

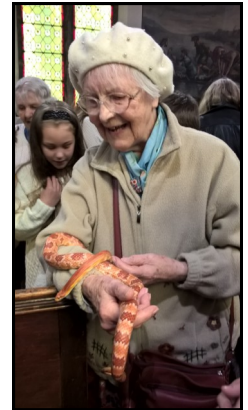
# ST CHAD'S CHURCH, BAGNALL —NEWSLETTER 25.06.23

Next week is the pet service. This will be our third one. From the archives.....



## July 2016

I **chickened** out of the pet service. I'm not going to give you any **cock and bull** story about my reasons and I hope we can **let sleeping dogs lie**. I won't **let the cat out of the bag** about how it went, just read below. **A little bird told me** that the only **fly in the ointment** was quickly put to rights by not letting the reptiles **make a beeline** for the bride to be. With all the animals and humans in Church there was **no room to swing a cat** and I had it **from the horses mouth** that Kath and the team **went the whole hog** to make the service **the bees knees**. **The lions share** of the credit must go to the animals and their owners who were **grinning like a Cheshire cat** at their pet's antics. There was **no black sheep of the family** and **no crocodile tears** were shed. Not for **donkeys years** has the Church had such a time and this pet service is **a dark horse** in the running and is certainly not **a pig in a poke**. And so as I **cry wolf** yet again and refuse to **enter the lions den**, I feel I missed a real treat. This was no **white elephant** or a **lame duck**, just a great service and the team should be **cock a hoop!**



## September 2019



### Blessing of the Pets:

Ian and I took the service and it was really enjoyable. We had lots of dogs, a cat, a tortoise and two chickens.

It was a celebratory service where the very well behaved animals were individually blessed (not sure the owners were as well behaved!!)

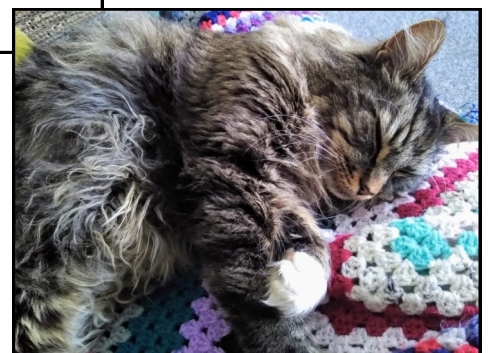
The worship was wonderful and God was definitely present in St Chad's.

*Kathryn*



I hate to say it but I'm not a very pet person, so I didn't actually go to either service, as you can tell from the first article!

Maybe I'll make this years.....





# Stepping Back in Time!

The Brampton Museum in Newcastle was the venue for our little trip a fortnight ago...

I spotted the reminiscence group on Facebook and it looked too good to miss! “Remembering the 1950s and 1960s!”

Mum thought she wouldn’t remember any of the 60s hits as she was so busy with a young family and a business. However, once Holly started singing, it turned out that she knew every single one! The whole audience was joining in—it was truly joyful!



Mum and I have been to the reminiscence groups before—they were previously held at the Spode works in Stoke. However, it is a few years since we last went and when I saw that Kath was holding the group at the Brampton, together with her daughter Holly, I thought we really should go once again!

Kath began the session by introducing the decade (50s in the first half, followed by the 60s after a coffee break) and then Holly took to the floor and sang **SO MANY** hits from the two decades. She looked absolutely beautiful in a pink polka-dot dress for her 50s tribute, changing into a Mary Quant inspired mini dress for the 60s. As you can see from the quotes overleaf, Mum loved her clothes! In her youth, she always wore the latest fashions, aided by her talented aunt (a gifted seamstress), who was able to magically create anything that Mum desired!





*Holly was dressed in a similar dress to the ones I used to wear, with a pinched in waist, elasticated belt and flouncy petticoats underneath!*

*I was transported back to the 1950s!*

*It was great!*

*Her hair was in a pony tail so the overall effect was how I remember myself dressing at the time.*



All in all, we had a **FABULOUS** couple of hours. Relaxed, friendly, joyful!

If you fancy giving the reminiscence groups a go, search online for “Kath Reynolds Reminiscence” and you will find out when the next group is being held. Alternatively, feel free to pull me or Mum to one side and have a chat about it. They really are enjoyable sessions, with a different focus each time, and Kath herself is very friendly and has lots of amusing stories to tell.

I also have to sing the praises of the Brampton museum—it really is a little gem with lots of local history to absorb and an upper floor set out like an old street full of shop fronts, fully stocked with all the items from bygone years. There is disabled access and a lift to the upper floor, in addition to a fabulous little café where you can enjoy a light lunch and a delicious cake (always a bonus!). There is also a sensory garden outside and **FREE PARKING!**

Why don't you give it a go! I am sure you will be pleased that you did!

*Esther x*



