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October 2024

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**'Musicals'  
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## John Maddison writes...



*“Your feedback matters to us at University Hospital of North Midlands. Please tell us about your recent Out-patient visit by using this link .....”*

Oh no, not another request to spend time trying to remember what the visit was about, whether I was happy with the way I was treated, who, if anybody, was worthy of a special mention, what we could have done differently, and so on.

We seem to be beset by feedback requests in so many situations these days. We can either ignore them all, or only respond when we want to complain. But should we?

During my ‘main’ career I was at one time responsible for the management of a quality improvement course being delivered to all staff in our division. That included the assessment of the feedback from attendees on the course. The most revealing answers were to just one question. ‘Would you recommend this course to your colleagues AND IF NOT, WHAT SHOULD WE DO DIFFERENTLY SO THAT YOU COULD?’ The capitals are mine.

That part of the questionnaire was the most telling because it caused the participants to go much further than a ‘yes’ or ‘no’. They would have to give some real thought to the answer.

That concept seems to have been behind many of Jesus’s questions. Think about the simple query “Who do you say I am?” (Matthew 16:15), or “Why are you angry with me for healing the whole man on the Sabbath?” (John 7:23).

They weren’t trick questions but they did require some serious thought before they could be answered.

We often think of Jesus as giving answers, but actually, he’s full of questions. There are over 300 of his questions recorded in the Gospels. They’re a mixture of those that can be easily answered as well as those with no obvious answer. He even answers questions with questions of his own, either to drive home a point, or to get people thinking.

We can see therefore that Jesus uses questions to

initiate conversation and lead people to a deeper knowledge of God, of the world, of others, and of themselves. In doing so, he opens up the possibility of a new world for those with eyes to see.

What about us?

I know that the bible reading notes I use always have a section requesting a personal response to the particular study, and that bible study groups in church do so as well. But what about an actual church service, and in particular, the sermon?

One of the groups I was involved with when helping with the diocesan Local Ministry training scheme had feedback forms for EVERY service so that they could establish the impact of each act of worship. It was naturally beneficial to the preacher and service leader because it helped them reflect on their preparations and adjust future services appropriately. But it was also effective for the reviewers in causing them to analyse their own thoughts before speaking to others as well as the preacher and leader.

Perhaps it’s an exercise we might all benefit from on occasion. I know that I’ve always appreciated comments both positive and negative after being involved in a service!

I’ve certainly missed that feedback since stepping back from regular involvement in services.

I’ve appreciated the good wishes expressed by many following my decision to not renew my PtO (Permission to Officiate) earlier this year. That renewal by the Bishop of Lichfield is required every year when you’re as old as I am, and a variety of health issues influenced me to at least postpone any renewal until they had been resolved!

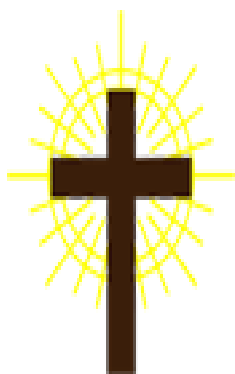
In the meantime, I’ll be focusing on promoting the asking of questions AND considering how I can answer them. It’s frequently said that the church is keen to answer the questions nobody’s asking whilst ignoring the subjects that are uppermost in people’s minds. A good place to start then is to ask ourselves what are the challenges society faces which we know the church should really be addressing?

God bless.

John A Maddison

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### Sadness

It is with the greatest sadness that we learnt of the death of Rosemary Moxon in Royal Stoke hospital, who had worshipped at St.Thomas' Butterson for many years.

We offer our sincere condolences to her family on their sad loss. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

### A Thought for the Month

Worship is no longer worship when it reflects the culture around us more than the Christ within us. - Tozer

## From the Editor....

Welcome to our Harvest edition, celebrating the bounty of God's gifts. Many are already planning their costume for our ever popular Harvest Supper and our Clergy are planning the special Harvest celebration services.

Our 'What's On' page shows that we have a very busy month ahead and your support will be greatly appreciated.

All this comes after a very busy period of Services and events, reflected on our 'What's Gone' pages.

At the end of the month, during Half-Term, we have 'Messy Church', a very active morning when children of all ages enjoy activities, a short Service and a lunch. Feedback is always positive and so if you have children, please bring them along - we'd love to see you!

Michael Pitstow

### Our Front Cover

Our Harvest Supper has a 'Musicals' theme and so we have a pair of theatrical curtains opening to reveal a selection of Harvest items left on the Chancel steps in St.Giles last year.

### A Prayer for October 2024

Lord,

As we move into autumn and the month of October, the normal seasonal changes are all around us, the beautiful colours, the falling leaves, the cooler days. And that is reassuring.

But, so much else in our world is changing so rapidly, often in ways we don't understand. And that can be worrying.

Thank you that You never change. You are always the same, faithful, present and loving. And You tell us in Your Word, not to be anxious about anything, but to bring all things to You in prayer and to trust You. When we do this, You promise us Your Peace – a peace of heart that steadies us and helps us move forward.

Thank you that whatever comes, we are secure in You, when we put our trust in Jesus.

In His name, we pray. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching, (Parish Pump).

# What's On



All Meetings are 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2.00 pm in St Giles Hall

## Our next meeting

**2<sup>nd</sup> October - Ian Taylor - Kilns Innovations in the Pottery Industry**

6<sup>th</sup> November - Rev. Shel Penduck

4<sup>th</sup> December - Advent Carol Party

Everyone Welcome £1 Admission

## It's back once again - **SOS Fashion Show** Catwalk & sale

Well-known fashion names  
at special prices!

In St.Giles'

Sunday 3rd November

from 2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m

Tickets: £5.00

Available from

Gillian Elks or Sue Taylor

**\*\* 26<sup>th</sup> Saturday 10.00 am until 3.00 pm Craft Fayre in St.Giles' \*\***



## **MESSY CHURCH - Wednesday, October 30th.**

10.00 am - 12.00 noon Help and donations required  
Financial donations to Penny.

## *Christmas is Coming!*

*It may be some time away but we are now taking names for our Community project Friday morning Christmas lunch and Flower Arranging class. There is also a 'Diary Date' so that you won't miss our Christmas Fair.*

**Christmas Lunch in our Hall -  
6th December or 13th December**

A list is in the Hall

Price £6 - to be taken later - Filling up fast!

**Christmas Flower arranging class  
20th December in our Hall**

A list is in the Hall

Please sign up - Filling up fast!

*St.Giles Church Christmas Fair: Saturday, November 16th. 10.00 am - 2.00pm.  
Please start collecting for our stalls. See Pat Lovatt for further information.*

# What's On: October - Harvest

St.Giles Church

## Harvest Supper & Quiz Evening

"A Night at the Musicals"

**Saturday, October 12th 7.00pm**

**Please come dressed as any  
character from any musical.**

**Please bring your own supper and drinks.**

**(Tea / coffee provided)**

**Teams of up to 6 allowed.**

**(Please inform Rev Peter of Team name).**

**Don't worry if you are not on a 'Team',  
Just come along and join us!**

**St.Giles: All-Age Harvest Festival Service  
10.30am Sunday, October 13th**



**Harvest donations should be cans & packet goods only please.**

**St.Thomas Harvest: 2.00pm Sunday 6Th October  
Beers pimms and hymns - All Welcome!**

# What's Gone:



04 September 2024

## Water Matters - Laurie Bailey

After our summer break we were back for our September meeting. We had to put out more tables as so many people arrived.

Our speaker was our own Laurie Bailey. Laurie was born in Wiltshire but moved to St Albans when young. He was always interested in horticulture; when he was 8-9 years old his grandma sent him some perennial plants and when they grew into beautiful flowers he was amazed how something so wonderful could come from a few dull roots. One day he took off an inspection cover in the garden to have a look and saw water rushing past and this started his fascination with water. While he was at Salford University he met Prince Phillip who was the Chancellor. In his second year he worked on a sewerage scheme on the North Wales coast- all the effluent was pumped into the sea untreated. It still is in many places. He was also lucky enough to witness Prince Charles' Investiture as Prince of Wales in Caernarvon. After University Laurie spent his career mostly as a Public Health Engineer on Water and Sewerage schemes.

He spent two years in London but it didn't suit him, so he was posted to Barlaston to work on Strongford Sewage Treatment Works extensions. When that job drew to a close in 1974 he was asked to go to Doha, Qatar where he spent a year. While there he helped to build a water booster station in the desert, but disaster struck – he asked the Afghan workers to turn off the main valve to a storage tank' but they'd already done this and turned it back on again. During the night the tank overflowed and 1000's of gallons of drinking water poured onto the desert. He got a good telling off for it! Soon a mass of beautiful flowers grew in the newly watered desert- a rare sight and he was christened 'Laurie the gardener' After another year in Abu Dhabi he came back to Birmingham University to extend his knowledge and was then posted to Ibadan, Nigeria to work on a water supply scheme. Clean water was only available to a few, and Laurie described seeing young girls collecting disease laden water from a dirty stream for their households. This is when he took up the cause of

'Water Aid' a charity promoting clean water, sanitation and health advice in the third world. He moved to Chester and soon married Arlene but shortly after their wedding his new employer, noting that he could speak elementary French, sent him to Cameroon for nine months to help upgrade a squatter camp in Douala. A Swiss nun who showed the team around the camp said ' We've been praying for years for you to come'. It was a powerful experience for him.

Returning home he worked for 24 years for Severn Trent Water on sewerage projects and finally, bringing together all his experience helped with a five year project to clean up the River Trent from its headwaters down to Stone. There are now otters, chub, trout and kingfishers in the river and it is the cleanest it's been for 200 years!

We were fascinated by the work he has done in underprivileged countries and his drive to study to make this possible. Thank you so much Laurie.



*Melvyn Ryder (right) wears a dishdasha ( the white robe) and headscarf, brought along by our Speaker, Laurie Bailey, (left).*

**Next meeting 2nd October 2024**

**2pm in the Church Hall**

**Speaker: Ian Taylor**

**Kilns, Innovation  
in the Pottery Industry**

**All Welcome. Admission £1.  
(Includes tea / coffee & biscuits)**

Laurie Bailey / Wendy Burke

# What's Gone: Retirement Event for Rev Dr David & Julie Beedon Sunday, September 1st.

## A 'Thank You' From The Beedons

Julie and I are most appreciative of the many good wishes for our retirement we have received from the folks of Saint Giles' and Saint Thomas'.

As I mentioned in my sermon on the 1<sup>st</sup> September at Saint Giles', we have been so impressed by the depth of welcome we have received since arriving in the parish in July 2019. The fellowship and food on display at our retirement party after the service was a real embodiment of that Christian hospitality.

Please be assured we are not leaving the parish and will

be around when not on our travels but, for the next six months (until March 2025), I will be taking a sabbatical from official / ministerial duties. Julie and I have some retirement projects in mind and one of mine is to spend more time writing about things I am passionate about, especially prison reform – for example see my recent article in the Church Times (<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2024/30-august/comment/opinion/lock-em-up-but-what-is-the-point>).

With our thanks and best wishes to you all. David (and Julie) Beedon.



Photos: A.Gibson / M.Pitstow

Our thanks to everyone who helped and donated refreshments, and also to Wendy Burke for coordinating it all.

# What's Gone: 25th August Rectory Garden Party

Our thanks to Rev Josh and Rev Shel for inviting us to share the Rectory grounds for a Summer Garden party which included games and strawberries and cream. Our thanks also to all those who donated other wonderful delicious 'goodies' for the afternoon and to Dennis Brammer and Dave Elks for supplying and erecting the marquee. Thankfully the weather was warm and dry and the lovely summer afternoon event was enjoyed by a good number of people.





# What's Gone: September 7th Heritage Open Day



Inside the tower Ringing Chamber



Once again we have to thank Rev Peter Nisbeck for arranging this important day, when we were pleased to welcome visitors into our church. Our thanks also to all those who helped in so many ways to make it a success.

Photo's: Rev.Clare Watson / M.Pitstow.

Tower tours were popular, which kept Rev Peter fit by climbing, (and descending), the spiral staircase several times during the day.

# What's Gone: September 15th Battle of Britain Sunday



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Rev. Clare Watson.



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This Harvest we're asking you to help support local people in crisis by collecting tinned and dried food for Newcastle Staffs Foodbank. We are asking everyone to rally round to give items such as **breakfast cereals, pasta sauces, tinned veg, tinned tomatoes, tinned**

**meat, rice and sponge pudding, custard, UHT milk, long life fruit juice and tinned spaghetti.**

Alarming new figures reveal that we have provided emergency food parcels to people who couldn't afford the essentials in many areas of Newcastle over the last year – and many of these went to children. In addition to this, food banks across the Trussell Trust network provided nearly 3 million (2,986,203) emergency food parcels to people experiencing hunger during this time – with over 1 million of these going to children.

More people are being referred to the food bank because they don't have enough money coming in to cover essential living costs. Rising food and fuel prices, static incomes, high unemployment and changes to benefits are causing many families to struggle to put food

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## **The story behind ... Come Ye Thankful People Come**

*Come, ye thankful people, come,  
Raise the song of harvest home!  
All is safely gathered in,  
Ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our maker, doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God's own temple, come;  
Raise the song of harvest home!*

*We ourselves are God's own field,  
Fruit unto his praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown,  
Unto joy or sorrow grown;  
First the blade and then the ear,  
Then the full corn shall appear:  
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we  
Wholesome grain and pure may be....*

By H Alford (1810 - 71)

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### **Foodbank continued....**

on the table but you can help be part of the solution by supporting Newcastle Staffs Foodbank.

The food bank helps local individuals and families in crisis through the provision of emergency food supplies donated by churches, schools, businesses and the general public. The circumstances surrounding a crisis are unique to every individual, so the food bank partners with frontline care professionals, such as health visitors, social workers and other community-based support workers, who are able to identify people facing hunger and refer them to the food bank. As well as receiving nutritionally-balanced 3 day food parcels, people are welcomed with a cup of tea, listened to and signposted to agencies that are able to offer further support.

The demands on the food bank are as strong as ever and this is where you can help. Please join us by giving food so that local people in crisis don't face hunger. We really appreciate your support so we can ensure make the greatest possible difference to people experiencing hardship in our Area.

NB: Please make sure all food is unopened, non-perishable, in date, and undamaged. Thank you!

Very probably, you will sing this well-loved Harvest hymn this month. It was written by the Revd Henry Alford, DD, a Victorian clergyman who had been a fellow student at Trinity College, Cambridge with Alfred Tennyson, and whose transparent goodness and friendliness seem to have made him liked and appreciated wherever he went.

His ministry began as vicar of Wymeswold, a tiny village in Leicestershire with a badly neglected church. Over 18 years, Henry rebuilt the faltering Christian community, faithfully visiting every person in his parish, and preaching his way through the Bible in sermons that were so clear that everyone could understand him. He then moved on to the incumbency of Quebec Chapel in London for four years, before moving to the Deanery of Canterbury, in 1857, where he lived until his death in early 1871.

Henry was one of life's good people; gentle, kindly, grateful for everything he had (he used to say 'grace' before AND after each meal), and eager to encourage all those whom he served. He was prodigiously productive: writing something like 50 books. The best known of these was a four-volume exposition of the New Testament, which took him nearly 20 years.

His famous hymn draws upon two of Jesus' parables: the story of the wheat and tares (Mt 13:24-30) and also the story of the seed that grows unbeknown to the sower (Mark 4:26-29). Both are parables drawn from agriculture; both are about the ultimate harvest of our souls before God. During this lifetime we properly give thanks to God for our harvest of His gifts of creation, but we should also reflect on what seed we are sowing in our lives, and what harvest we may expect; as one day God will gather together only His own for the eternal heavenly harvest.

From the Parish Pump

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### **Generous God....**

*At this harvest time we thank you  
for all the good things you give us.*

*As we thank you for our food,  
we remember all those who do not have  
enough for even one proper meal each day.  
Lord, Bless all those who suffer because of the  
greed of others.*

**St.Giles Church supports the local Foodbank and with our Harvest celebrations in mind, the pupils of a school on the Wirral have put together this poem/wrap....**

## **Harvest is a Time to Share**

A poem by Year 5 at Woodchurch C.E Primary school,  
Birkenhead, Wirral.

Harvest is a time to share.  
Help others and show you care.  
Give to others who need support  
That really is a nice thought.  
"What's for dinner tonight mum?"  
"Absolutely nothing."  
"Can I have a hot cross bun?"  
"Sorry honey, I have no money".

Harvest is a time to share.  
Help others and show you care.  
Give to others who need support  
That really is a nice thought.  
When you have no food  
it isn't the life you choose  
The food bank, that's the place to go  
When you are looking low  
Please don't worry  
Come in a hurry.

Harvest is a time to share.  
Help others and show you care.  
Give to others who need support  
That really is a nice thought.  
If you need to get some food there is always lots of ways  
You can get a voucher for food to last for days.  
For those people who don't have any money,  
With a voucher they can buy things like rice and honey  
It's fresh, it's lovely and it's cool  
It's so nice it makes you drool  
Please don't worry if you if you haven't money  
The foodbank will help you get some curry.  
If you have to live on the street  
Come and down and see us and we will greet.

Continued....

Harvest is a time to share.  
Help others and show you care.  
Give to others who need support  
That really is a nice thought.  
Imagine how many people in the country  
Don't eat coz they don't have money  
So now if you are wondering, how can we assist ?  
Simply get something jarred, tinned or packeted to  
bring to harvest  
For those hungry people who need the foodbank  
For helping out, as you all say, 'Thank You'.

Harvest is a time to share.  
Help others and show you care.  
Give to others who need support  
That really is a nice thought.  
Please make people smile  
And let's collect a big pile  
People will be in a happier mood  
If you come to the harvest and donate food.  
Thank you foodbank for being here  
Thank you for saving our tears  
Thanks guys for volunteering  
I was starving and now I'm beaming  
Nobody should have to starve  
You will always be in our hearts.

### **Harvest Field**

All around, confusion,  
All around, helplessness,  
People lost in the bad news of every day.  
Longing for purpose,  
Searching for security and significance  
Here in the white field of our generation.

The harvest is still great,  
The workers are still few,  
But the Lord of the harvest is the same  
Yesterday, today and forever,


And this is His field.  
He planted, He will give growth  
If we will be His workforce  
And go out into the field - where He already is –  
To gather the harvest  
Of His kingdom compassion.

Lord of the harvest,  
In Your grace, we pray, Send us.

By Daphne Kitching

# Take-a-Break

Solutions on page 16



## HARVEST THANKSGIVING

"May the peoples \_\_\_\_\_ you, O God!  
May all the peoples praise you!  
The land yields its harvest;  
God, our God blesses us."  
*Psalm 67:5-6 NIV*

"God ... has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons. He provides you with plenty of \_\_\_\_\_. He fills your hearts with joy."  
*Acts 14:16-17 NIV*

"Let us fear and respect the Lord our God. He gives us autumn and spring \_\_\_\_\_ at the right time. He makes sure that we have the harvest at just the right time."  
*Jeremiah 5:24 ERV*

"Honour the Lord with your wealth and the first part of your harvest."  
*Proverbs 3:9 ERV*

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*Find the words from the questions too!*


## Smile-A-While



"Pretend that we're out vicar, it's Mrs Jones bringing her odd orange & pickle cake for the Harvest Service".

## Medium Sudoku

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† All the members of our clergy team.

† All those awaiting surgery.

† All those who have recently lost loved ones.

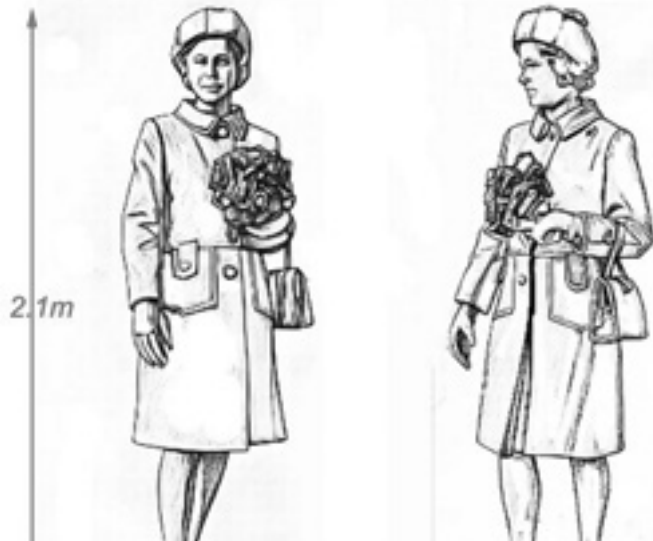
† All those in the Emergency Services.

† All those who are homeless.

† All those attending schools and universities.

## Food Facts...

- ◆ Raspberries are a member of the rose family.
- ◆ Chickpeas and almonds contains almost as much protein as steak.
- ◆ The world's most hated vegetable is one of the best for you- Brussels sprouts.
- ◆ Spam is actually just short for 'spiced ham'.
- ◆ Oreos biscuits are vegan.
- ◆ There's more water in cucumber than watermelon.



◆ **NEW STATUE** - A planning application has come forward for the installation of a statue of the late Queen in the Queens Gardens on the Ironmarket. Newcastle Borough Council announced last year that it was commissioning a bronze statue of Elizabeth II, who died in September 2022 after a 70-year reign.

The £85,000 statue, (above) which is set to be more than 2m tall, was commissioned by the council as part of Newcastle's 850th anniversary celebrations. It is being created by internationally-renowned sculptor Andrew Edwards, who hails from the Potteries.

◆ **HOME BASE CLOSURE?** - The last-remaining Homebase store in North Staffordshire is staying open - after avoiding being turned into a Sainsbury's supermarket. Sainsbury's is buying 10 Homebase branches to turn them into supermarkets, but the Newcastle-under-Lyme branch - on Brook Lane - is not on the closure list. It comes as Sainsbury's already has a giant store of its own in Newcastle.

The Homebase owner Hilco Capital, is reportedly preparing to sell the company which it bought for £1 in 2018. A formal sale process is believed to be underway following an approach by The Range while discount retailer B&M has also reportedly shown interest in the business.

Homebase was originally founded by Sainsbury's, along with Belgian retailer GB-Inno-BM, in 1979 and has since grown to operate around 144 UK stores currently. The company went from strength to strength throughout the

1980s eventually being purchased by Australian retailer Wesfarmers for £340 million in February 2016. At its peak the brand boasted 250 stores and 11,500 staff.

But after posting losses of £57 million in February 2018 relating to the takeover Wesfarmers sold the business to Hilco in May 2018 for just £1. Restructuring saw the brand return to profit following a CVA agreement. It has closed 106 stores since Hilco Capital took control.

◆ **NEW TOP COP** - Women beaters and nuisance bikers are among the offenders in the spotlight as a cop with almost 20 years experience takes over policing in Newcastle. Chief Inspector Darren McGrath, whose dad was a police officer, has worked in the city and the Moorlands and is now the new top cop for the borough.

The Staffordshire-born officer says he is 'incredibly proud' to take the post. Now the 41-year-old has outlined some of the issues he wants to tackle - including violence against women and girls and nuisance bikers tormenting fed-up residents.

He takes on the role after Superintendent John Owen became 'County Commander' - which has responsibility for policing all areas outside Stoke-on-Trent.

◆ **OVER 55's COMPLEX** - Developer McCarthy Stone has exchanged a contract to build an over-55s complex within the Ryecroft site in Newcastle-under-Lyme

Its land director James Hanna said: "We are delighted to have worked in collaboration with Newcastle Borough Council over the last 18 months and we are looking forward to promoting our proposal for the Ryecroft site. Subject to receiving planning approval, we intend to create a new vibrant community for older people in the heart of the town centre and alongside the remainder of the wider regeneration plans."

The scheme is part of the wider redevelopment of the Ryecroft site, which will include the 450-space Castle car park and a 100-bed hotel.

Deputy council leader Stephen Sweeney said: "This is a £30 million process which will eventually see the Ryecroft and York Place area contain homes, offices, shops and a hotel, plus public open spaces between Ironmarket and Merrial Street. Add the plan for more than 100 apartments at the Midway car park site and there is an exciting vision coming together."

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## More Newcastle News ....

◆ **NEW HAIR SALON** - It took Talented hairdresser Tom Boylan £50,000 and 4 weeks to open his new Hair salon in the former Millets Hight Street shop in Newcastle. 32-year-old Tom formely worked in the town for 15 years, latterly at Toni & Guy in Ironmarket, but decided it was the right time to open his own salon. He has six staff including two stylists and two colourists.

Tom said: "We have more opportunities in this new shop. We have a second floor and we plan to open a tanning salon and a beauty section next year. It is going to be a one-stop shop for hair and beauty."

*Including items from the Newcastle Borough web-site.*

◆ **OFF THE RAILS** - Leisure attraction Trentham Estate has launched a 'full investigation' into the recent derailment of its miniature train which left four people injured. The lake side Trentham Fern Miniature Train remains closed and services will not resume until the investigation has been completed.

◆ **GOING GREENER** - A countywide plan to improve 'green' building standards has been adopted by Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council. Proposals to make homes as energy and water efficient as possible, maximise opportunities to use renewable energy, and reduce reliance on car use in new housing estates are all included in the plan.

## 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
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>St.Giles/St.Thomas's Services are listed on the back page of this issue</b>			
<b>Sunday</b>	10.30am	Junior activities & Youth Club		Jean Buckley 0799 9542229
<b>Monday</b>	6.00pm - 9.00pm	Rainbows & Guides	✓	Trudy Reale (01782) 442154
<b>Monday</b>	Bi-Monthly 7.30pm	Church Council		Church hall Rev Josh (01782) 620322
<b>Tuesday</b>	10.00am	Bible Study in Church		1st & 3rd weeks - Check Memo - Open to All
<b>Tuesday</b>	6.00pm - 7.45pm	Brownies	✓	Trudy Reale 07979 715166
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.00am - 11.00am	Rainbow Mother & Toddler group	✓	Penny Richards (01782) 711631.
<b>Wednesday</b>	1.10pm - 1.45pm	Oasis Communion Service		Rev. Ann Taylor (01782) 660174
<b>Wednesday</b>	2.00pm. First Wednesday of each month	St.Giles Fellowship Group See 'What's On' section. Everyone welcome		Wendy Burke (01782) 621430
<b>Wednesday</b>	7.30pm	Church Choir		Rev. Peter Nisbeck (01782) 662379
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.00am - 1.30pm</b>	Open Church		Rev Josh Penduck (01782) 617498
<b>Friday</b>	Mini-Market	St.Giles Coffee Shop		Gillian Elks 07591 055287 / Chris Taylor
<b>Friday</b>	Fortnightly only	Mini Market		Pat Lovatt
<b>Friday</b>	Bell-Ringing 7.45pm - 9.00pm	St.Giles: 1st & 3rd Fridays St.Margaret's Wolstanton: 2nd & 4th Fridays. Contact John Maddison (01782) 853169 or David Powell (01782) 714060		
<b>Any Saturday/Extra events and services are listed on the back page of this issue.</b>				

# October Calendars

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

1.10 pm Oasis Holy Communion

2.00 pm Fellowship.

Ian Taylor 'Innovations in the Kiln Industry'  
Admission £1 ALL WELCOME!

4<sup>th</sup> Friday 9.00 am to 1.30 pm

Coffee Shop & Mini Market

6<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.30 am Holy Communion

7<sup>th</sup> Monday 2.15 pm Service at Hempstalls

9<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 1.10 pm Oasis Holy Communion

12<sup>th</sup> Saturday 7.00 pm Harvest Supper & Quiz

'A Night at the Musicals'

Fancy dress welcome

Raffle

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SUPPER!

(Tea / Coffee available)

Let Rev'd Peter know if you are coming

13<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**10.30 am All Age HARVEST FESTIVAL**

**NOTE: Please bring packaged and tinned goods**

15<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Closing date for *Parish News* items.

16<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 1.10 pm Oasis Holy Communion

18<sup>th</sup> Friday St Luke's Day 9.00 am to 1.30 pm

Coffee Shop & Mini Market

20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.30 am Holy Communion

12.45 pm Holy Baptism

23<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 1.10 pm Oasis Holy Communion

25<sup>th</sup> Friday 9.00 am to 1.30 pm Coffee Shop

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**St.Giles Calendar continued...**

26<sup>th</sup> Saturday 10.00 am until 3.00 pm

**Craft Fayre**

Lots of hand made cards and other items.

27<sup>th</sup> LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Bible Sunday

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Holy Communion

28<sup>th</sup> Monday 2.15 pm Service at Rowan Court

30<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

**Messy Church - ALL AGES WELCOME!**

1.10 pm Oasis Holy Communion

**St.Thomas' Butterton**



6<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

2.00 PM Beer, Pimms and Hymns

An Outdoor Celebration of the Harvest

EVERYONE WELCOME

**Take-a-Break Answers**

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**November issue Closing Date:-**

**Tuesday 15th October**

All items to:- pitstowm@aol.com