ST CHAD'S CHURCH, BAGNALL —NEWSLETTER 26.11.23

Do you realise that next Friday will be the first day to open my advent calendar and burn my advent candle? I have spent most of the week making Christmas cards. I was determined this year to get everything done, cards written, presents wrapped by 1st December, but once again I'm fast running out of time!

I first realised that Christmas was fast approaching when Jo sent me photos of their recent visit to Centre Parcs last weekend. As you can see by the photo it's all Christmas there! The weekend away was part of the twins birthday present from us and, judging by the photos. it was a great success!

They were away for 4 days during which time we had to go over to their house every day to feed the rabbits (this is why I wasn't in church last Sunday) Talking of the rabbits, I've even made Christmas cards for them! (I cannot resist my granddaughters pleas!)

All this talk of Christmas suddenly made me realise that I'm doing two stalls at the Christmas Fayre which is next Saturday—panic. I'm fine with my pound stall because nothing needs pricing, and, by the way, there's some good stuff on there! But I also have a stall of knitted toys and craft items that need sorting and pricing so I'd better get busy. I've just checked the long range weather forecast and it looks to be sunny but cool for the fayre —as long as we don't have snow as has happened in the past.

You still have time to donate jam jars, bottles, hamper goodies (see over) and of course cakes. But most of all we'd like you to come and join us on Saturday and have a chat, bag a bargain and enjoy the company.

And so I had better get busy. Cards to write, presents to wrap, and you can guarantee that I will have forgotten something important like ordering the turkey (oops!) buying the Christmas pud (oops) and, of course, the brussel sprouts! Actually, we have them stir fried with onions, bacon and chestnuts—yummy!!!

• Prayer Corner:

A Christ the King Sunday Prayer.

Lord God,

the close of another church year is upon us. and as the old year and the new year touch in this holy season, we are mindful that you are our first and last.

• Christ our Saviour, you are a king who serves. Your kingdom is a city whose gates are open • and you call its inhabitants brother, sister and friend.

We are grateful for and overwhelmed by your love for the world. We are made new by your costly and sacrificial love. We pray that the love you have given us shines through us to all we meet.

Make our faith worthy of your faith. Make our lives worthy of your life. Make our love an extension of your love.

Let us be known to the world as brothers and sisters of Christ, the King of love, who is and was and is to come.

Amen.

Muriel







Christmas Hamper

Below are suggestions for items for the Christmas hamper. Please add your name to one of the items & feel free to add suggestions of your own!

Many thanks

| | Name | |
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| Mince pies | | |
| Chocolates | | |
| Chocolate biscuits | | |
| Shortbread | | |
| Jam | | |
| Marmalade | | |
| Bottle of wine | Linda Tatton | |
| Christmas pudding | | |
| Christmas cake | | |
| Biscuits for cheese | | |
| Nuts | | |
| Crisps | | |
| Chutney | | |
| Christmas crackers | | |
| Christmas napkins | | |
| Festive soft drink | | |
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the list will be in church on Sunday but here is a reminder! Any contribution appreciated along with any bottles for the bottle tombola or jars for the jartombola



CHRISTMAS IN BAGNALL

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER - 12PM BAGNALL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FAYRE - VILLAGE HALL

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER - FAMILY CHRISTINGLE SERVICE - ST CHADS CHURCH

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER - SANTA & CAROLS AT STAFFORD ARMS

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER - 4PM CAROL SERVICE ST CHADS CHURCH

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER - OUTDOOR CAROL SERVICE - ST CHADS CHURCH



December Services: ☆ 3rd- Family Christingle service— Julia and Claire ☆ 10th—Carol by Candlelight at 4pm-Kathryn and Muriel ★ 17th—Holy communion— ☆ Rev Barry $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$ ☆ 24th—No Morning Service ★ 24th— Outdoor carol service at 5pm - $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$ Family service team 24th—Midnight Communion at 11pm— Rev Barry ☆ ★ 25th—Christmas Day—no service ★ 31st— To be arranged

For those of you who used to attend Bible study in church before the days of covid, I met Janette Titley in the Co-op on Thursday. We had a little chat and she sends her love to all of you.

It was lovely to see her and know that she's ok. She also said how much she enjoyed receiving the newsletter and keeping in touch with St Chad's through that.

Leek Food Bank:

I've just put in my food order and some of these just happened to fall in my basket!



When I think what my grandchildren have for Christmas.....

Some bloopers of biblical proportions written by Sunday School students of both the Christian and Jewish persuasion:

In the first book of the bible, Guinessis, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off. Adam & Eve were created from an apple tree.

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Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.

Noah built the ark, which the animals came on in pears.

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Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.

The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic Genitals.

Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a jezebel like Delilah.

Sampson slated the Philistines with the axe of apostles.

Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients.

The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert.

Afterward, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments.

The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

The Fifth Commandment is humour thy mother and father.

The Seventh Commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.

Moses died before he ever reached the UK. Then, Joshua led the Hebrews in the Battle of Geritol.

The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar. He fought with the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in the biblical times.

Solomon, one of David's sons, has 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

When Mary heard that she was the Mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.

When the three wise guys from the East Side arrived, they found Jesus and the manager.

Jesus was born because Mary had an emaculate contraption.

St. John, the Blacksmith, dumped water on his head.

Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do one to others before they do one to you.

He also explained, "Man doth not live by sweat alone."

The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.

The epistles were the wives of the apostles.

One of the opossums was St. Matthew, who was by profession a taximan.

St. Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.

A Christian should have only one wife. This is called monotony.