIES GROUP!!**

Bible story, craft, games etc.

Can YOU help?

We need 1 (pref.2) people to assist Jean in the hall as she teaches the children. It's just a matter of joining in and making the different activities flow. For safety reasons there has to be a second person present.

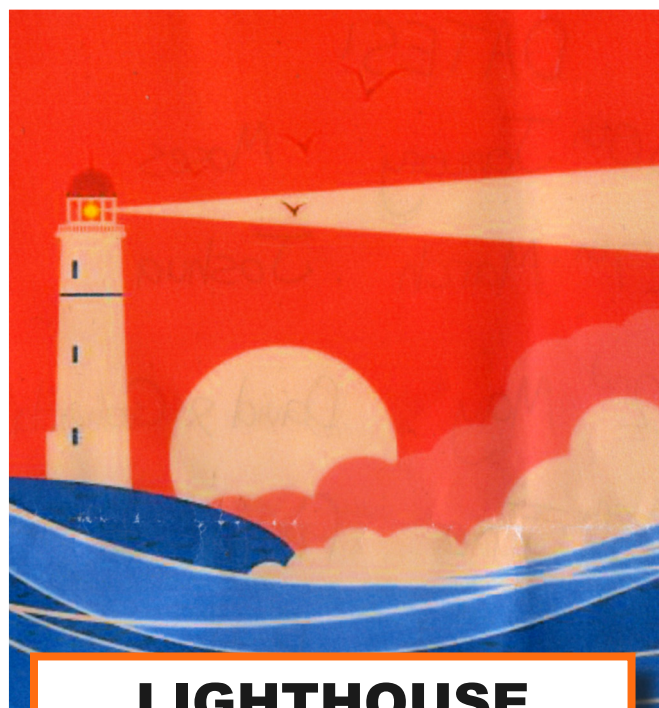
Nearest Dates: 6 & 20 March, 3 & 17 April, 1 & 15 May, 5 & 19 June.

Contact Jean Buckley: 0799542229

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This will be taking place on Tuesday 24th May 2022 at 7.30pm in St.Giles Church.

EVERYONE WELCOME!



LIGHTHOUSE

A Mini 'Messy Church'
Worshipping Jesus through
Games, Crafts, Songs &
Activities.

Every 4th Sunday of the
Month at 10.30am. in
St.Giles'

Dates for your diary

27th March - Joshua
22nd May - David & Goliath
26th June - Pentecost
28th August - Ruth
25th September - Abraham
27th November - Christmas

What's On - 3

Mothering Sunday

Sunday March 27th.

10:30am All-Age Service

Can YOU please help?

◆After the Covid lockdown, It will be wonderful to once again present the children and mothers with posies of foliage and golden daffodils during the service.

To achieve this, we need help to produce the posies on Saturday, March 26th at 9.30am in the Church hall and would be very grateful for donations of help and foliage.

Wendy Burke

◆We would also like to give the ladies a day off from Church kitchen duties and would appeal for a team of gentlemen to make and serve tea and coffee after the Service. - D. Brammer

Lent Course

The Nicene Creed: what we believe and why we believe it

Thursdays 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
March & 7th April. 7.30pm
in the church hall

- 1.The Father: knowing why we are here
- 2.The Son: knowing what the problem is
- 3.The Holy Spirit: knowing who we are
- 4.The Church: knowing why we worship
- 5.The World to come: knowing where we are going.

Furter details from Rev. Josh.

What's On: Butterson



The Butterson Bulletin

Butterson just has 2 things to report this month.

Firstly we are in the process of organising a Harvest of Talents to take place in St Thomas' on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd April - no it is not an April fools joke but at least you should be able to remember the date.

We plan to have a variety of crafts etc on display from the community and wider family/friends and hopefully many of you will be able to pop in to view people's talents, be inspired to start a new hobby, or simply to to have a drink and a snack. See opposite for further details.

Secondly, 67 questionnaires have been put through people's doors within Butterson and the area and 10 emailed to church members asking for opinions regarding the future of the church and ideas for outreach and support. After the replies have been received, by 28th February, and collated it is planned for Rev Josh to hold a meeting in the church to discuss outcomes.

Please come along and support the Harvest of Talents.

S.T.

HARVEST OF TALENTS

Friday 1st April

10am-3pm & 6pm-8pm

Saturday 2nd April

10am-3pm

St Thomas Church, Butterson
Come and see a range
of exhibits.

Admission free

Refreshments available

What's Gone & On



Mothers Union Branch Leader Wendy Burke would like to thank everyone who helped and attended the Sunday morning Communion Service in St.Giles' on January 23rd. It was a Special Service of celebration and was dedicated to the Mothers Union. It was the last time that the Mothers Union banners from St.Giles and St.Thomas will be processed down the main aisle as both branches are now closed. The Bishop of Stafford presided, and the readings and prayers were lead by M.U. members.

During the Service, there was a presentation to Jim Rutter, who had served as branch Treasurer for nearly 42 years and Wendy received a beautiful flower arrangement from M.U. members. Members attended from other M.U.groups for the occasion and after the service everyone enjoyed a piece of a very special cake and a drink. Afterwards, people remarked what an emotional and lovely service it had been.

BE A PART OF A BRAND NEW VENTURE

~~On Wednesday 2nd March, (Ash Wednesday), starting at 2.30pm,~~

On April 6th, we plan to start our new
Friendship/fellowship group which
will meet in our Church Hall.

EVERYONE will be welcome. The new 'group' will require a name. We also need to know what format you would like the 'meetings' to take - so, please put your 'Thinking Caps' on and bring your ideas along to the meeting on Wednesday, April 6th, starting at 2.30pm.

Wendy Burke

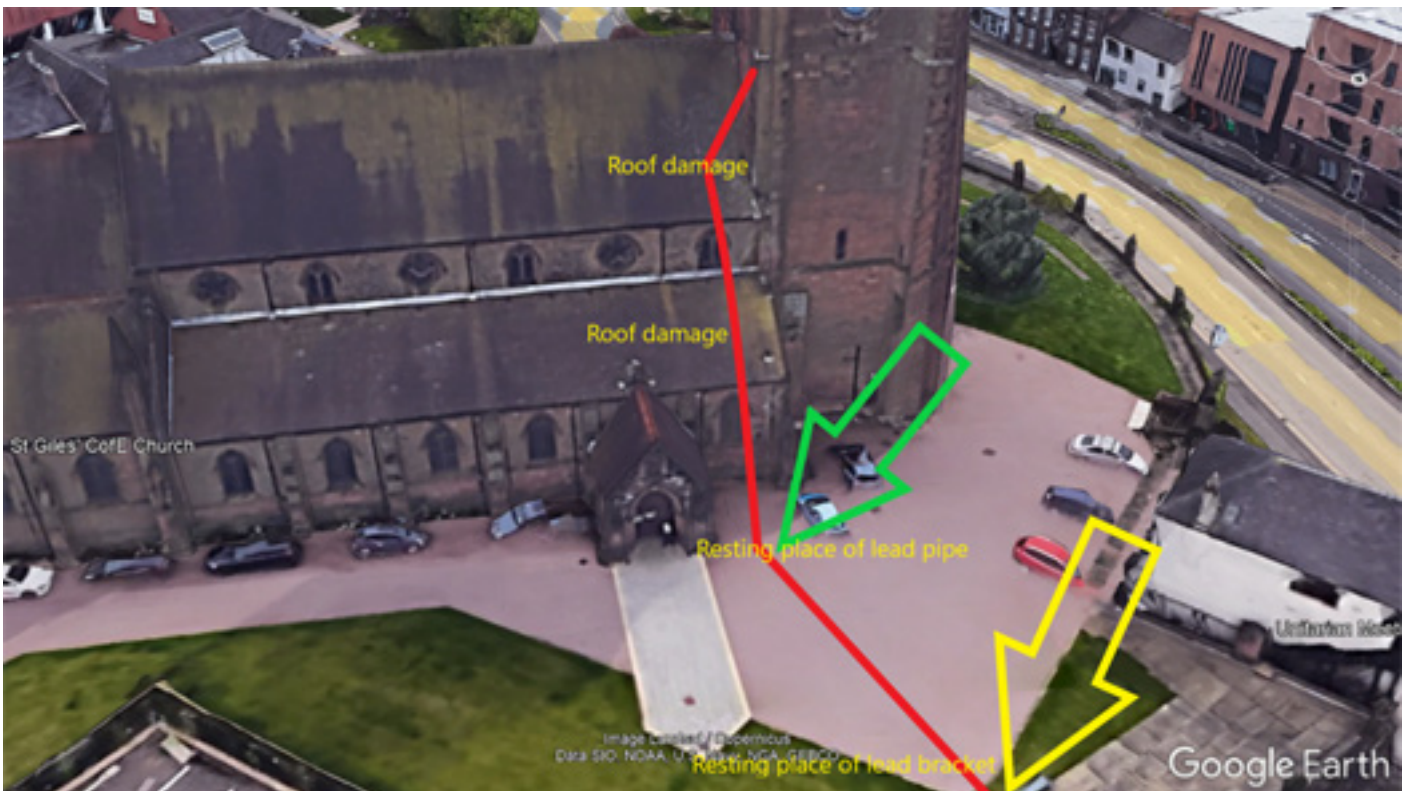
**Sorry -
New Date
April 6th.**

The Wind Doth Blow! - and causes problems!



A winter storm brought very strong winds across the area at the end of January which caused part of the lead guttering downspout on the side of the tower (left white box) to become loose and fall to the ground. On it's way down, it broke several tiles on the main and side aisle roofs. The lead pipe landed by the porch, but a supporting bracket landed some way away at the edge of the car park.

Due to possible further dislodged items falling, the 'Right of way' through the churchyard and part of the car park were quickly closed off with barriers before a scaffolding tower was erected to inspect the damage.



A fine team of men from Atlas Scaffolding erected a magnificent scaffolding tower on the side of the ancient church tower, (see front cover), so that further investigations could take place for the insurance company to study the extent of the damage and the repairs required.

We have to thank our Wardens for all of their hard and speedy work regarding this difficult and on-going operation.

M.Pitstow / D.Brammer

The Good Shepherd

by Judith Thompson

Part 9

Off to the Peaks...

Forty six years in the meat trade and forty years in qualified nursing, combined:- for what? My husband had retired early and I was part time at a nursing residential home for the elderly, due to retire in the near future. So when the opportunity came up to buy piece of land in the Derbyshire Peak District, we could see no difficulties. We then bought 64 swaledale Ewes and two tups as we were told that sheep didn't need much looking after. How naive and green we were.....

We were greatly aware of the difficulties farmers have when illness strikes. The stock still have to be cared for, cows have to be milked twice a day. Animals have to be fed, watered and cleaned out, and new bedding supplied.

Time was speeding on, April was getting nearer and lambing. We made a safe area in the big barn in case the weather turns to blizzard conditions, at a high altitude at night this might strike at losses for lambing, and in this case it would be better if they were inside.

We would bring inside all the ewes expecting twins and triplets from 9.30pm to 8am this would prevent heartache for us, and the chance of a better survival of new born lambs.

This would be a last resort. The small barn was made

ready with individual pens made with metal hurdles 3ft by 6ft. New clean straw on the floor, rubber buckets tied in one corner for water, at the right height from the floor to enable the ewes to drink, but not low enough for the lambs to drown. Metal attachments on the tops of the hurdles to hold fresh hay and buckets for corn. Check the water supply, and disinfectant soap for hand, a good supply of old clean towelling, supplied over the years by friends and relatives. Sheets, flannelette are the best, torn into small sizes for drying hand, or warming up lambs, or cleaning down ewes. This supply of pieces of material has been invaluable over the years. We have no hot water supply on tap, and no electricity, only a small generator. So washing hands in cold water, (at times with a small covering of frozen ice) many times a day, it's essential to have them dried properly.

I never had chapped hands, and I'm sure this is due to drying them properly, not forgetting the large amounts of lanolin present in the ewes fleece. After using the towelling etc it's discarded and another piece used, no cross infection, and much better than paper towels. Very often we have arrived home, to find a parcel on the step, from some caller, hearing we are in need of more sheets and towels. People have been most helpful. This has been a huge - huge help. Aren't friends kind?

The second week of March finds us apprehensive if lambing should start now we are in danger of losses, too early for them to survive, the foetal lamb in the last



Sections of the temporary accommodation after lambing



Continued...

The Good Shepherd continued....

six weeks of pregnancy puts on 75% of weight, so if born early will be too small. This condition is abortive lamb disease, thankfully we never encountered this in our flock, but there are many more conditions which are present in the sheep, which we had to learn about.

In the later stages of pregnancy as the lambs develop in the ewe, the amount of space within the abdomen gets less, so the space for food within the rumen is limited, so a higher concentrate of food is necessary. A well know saying of farmers is, "if you have live stock, then you will have dead stock" the two go together. We struggle to come to terms with this, you have a ewe expecting triplets dead by a wall, or a dead lamb by a feeding crate, eyes pecked out by the crows, or a small malformed lamb, or a ewe dead by a water trough.

Very upsetting when you loose a lamb or ewe. Tom will very often weep over it, we feel we have failed, "Jesus wept" the shortest sentence in the bible, Jesus weeps and still weeps over us.

These deaths could have been due to lack of minerals, as I have mentioned before not all the ewes will use the lick mineral buckets, or come for corn. If we had been about within the final few hours of life minerals could have been administered by injection, depending on the symptoms, the ewes can look fine one minute and within a couple of hours be dead so soon.

This series continues next month.



† All those who are sick and in hospital.

† All those unable to leave their homes through fear.

† All those who fear that their job may be in danger of being lost.

† All those who have lost loved ones.

† All those who are waiting for hospital and medical appointments.

† All those who are working to keep peace in the world.

† All those who feel lonely and neglected.

† All those who work in Food Banks and Charity shops.



By Dr Herbert McGonigle

Part 3

The story of the yellow ribbons

We are loved with everlasting love! One of the greatest and most comforting doctrines taught in the Bible is the love of God for His people. In the Law and in the Prophets; in the poetical and historical books; in Gospels and Letters – all agree to tell us what God said to His people through Jeremiah. "I have loved you with an everlasting love" (Jeremiah 31:3).

It was that love that moved the Father to send His Son into the world (John 3:16). Paul writes glowingly of "that great love with which He loved us" (Ephesians 2:4). John emphasises the same great truth in a magnificent creed of just three words: 'God is love' (1 John 4:8). Quite simply there is nothing in all creation more reassuring, more comforting, more encouraging, more uplifting than to know that God loves us. And we can go further and put it in personal terms as Paul did. 'He loved me and gave Himself for me' (Galations 2:21).

How can we illustrate the illimitable love of God? One such illustration was told by the Rev John Wilbur Chapman of Indiana, an ordained Presbyterian minister who in 1893 went into full-time evangelistic ministry.

One evening Chapman was travelling by train in a rural part of Kansas. The other passenger in the carriage was a young man who kept glancing out the window and then covering his face with his hands. Chapman asked if he could help.

The young man confessed that many years before he had run away from home and 'sown his wild oats.' He had not written to his parents at all, until a few weeks before, telling them that he would be travelling on this train. At a certain point it passed very close

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Saving St.Peters

Local Residents are campaigning to save Saint Peter's Methodist Church and hall in Pilkington Avenue, Newcastle, after it was withdrawn from being sold at auction with a guide price of £455,000 on February 17th. They have managed to get the building registered as an 'asset of community interest'. The Methodist Church headquarters confirmed that it was withdrawn from the auction.

Members of the Westlands Hall Community Action Group successfully applied to Newcastle Borough Council to

have the church, which was built in around 1938 and stands on a one-acre site, listed on the borough's assets of community interest register.

This means that residents now have six months to try to raise the funds to purchase the site and keep it in community use. If the building can be secured, the group, which plans to register as a community interest company, hopes to run a community cafe on the site, as well as providing other activities such as a playground and a youth club.

A second group called 'Save Our St Peter's' has also been campaigning to stop the building being lost to the community and has distributed 2,000 cards door-to-door in the Westlands, started a petition and website and put up a huge banner to raise awareness.

They have also identified another church group which would be interested in buying St Peter's and who say that there are restrictive covenants on the land.

Westlands resident Wayne Hubby, of Save Our St Peter's, said: "The land was originally sold by the council to the Methodist Church for a reduced rate with this covenant - which says the only buildings allowed on the land are the church, the Sunday School and a house for a minister or caretaker."

Simon Tagg, Westlands ward councillor and borough council leader, said: "I am backing the community in their attempt to secure a community use of the old Church and hall, and support the bid for asset of community interest status which has been successful."

Anyone wanting to get involved with fundraising and future plans for the hall can join the Westlands Community Hall Trust Facebook group or email them on Westlands.community.hall@gmail.com.

Hope & Faith continued....

to his home. In the letter he had begged his parents' forgiveness and asked if they wanted him to come home. If so, they were to tie a yellow ribbon on the old apple tree that grew right beside the railway lines.

"Sir," he said to Chapman, "the train will soon pass my home but I'm afraid to look. If there's a yellow ribbon on the tree, I'll get off at the next station and go home. If there's no ribbon, I'll just travel on. But I'm too afraid to look out for the tree." So Chapman offered to look for him.

"You can open your eyes now," he said a few minutes later. The returning prodigal looked at Chapman with tears and quivering lips. 'All is well,' said the evangelist. 'There is a yellow ribbon on the apple tree. In fact, there's far more than one. Every branch is hanging with yellow ribbons, scores and scores of them. Your parents love you that much, they want you to come home.'

If parents can love their wayward children like that, how much greater is the love of God! Truly, we are loved with everlasting love.

Take-a-Break



GOOD FRUIT OR BAD FRUIT?

Jesus said:
"No good tree does not produce bad fruit, nor does a bad tree produce good fruit. Each tree is known by its own fruit... Good people bring good things out of the good they stored in their hearts. But evil people bring evil things out of the evil they stored in their hearts. People speak the things that are in their hearts."
 - Luke 6: 43-45

During LENT ask God to help you through His Holy Spirit to turn your hate to **love**, your impatience to **patience** and your unkindness to **kindness**, so we can be like a good tree that grows good fruit.

READ
 Luke 6: 27-45

How did Jesus say we should treat others?
 Look up Luke 6:31

to everyone who asks you Luke 6:30

for those who are cruel to you Luke 6:28

those who curse you Luke 6:28

to those that hate you Luke 6:27

and you will be forgiven Luke 6:37

Find these words from Luke 6 in the word search above.
 GOOD • BAD • FRUIT • TREE • HEART • EVIL • EACH • OWN • STORED
 PRODUCE • BRING • SPEAK • REPENT • FORGIVE • LOVE • BLESS • PRAY • GIVE

Mar270 deborah noble • parishpump.co.uk

The Computer Swallowed Grandad!

The computer swallowed Grandad!
 Yes! Honestly! It's true!
 He pressed Control and Enter -
 And disappeared from view!

It devoured him completely
 The thought just makes me squirm!
 He must have caught a virus
 Or been swallowed by a worm!

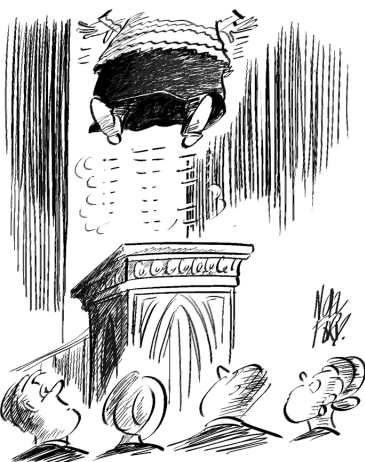
I've searched through the recycle bin
 And files of every kind;
 I've even searched the internet
 But nothing did I find.

I went to Mr Google
 My searches to refine
 His reply was in the negative,
 'Nothing found' was Google's line.

So, if inside your inbox
 My Grandad you should see -
 Please copy, scan, and paste him
 And send him back to me!

By Nigel Beeton (Parish Pump)

Smile-A-While



The fan-heater under the cassock
 idea turned out not to be a good one.

Mothering Sunday - Why God made mums

These were the answers given by some
 seven- year-olds...

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows all the passwords we use online.
2. Mostly to clean the house, I think.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and one part of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

Medium Sudoku

			9	5	4
	1	2	8	6	
					9
8		6		2	4
	4		3		7
5					
		8	7	3	2
6	3		5		

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Academy Activities

St Giles' and St George's C of E Academy

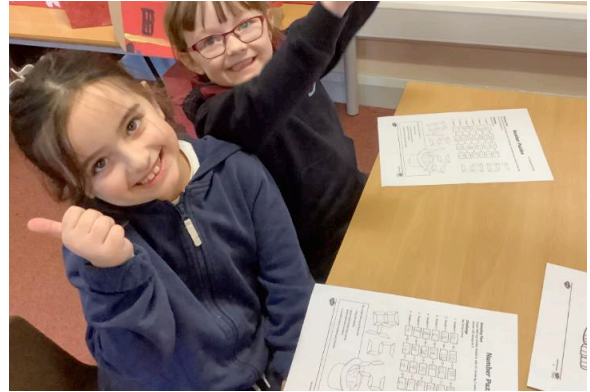
As God's children we aspire, believe and achieve to be the very best we can be

Tel: 01782 91764 www.stgilesstgeorgesacademy.co.uk

Headteacher: Mrs C Pointon BSc PGCE (Oxon)

NSPCC- Number Day!

The whole school completed a range of number activities.



UKS2 used budgeting, profit and loss to hold a cake sale to raise money for the NSPCC - we raised £150!





LIBRARY - The former Newcastle library (Above) in the Ironmarket is to be turned into housing, after plans were approved.

Built in the 1970s as a department store, the site housed the town's library until it moved to Castle House. It has remained vacant since and was bought by Drayon Beaumont Group LTD in 2020.

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Councillors agreed the plans to convert the site to 36 apartments with underground car parking,

The plans, which involve the partial demolition of the building, also include commercial space on the ground floor.

The firm has previously converted other buildings in the area, including the former police station. Councillors were in agreement that it would be positive for the building to be occupied again.

MOVING MEAT - Retailer Wayne Walker Quality Meats, on Hassell Street, has shut its town centre butchers - to trade from a mobile van instead.

A notice in the shop states: "To all our customers, we will be closing our shop in the next month. But don't worry we will be trading from our mobile shop on a Wednesday and a Friday in Newcastle with all the same products and much more so please look out for us. We thank you for your continued support."

TRENTHAM LODGES -The Booming Trentham Estate is once again considering building woodland lodges - 16 years after similar plans never got off the ground.

The attraction is currently surveying visitors about possible 'new experiences' at the estate.

Its questions include 'how likely' a member would be to book 'woodland lodges for short breaks or longer holidays'. The survey then asks the same question around 'eco-sensitive lodges with a spa'.

It comes 16 years after plans to build 75 lodges in a £6 million scheme were first unveiled. The two and three-bedroom lodges were planned in woodland near the monkey forest and the lake in a Center Parcs-style development. Its masterplan - dating back to 2000 - included woodland lodges, a budget hotel and a five-star hotel. But the woodland lodges plan - approved by Stafford Borough Council in 2012 - never happened and the planning permission expired. The five-star hotel was also never built.

TAVERN CLOSURE - The Westbury Tavern, in Westbury Park, closed suddenly late last month and its blinds have now been pulled down. But owners Greene King say the closure is only temporary and it is set to reopen.

The Westbury Tavern had a strong reputation for its food and also had no televisions or loud music.

A spokesperson for the Westbury Tavern said: "We can confirm that the pub is only temporarily closed and we look forward to re-opening the Westbury Tavern to the community soon."

THISTLEBERRY SALON - An engaged couple have poured their marriage savings into opening a new salon after their wedding was cancelled due to the pandemic. Tara Parfitt, aged 29, and 30-year-old Jamie Howes, from Newcastle were planning a destination wedding in Cyprus when it was called off. Jamie then encouraged Tara to spend their £6,000 on beauty courses, and the two launched their salon, *Beauty and the Barber*, in Thistleberry Avenue.

Tara offers a number of treatments, including regular brows, lashes, and nails, but also plasma fibroblasting, radio frequency, breast enhancement, laser lipo, and LED light therapy. The couple are now getting married in Cyprus this July.

WOLLEN DOUGHNUTS - Plans are underway to transform the former Edinburgh Wollen Mill shop on Newcastle High Street into a Chopstix noodle bar and bakery - Planet Doughnut. It will sell 60 flavours of doughnut and will be the firms first outlet in North Staffordshire. It has applied for the opening hours of 9 am until 11 pm and will create 6 full-time jobs and 10 part-time jobs.

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St.Giles Church, Church Street, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs. ST5 1QS

Regular Activities (in St.Giles' unless otherwise specified)

All our regular activities are open to newcomers - either telephone the leaders or just turn up on the day and make yourself known.

Please could people be mindful of these activities and plan any work in taking care of our church and it's grounds so as not to clash with them. All activities are subject to the current Covid regulations. Please contact Penny Richards (07592 035386) for further booking details.

Day	Time	Event / Meeting	Termtime only	Information / Contact
Sunday	St.Giles/St.Thomas's Services are listed on the back page of this issue			
Monday	6.00pm - 9.00pm	Rainbows & Guides	✓	Trudy Reale (01782) 631904
Monday	Monthly 7.30pm	Church Council		Rev Josh - Zoom at present
Tuesday	12.30pm - 1.45pm	Staffs Comm. Daytime Choir		Tracy Mellor 0754 4511312
Tuesday	6.00pm-8.00pm	Brownies	✓	Trudy Reale (01782) 631904
Wednesday	9.00am - 11.00am	Rainbow Mother & Toddler group	✓	Penny Richards (01782) 711631.
Wednesday	1.10pm - 1.45pm	Oasis Communion Service		Rev. Ann Taylor (01782) 660174
Wednesday	7.30pm	Church Choir		Rev. Peter Nisbeck (01782) 662379
Thursday	10.00am - 12pm	Keep Fit Class		Elaine Millward (01782) 749984
Thursday	1.30pm - 4.00pm	St.Thomas' Church open		Please check: (01782) 614847
Friday	<u>Fortnightly**</u>	Church open		Rev Josh Penduck (01782) 620322
Friday	9.00am - Noon	Coffee Bar		**See Calendar page & Memo for details
Friday		Mini Market		Pat Lovatt - See above.
Friday	10.45am Fortnightly	Chapel Prayers		Rev. Ann Taylor (01782) 660174
Friday	7.15pm - 8.30pm	Staffs Community Choir		Tracy Mellor 0754 4511312
Friday Sunday	7.30pm & 10.30am	Bell-Ringing St.Giles/St.Margaret's Wolstanton		John Maddison (01782) 853169 David Powell (01782) 714060
Any Saturday/Extra events and services are listed on the back page of this issue.				
For any additions/changes - please contact the Editor				

Mother's Way (Luke 2:19,51)

With both Mothering Sunday (27th) and the Annunciation this month (25th), we offer the following on motherhood....

You treasure those things,
Keep them safe in your heart,
Where did the years go?

Everything still so fresh...
The birth, those moments alone,
Your first looking
Into each other's love.

And the visitors
With their wonder and wisdom,
With their gifts and their gazing,
Everything still so fresh...

Then the growing years,
Baby into boy,
Into man,
Into joys and sorrows,

March Calendars

1st Shrove Tuesday

10.00 am Bible Study

5.30 pm Parish Surgery (appointment only)

6.30 pm Shrove Tuesday Party - Beetle Drive

Please bring your own refreshments - Page 4.

2nd ASH WEDNESDAY

1.10 pm Oasis Holy Communion

2.00 pm GLOW

~~2.30 pm~~ New group meeting now on April 6th.

7.30 pm Ash Wednesday Holy Communion

4th Friday 9.30 am - 12 noon Coffee Morning

6th FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

10.30 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Shine for children in the Hall

9th Wednesday 1.10 pm Oasis Holy Communion

10th Thursday

2.15 pm Service at Hempstalls Hall

7.30 pm Lent Course

13th SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am All Age Worship

15th Tuesday

10.00 am Bible Study

5.30 pm Parish Surgery (appointment only)

April's Parish News closing date.

16th Wednesday 1.10 am Oasis Holy Communion

17th Thursday 7.30 pm Lent Course

18th Friday 9.30 am - 12 Noon Coffee Morning

20th THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

10.30 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Shine for children in Church Hall

23rd Wednesday 1.10 am Oasis Holy Communion

24th Thursday 7.30 pm Lent Course

St.Giles continued.....

Any changes to Government Covid regulations may mean that changes have to be made to the Services and events shown.

26th Saturday

9.30 am Hall - Making Mothering Sunday posies
Help required. Please bring some greenery.

CLOCKS GO FORWARD TONIGHT

27th FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MOTHERING SUNDAY (See page 6)

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am All Age Service for Mothering Sunday

28th Monday 2.15 pm Service at Rowan Court

29th Tuesday 10.00 am Bible Study

30th Wednesday 1.10 pm Oasis Holy Communion

2.00 pm GLOW

31st Thursday 7.30 pm Lent Course.

St.Thomas BUTTERTON



6th Sun. 10.30 am Holy Communion

13th Sun. 10.30 am Holy Communion

20TH Sun. 10.30 am Holy Communion

27TH MOTHERING SUNDAY

10.30 am Holy Communion.

Take-a-Break Answers

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5	4	6	8	9	1	2	3	7
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4	5	9	3	7	2	8	6	1
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Please email
all items to
the Editor: -

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Closing date: Tuesday, March 15th.