

ST CHAD'S CHURCH, BAGNALL —NEWSLETTER 17.03.24

My mother's Day:

My day of celebration was on the Saturday so that Jo could be pampered on the actual Mothering Sunday. Jo, Steve, Emmeline and Annabelle all turned up for lunch on the day, bringing lunch with them after a trip to M & S for, what the girls call "party" food!

I had my card and presents, which were lovely (see photo)



Then we sat down to lunch which Jo had prepared, and very nice it was too. We had the sort of things that are totally impractical for two and which are much more fun when there's a crowd of you!

Lunch was cleared away and we, Jo, Emmeline, Annabelle and I settled down to an afternoon of fun. Brian took care of the dishes and Steve was sorting out our TV. Although I think neither job took that long and I'm pretty sure a fair bit of the afternoon was spent in front of the television watching rugby! "We did, after all, need to test that the television was working"

It's not often these days that I have chance to spend a whole afternoon with my daughter, she works five days a week, sometimes from seven in the morning until seven at night so her free time is spent with the twins.

We settled down to an afternoon of cutting out material and dressing some cardboard dolls they had for Christmas. Bliss!!!!

There was lots of laughter and cuddles, and Jo and I did manage a bit of catching up, although not much, but we did manage to dress and accessorise two cardboard dolls!

And so time for home.

No-one was in a hurry to go and the goodbye's were very protracted.

Annabelle ended a lovely day by saying "This has been the most perfect day ever!"

And I couldn't agree more!

Mothering Sunday

A graphic for Mothering Sunday featuring a collection of purple, pink, and white tulips against a soft, light purple background.

Mothering Sunday at St Chad's:

As you can see from the photos on the previous page, Mothering Sunday at St Chad's was a day of smiles and laughter.

A lovely, simple service about brave and caring women, namely, the mother and sister of Moses, who, when all the baby boys were being put to death, concealed him in the bulrushes, and Pharaoh's daughter who defied her father to adopt Moses as her son.

The service was rounded off by the distribution of primulas. First, all those with a mother in church collected their plants and presented them to their mums and then the rest were given to everyone in the church by the younger members of the congregation, A few left over were destined for those who were unable to attend because of illness etc.

A lovely way to celebrate all mums!



Dates for your diary:

1. Church and Churchyard clean up on Saturday 23rd March

This is our chance to get everything neat and tidy for our Easter services. There is always something for you to do, if only brewing endless cups of tea or coffee and opening plenty of packets of biscuits!



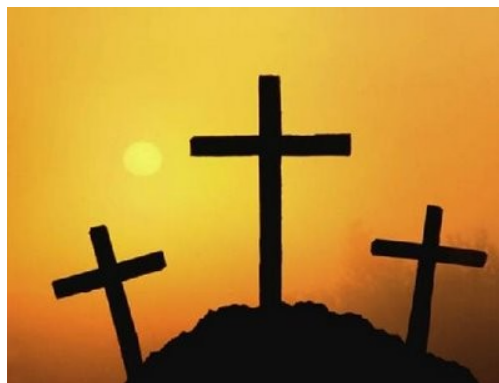
2. Palm Sunday service on 24th March

Once again Gareth will be leading the Palm Sunday procession through the village and around the churchyard. There will be much banner waving, cheering and general fun and laughter!

3. Good Friday service on Friday 29th March at 11.00am

It will be a service of reflection with music, readings and prayers.

Please take just an hour out of your busy lives to spend thinking of the sacrifice that Jesus made for each and everyone of us.



4. Easter Saturday 30th March - Village Easter egg hunt from 11.30am to 2.30pm.

The church will be open and manned from 11am to 3pm More details to follow.

5. Sunday 28th April - APCM(AGM) after the service.

6. Monday 29th April - Social evening at the Stafford Arms at 7pm.

2 courses - menu to be confirmed nearer the time.

St Chads Church clean up 2024

9:30am - 12:00noon, Saturday 23rd March

Come and help us spruce up the church and churchyard ready for Easter. Refreshments provided.

Please bring some tools if you can, but some will be available at the church to use (several tasks don't need tools at all, just willing hands). There are inside jobs on the list as well, so if you don't like the cold you can still help. If the weather is really against us, then it will be indoor jobs only.

Outside jobs

- Sweep and weed paths
- Remove Christmas wreaths
- Remove storm damage
- Clean benches (jet wash?)
- Clear low level gutters
- Clean porch
- Repaint vestry/flower room windows
- Clear cellar steps
- Brush moss from paths round back of church



Inside (and wet weather) jobs

- Clean brass
- High level dusting, including windows
- Polish brass and silver
- Hoover carpets and pew runners
- Sort documents in clergy vestry
- Review condition of service sheets and list replacements required
- Clean and service the disabled toilet
- Decorate cupboards in disabled toilet?
- Refresh nave notice board
- Spring clean kitchenette



Peter

