# ST CHAD'S CHURCH, BAGNALL —NEWSLETTER 17.09.23

# **REMINDER: Safe-guarding Training.**

If you haven't completed the Basic Awareness Course online at https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/ and would instead like to do it with other members of St Chad's then we would like to remind you that you are invited to complete this Basic Awareness Training in two short sessions at St Chad's.

The course will be delivered in two 45-minute sessions on two consecutive weeks. The sessions aim to be informative, interesting and they will mean that St Chad's is fulfilling its obligation to raise awareness of safe-guarding for all members of our congregation.

The dates for your diary are:

Monday, September 25th & Monday, October 2nd - start time 7.30pm (session duration 45 minutes.)

If anyone has any queries or concerns regarding safe-quarding at St Chad's Church please contact me, the Parish Safe-guarding Officer on 07779667470.

We look forward to seeing you at the Basic Awareness Course.

Tea and biscuits will be served!

Thank you, Claire

> Whenever I have a space to fill in and absolutely no inspiration, I always fall back on my terrible twins! Here they are just starting their new school at the ripe old age of 7. They've moved from infants to primary and, at the moment, all seems to be going very well.

St Margaret's Wolstanton is a church of England school and I quote:

#### "Our Vision:

- (a) **Inspire** a strong sense of faith and a commitment to our Christian and British values.
- (b) **Inspire** a love of learning so our pupils can achieve their full potential.

#### **Our Core Christian Values underpin our work:**

# excellent learning." What could be better! Macmillan Coffee Morning

**The Stafford Arms** is hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September from 11am - 12.30pm. Italian filter coffee or English 🜍 breakfast tea with cake. All we ask is for a 💰 donation to the charitv.

Bring your friends, relatives, neighbours and enjoy a good old catch up.

The money raised will support Macmillan's vital work. It helps to fund the amazing Macmillan nurses, answer calls on the Support Line, give financial support, and more.

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### Flowers:

Once again it's that time of year when I honour my Mum and Dad by paying for the flowers in church. However, this time I took it one stage further, I actually went up to church to arrange the flowers! Barbara had bought my requested flowers, chrysanthemums in Autumn colours, my Dad's favourites (he always grew them in his greenhouse and at this time of year our house was always full of them, at least until the frost came!) So secateurs in hand I met Barbara, her daughter in law and granddaughter at St Chad's.

What a great morning, Gemma started me off on the pedestal arrangement and left me to finish it and then left me to my own devices with the rest of the flowers. Barbara and Gemma did offer advice and encouragement but pretty much left me to it!

I did the one in the tower next and then, never one to throw anything away, the remaining flowers went in the arrangement on the pulpit.

I'm sure Mum and Dad would be proud of me for having a go and I feel it's the least I can do for their lifetime of care for me.

Barbara's little granddaughter is gorgeous and she entertained us so beautifully for the hour and a half we were there. So, if you're in church on Sunday and you remember Mum and Dad just spare them a thought. I know I will.







# Don't Forget.....

# **Help wanted for Harvest flowers!**

Can you donate some flowers to make our church look seasonal for the Harvest service?

A bunch of flowers, an arrangement or anything seasonal to spruce up the church. The brighter the better - let your imagination run wild.

All contributions gratefully received at church on Friday 29th September at 2pm.

Thank You Barbara x

## • Prayer Corner:

Ever gentle God,
in you we find true forgiveness.
As we strive for justice,
help us also to forgive as we have been
forgiven,
to be patient as you are patient with
us,
and to be merciful as we have been

Amen.

Muriel

# September Services:

★ 24th—Morning Worship—KH & MF

## **☆ October Services:**

↑ 1st - \*HARVEST\*

Family Service - KH and Team

★ 8th - Praise and Prayer - KH/MF

↑ 15th - Holy Communion - Rev Barry

22nd - Holy Communion - Bishop Michael

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★ 29th - Memorial Service KH/MF

#### Leek Food Bank:

shown mercy.

As we all look forward our Harvest lunch let's spare a thought for those to whom this is a luxury too far. To those who depend on the food bank to stay alive. They can't have that special bottle of wine or box of Belgian chocolates to celebrate the festival so let's see if we can make just a small difference to someone's life by donating a few items at the harvest service.

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#### Leviticus 19:9-10

"When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God."

#### **Smiles:**

Johnny, a very bright 5 year old, told his daddy he'd like to have a baby brother and, along with his request, offered to do whatever he could to help. His dad, a very bright 35 year old, paused for a moment and then replied, "I'll tell you what, Johnny, if you pray every day for two months for a baby brother, I guarantee that God will give you one!" Johnny responded eagerly to his dad's challenge and went to his bedroom early that night to start praying for a baby brother. He prayed every night for a whole month, but after that time, he began to get sceptical. He checked around the neighbourhood and found out that what he thought was going to happen, had never occurred in the history of the neighbourhood. You just don't pray for two months and then, whammo- a new baby brother. So, Johnny quit praying. After another month, Johnny's mother went to the hospital. When she came back home, Johnny's parents called him into the bedroom. He cautiously walked into the room, not expecting to find anything, and there was a little bundle lying right next to his mother. His dad pulled back the blanket and there was -- not one baby brother, but two!! His mother had twins! Johnny's dad looked down at him and said, "Now aren't you glad you prayed?" Johnny hesitated a little and then looked up at his dad and said, "Yes, but aren't you glad I quit when I did?"

A Catholic priest, a Protestant minister, and a Jewish rabbi were discussing when life begins. "Life begins," said the priest, "at the moment of fertilization. That is when God instils the spark of life into the foetus." "We believe," said the minister, "that life begins at birth, because that is when the baby becomes an individual and is capable of making its own decisions and must learn about sin." "You're both wrong," said the rabbi. "Life begins when the children have graduated from college and moved out of the house."