ST CHAD'S CHURCH, BAGNALL —NEWSLETTER 27.08.23

Barbecue

It was a bright and early start for everyone here on Sunday morning getting ready for the BBQ before the Lionesses started. I think it's safe to say, postponing by 2 weeks was the right decision. We were extremely lucky with the weather and there were nearly 30 of us altogether enjoying the burgers, hot dogs and cake! The geese were not thrilled about having to be shut up before guests arrived, the horses were confined to the top of the field so that cars could park on the grass but the chickens were more than happy to help Arnie on the BBQ. Leonie even got to see Marley the cat for a fuss (she gave him to us 18months ago as he was much more of an outdoor cat). Thank you to everyone who came and made it a lovely way to spend the afternoon (even if the England girls didn't win it for us).

Grace







We held our annual bbq on Sunday 20th August,

The sun shone, the food was great and 24 of us from young to a little older enjoyed a lovely time of fellowship together.

Kath

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An email received by Kath about the recent pilgrimage:

Dear Kath

On behalf of the Cistercian Abbey pilgrim party, I write to express our sincere thanks for your assistance on Saturday morning. To be welcomed by the group at St Chad's, to look inside St Chad's and to pray together were all a blessing. Please thank the folk on our behalf.

We successfully completed the 42mile pilgrimage on Sunday evening, having visited Dieulacres Abbey and a number of churches en route.

Apart from a couple of hours' light rain on Friday morning we walked in dry and pleasant conditions throughout.

It seemed appropriate that the pilgrimage took place on the weekend that marked the 870th anniversary of the death of the great Cistercian leader St Bernard of Clairvaux.

With much appreciation Robert

Ecumenical Officer for Birmingham, the Black Country and Staff

Masterclass in flower arranging.....

If you're in church this weekend, take a moment to look at the flowers please. Because this week I had the help of Sheila Tipper. Sheila is one of many who says "I wouldn't know what to do with a bunch of flowers" but she took up the challenge to see how simple it can be and I think she did rather well don't you? Who's next to take the challenge? Thank you for the help Sheila, it was much appreciated!

Barbara



I had a great morning and very much enjoyed doing (or rather, helping to do) the flowers. I admit that the one on the altar is all mine (and even that I copied from Barbara) but the others were definitely a joint effort and I did learn a lot.

Give it a go sometime.





September Services: Prayer Corner: $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$ $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$ ☆ 3rd—Family service—KH and team ☆ God of grace, ★ 10th—Praise and Prayer—Rev Patricia and KH ★ your Church is built on ↑ 17th—Holy Communion—Rev Barry Peter's faith; ☆ grant that we, like him, ★ 24th—Morning Worship—KH & MF ☆ forgiven and restored, $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$ may overcome our ☆ [△] ∴ October Services: weaknesses, and serve you ★ 1st - *HARVEST* without wavering, ☆ ★ Family Service - KH and Team now and for ever. 8th - Praise and Prayer - KH/MF ☆ ☆ Amen ★ 15th - Holy Communion - Rev Barry $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$ $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$ ★ 22nd - Holy Communion - Bishop Michael A New Zealand Prayer Book ☆ 29th - Memorial Service KH/MF ☆

Leek Food Bank:

Our shopping list remains the same, with everything in pretty short supply, so any donations will be very gratefully received, thank you. We have now added pasta to the list, which is the first time in my 5 years at the Foodbank that this has happened.

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If any of you would like to discuss anything relating to the Foodbank or arrange a visit, please contact me at projectmanager@leekdistrict.foodbank.org.uk or on 07916 005064. We continue to welcome corporate volunteers, school groups and individual volunteers, and we are always very happy to show people around and share with them the work we are doing. Love, best wishes and blessings to you all.

Lindsey Stockton, Project Manager

Smiles:

- I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.
- Police were called to a day care where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.
- Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.
- The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference.
- The butcher backed up into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
- To write with a broken pencil is pointless.
- When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.
- A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

Muriel

- A thief fell and broke his leg in wet cement. He became a hardened criminal.
- Thieves who steal corn from a garden could be charged with stalking.
- We'll never run out of math teachers because they always multiply.
- The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.
- The dead batteries were given out free of charge.
- If you take a laptop computer for a run you could jog your memory.
- A dentist and a manicurist fought tooth and nail.