

## Summer Fete & Pet Service

When we thought about having the Pet Service the day after the Summer Fete, it seemed a really good idea. Looking back and in the cold light of day it gave me far too much to do!

Anyhow its all over now and I can look back on the weekend and think of how it went.

The summer fete was very poorly attended. As part of the Village Hall Committee, we had thought that we should restart the fete following its absence during COVID. We advertised and asked around to see if anyone would like to be the Chestnut Queen or King. We had no response at all. We decided that we would go ahead with a fete, along the same lines as the Christmas Fayre, with an added dog show. The event was promoted on Social Media far and wide – to no avail. Although we had a good number of dogs rocking up – the public didn't ! As to whether it will happen next year – who knows..... I think we would need to see more people from the village wanting to get involved.

However, a more positive outcome of the Summer Fete was the Church's refreshments and cake stall. Joan, Freda and Alison did really well, and the two stalls together made £277.35 for the church!

Thank you so much to everyone who made or bought cakes.

Sunday morning, I was up bright and early to speak to Rev Geoff Eze on Radio Stoke. He said we could go on his show and promote the pet service, he had armed me with questions so I was well prepared and I quite enjoyed it. I definitely have the face for radio.



Patch and Rosettes

The weather stayed fine for the Pet Service – a bit windy but as long as the rain kept off, we were good to go.

Claire and I are hoping this service can be an annual event and that it will gain some momentum and start attracting a wider audience – think Vicar of Dibley!

If anyone has any thoughts or ideas about summer fetes, pet services or anything else they would like to see at church or in the village – do please drop me a line.

Julia



## CALLING ALL THOSE LONELY JARS OUT THERE!



Are they feeling useless? Unfulfilled? Lacking in motivation?  
Do they feel empty inside, unloved and long for a new purpose?

If this is your jar, give them a new lease of life by turning them into a “Christmas Treat Jar” and watch them bring joy to the masses this Christmas time!

I think we all get through jars at home, whether they’re for jams, pickles, coffee or sauces. Once they’ve served their purpose, they are recycled without another thought.

Well, it is that time of year again when we are calling on **YOU** to wash out your jars so that they can be filled with goodies for the Christmas fair.

We would love you to donate filled jars so that we can sell them on the day to boost church funds. They can be packed with goodies for children or adults—for example, craft items, toys, chocolates or mini beauty products. The only thing that we ask is that any consumables included are within their sell-by date. All you need to do is fill the jar as full as you can, add a bow, make them pretty and the job’s a good ‘un!

If you need any inspiration, there are several of the filled jars on show in church—feel free to take a look.

I’m hoping that you will be raring to go and start jar-filling after reading this!

*Esther x*



**Prayer Corner:**

Dear God, We thank you for your goodness, your mercy and your grace. Help us to carry these wonderful gifts in our own hearts and lives. May we minister these to all the world. Amen.

Dear God, please give me strength when I am weak, love when I feel forsaken, courage when I am afraid, wisdom when I feel foolish, comfort when I am alone, hope when I feel rejected, and peace when I am in turmoil. Amen

Dear God, please guide me and lead me today. Help me to make wise decisions, and to trust in your plan for my life. May I have the strength to follow your will, and to be obedient to your word. Amen

**Smiles:**

I am really struggling to find appropriate, clean jokes to fill this section, so if anyone out there has any ideas to help me please, please let me know. In the mean time the following are my originals. The first lines of hymns in Mission Praise aptly describe some well known occupations.....

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| Ding dong merrily on high         | Bell-ringer         |
| Fight the good fight              | Soldier             |
| From the rising of the sun        | Weather presenter   |
| Give me a heart                   | Surgeon             |
| Give me oil in my lamp            | Coalminer           |
| How firm a foundation             | Builder             |
| How shall they hear               | Otolaryngologist    |
| It only takes a spark             | Fireman             |
| It passeth knowledge              | Teacher             |
| Look to the skies                 | Astronomer          |
| Open my eyes that I may see       | Optician            |
| Reconciled, I'm reconciled        | Counsellor          |
| Rock of ages cleft for me         | Archaeologist       |
| Ride on, ride on in majesty       | Jockey              |
| See amid the winter's snow        | Road gritter        |
| Tell me the old, old story        | Raconteur           |
| Swing wide the gates              | School caretaker    |
| Lead kindly light                 | Electrician         |
| The trumpets sound                | Orchestra conductor |
| You are beautiful                 | Model               |
| There is no condemnation          | Magistrate          |
| Will your anchor hold             | Sailor              |
| When I feel the touch             | Physiotherapist     |
| Through all changing scenes       | Actor               |
| There's a light upon the mountain | Mountain rescuer    |
| The price is paid                 | Shop keeper         |
| There's a sound on the wind       | Meteorologist       |

**Dates for your diary:**

**Wednesday 19th July-  
Flower Demonstration**

£5 including refreshments and a chance to win an arrangement. Turn up at the door.

Tea/coffee and scones.



**Sunday 6th August-  
Barbecue**

After the family service at the home of Julia and family. More details to follow.

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- ★ **July Services:** ★
- ★ 23rd - Morning Prayer ★
- ★ 30th - Morning Worship ★
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