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 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

Spring clean kitchenette

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



Peter

Prayer Corner:

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you:

when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

☆ March Services:

↑ 17th – Holy Communion Rev Barry

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🛴 24th—Palm Sunday KH/MF

★ 29th—Good Friday at 11.00am KH

★ 31st- Easter Sunday Rev P. Robinson

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"My mother wants me to be a strong-willed, independent woman with a mind of her own, as long as I do everything she tells me to do."

Smiles:

Son: "Mom, teacher was asking me today, if I have any brothers or sisters who will be coming to school."

Mom: "That's nice of her to take such an interest in you. So what did she say when you told her that you're the only child, my dear?"

Son: "She just said..."Thank goodness!"

Little Johnny had finished his summer vacation and gone back to school. Two days later his teacher phoned his mother to tell her that he was misbehaving.

"Wait a minute," she said. "I had Johnny with me for three months and I never called you once when he misbehaved"

An American couple adopt a Chinese baby. They go to a school teaching Chinese. They get an interview with a member of the school staff. After basic questions, the school administrator asks, "Can you tell me why you both want to learn Chinese?" "Well", replied the mother, "We just adopted a little girl who is Chinese and when she grows up, we want to be able to speak to her in Chinese."

George knocked on the door of his friend's house. When his friend's mother answered he asked, "can Albert come out to play?"

"No," said the mother, "it's too cold."

"Well, then," said George, "can his football come out to play?"

You know you're a mum when... ...picking up another human to smell their bum is not only normal but totally necessary.

I can't tell the difference between a rose and a dandelion. So when it came time to fix up my garden, I had no clue which plants to keep and which ones to remove. Until, that is, my mother gave me this handy tip: "Pull them all up. If it comes back, it's a weed."