

## **Christmas**

Sorry, I'm using the "C" word and it's still only October! But the days fly by and we have to prepare for the Community Christmas Fayre. This will be in the village hall as usual, and, as usual we are asking for your help.

There will be the usual things, cakes; preserves; raffle prizes, hamper goods etc, you know what we need, but, this year, we're going to try the filled jam jars again. Our very own Grace has agreed to run the stall but we do need loads of filled jam jars. In previous years we targeted around 100 jars, so far this year we have 4!

I'm sure that Freda has some spare jars if you're stuck, any shape, any size and filled with just about anything as long as the value exceeds £1.00. Stick a bit of ribbon on and Bob's your uncle!

The fayre is on Saturday December 2nd at 12 noon, so put that date in your diary. Bring the kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews and enjoy an afternoon out with good food, good company and really good things on offer.

Please remember this is our biggest fund raising event so please, please support in any way you can.

Further details will be available nearer the time, but just put this date in your diary!



### **Staffordshire Moorlands Riding Club**

Now I've managed to grab my breath from Sunday, I'll just keep you all informed of the monies raised. A massive heart felt thank you to our amazing sponsors, everyone that came and supported the day, Cheadle Equestrian Centre for allowing us to use their facilities and of course the lovely Judges Mr. Les Shaw and Cheryl Scott.

Money raised for Charities £328, I have passed £150 donation to **St. Chad's Bagnall** last night. Sue



### **Well done Florence!**

In today's school assembly (Monday 16th) there was a big surprise for Florence. Each week a child from each class is chosen for a star award which reflects their school values. Parents are invited. Kate and Peter were able to attend, unbeknown to Florence. What a grin! Needless to say she was delighted. The award was for perseverance and wisdom, working hard in all she does. Also for her work on Christian Council. It was also commented by the head teacher how well she performed at last week's harvest festival service at St Edwards's Cheddleton. Her visits to St Chad's certainly help her confidence.

Thank you.

*Judith*

# Safeguarding

## The Parish of St Chad's, Bagnall

### SAFEGUARDING POLICY PROMOTING A SAFER CHURCH

The following policy was agreed at the Parochial Church Council (PCC) meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023

In accordance with the Church of England Safeguarding Policy our church is committed to:

- Promoting a safer environment and culture.
- Safely recruiting and supporting all those with any responsibility related to children, young people and vulnerable adults within the church.
- Responding promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation.
- Caring pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons.
- Caring pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons.
- Responding to those that may pose a present risk to others.

The Parish will:

- Create a safe and caring place for all.
- Have a named Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to work with the incumbent and the PCC to implement policy and procedures.
- Safely recruit, train and support all those with any responsibility for children, young people and adults to have the confidence and skills to recognise and respond to abuse.
- Ensure that there is appropriate insurance cover for all activities involving children and adults undertaken in the name of the parish.
- Display in church premises and on the Parish website the details of who to contact if there are safeguarding concerns or support needs.
- Listen to and take seriously all those who disclose abuse.
- Take steps to protect children and adults when a safeguarding concern of any kind arises, following House of Bishops guidance, including notifying the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) and statutory agencies immediately.
- Offer support to victims/survivors of abuse regardless of the type of abuse, when or where it occurred.
- Care for and monitor any member of the church community who may pose a risk to children and adults whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and the safety of all parties.
- Ensure that health and safety policy, procedures and risk assessments are in place and that these are reviewed annually.
- Review the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practices at least annually.

Each person who works within this church community will agree to abide by this policy and the guidelines established by this church.

This church appoints Claire Houston-Brown as the Parish Safeguarding Officer

Incumbent: Vacancy

Churchwardens: Kathryn Howell

Date: August 2023

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