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Dear All,

'So what are you giving up for Lent?' is a question that's frequently asked at this time of year. Answers to this question can be many and varied, of course: alcohol, coffee, facebook, mobile phones, television. These are all things that we hear people say from time to time although, in my experience, the answer that most people usually come back to is 'chocolate'.

In truth, I never give up anything. This could be an act of laziness on my part but really I think it is because I have never seen the point.

The idea behind giving something up for Lent is that it is supposed to help us to identify with Jesus' time of fasting and testing in the wilderness. But if I see this as being a time in which Jesus is wrestling with himself, trying to work out who he is and what he must do, whilst having to rely entirely on God (and this is how I make sense of this episode in Jesus' life), how does giving up wine, coffee or chocolate help me to get in touch with such a person, such questions, such an approach to life? So I have never bothered.

In recent years, people have been suggesting that, rather than give something up, we might take something on for Lent instead. Christian Aid has been taking people on its Count Your Blessings journey for a number of years of course and this is something you may wish to consider. Beyond this, there are several online suggestions as to what sort of thing we might take on. For example, one might commit oneself to:

- get outdoors each day (to remind ourselves of God's omnipresence and creative powers)
- turn worry into prayer (to become more aware of God's presence)
- spend time with other people - and not necessarily just those whom we know and love (revealing God's love through acts of generosity and kindness)
- write and post a card/letter or phone someone every day (to remind people that they are cherished and loved)
- lighten a load for someone and/or help a stranger (for this is the work of Christ)
- serve a servant (to show someone who serves you in some way that they and what they do are/is valued)
- offer to help to enable your church to continue to operate effectively*

Whether you traditionally give something up for Lent or not, I encourage everyone to try something different this year. Who knows?

Maybe this will be just the start of something. And maybe an alternative approach may draw us all closer to the God revealed to us in Jesus and bring us even more alive to the life of the world.

Every blessing

Sue

*OK, I admit it. I added the last one. But there are areas of our church work where people are stretched and with help life would be easier for all so please consider offering your services.

Pastoral Piece

Hello everyone

I hope you have all managed to keep well through the winter months. Fortunately the weather has been quite kind to us if somewhat confusing, cold and then. No wonder that nature is confused. Already I have had a wasp in the house. Even so it is lovely to see snowdrops and spring flowers out. Have you also noticed the evenings staying a bit lighter?

It is a pleasure to be able to say our dedicated Pastoral Team continues to work diligently. If you require them at any time or know of someone who might just give us a call.

In the meantime I leave you with this Quotation:-

Life is not easy for any of us, but what of that? We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something, and that this thing, at whatever cost, must be attained

By Marie Curie (1867-1934)

Take care and may God bless and keep you all safe

Margaret Hogan 18 Febuary 2017 01928 788960

Craft Club News

Friendship, coffee drinking and craft continue enjoyably on Tuesday mornings. Before Christmas we went out for our Christmas lunch at the Horseshoe Inn in Kingsley and had an excellent meal.

We usually make a charity donation around Christmas time and this year we sent £100 to St. Luke's Hospice where Joyce Griesau is being cared for. Joyce was one of the early members of Craft Club and this year is our 25th anniversary. Sometime this year, the date yet to be finalised, there will be a weekend celebration of this anniversary. It will probably include an exhibition of crafts, refreshments and a Sunday service. Details will be advertised in good time.

On the 14th March we are going out for coffee to Winnington Garden Centre, which is good for coffee but also has a craft shop.

In addition sometime this year we hope to hold a craft sale in aid of the Petty Pool Trust. Last December a group of us went to Petty Pool to help make Christmas decorations with some mature students staying there. We are very pleased to keep our contact with Petty Pool.

Please watch out for further information, and do join us for our coming celebration.

Alison Twinn

Candlelit Carol Service

Yet again the Church was packed for the candlelit carol service held on December 18th, which made a wonderful start to our Christmas celebrations.

Carol Singing

This was followed by 2 nights of carol singing on Wednesday 21st December and on Christmas Eve. The Christmas story was taken around large parts of Norley by a strong singing group led by Joan Bell to addresses around the village. On the first night the new residents to Norley in Kingsleigh Close were serenaded, and on Christmas Eve a new departure was to end, by invitation, at a house on Flaxmere Moss where a large party was in progress. Carol singing resulted in several hundred pounds being collected towards church funds and our donations to charities.

Christmas Day

On Christmas day itself, which this year was also a Sunday, Christ's birthday was remembered with a well attended early morning service led by our own minister, Rev Sue Levitt, before we all set off for our family celebrations.

Church Weekend Away 2017

This years weekend away will be at

Beth Eden Christian Guest House, Llandudno
on
Friday October 6th
to
Sunday October 8th

We hope to have exclusive use of the guest house, provided we get enough takers.

You should have the dates in your diaries already. The booking forms will be out in the next couple of weeks, so get your deposit cheques ready.

Bruce

Family Worker Report

School Work- lunch time club.

Between 12-16 children attend the lunch time session at Norley School each fortnight. Often we create using card, scissors as well as writing down and talking about our thoughts and on the theme from the assembly. The children decide whether to come and it's great to see them co-operating with each other, helping each other and respecting the people in the group - which are all ages.

Wreath Making Event.

On November 29th, 13 of us picked up scissors, moss, greenery, ribbon and Christmas decorations to make our own wreaths to proudly display at home.

Life Together

In the middle of February, Andrea ran a youth event at Frodsham Church called 'life together', which ran from Wednesday through to the end of Sunday morning service. It was about experiencing living together with prayers in the evening and morning. The young people were living at church and going about their normal activities during the day. Oliver and Lewis attended from Norley Church

Prayer Day March 14th : Theme – “The Miracles”

The children of Norley Primary school will be coming to spend some time in our church on Tuesday 14th March. The children will different prayer stations on the miracles of Jesus and follow a prayer walk bare footed. If you would like to help on that day let Andrea know.

Look out for details of our Easter event.

Andrea Ellams

The Harmony choir members take their final bow.

The members of the Harmony choir contributed to worship over the years. I would like to thank them on behalf of the Norley church members.

They had a musical connection between them when they sang. Having been members of various Choral societies, they brought their skills to the performances. They were able to connect with the congregation emotionally in their singing making the sentiments ring true. Though they were retired from full time work, they had various commitments with family and community. John, despite many meetings to do with the connection, often going to London, never missed any rehearsals. They have tackled some difficult music with aplomb. I remember them working on an anthem by John Rutter which had five key changes. They practised and sang it beautifully.

As a soprano, Jean has done many beautiful solos. However all good things do come to an end. You will hear them bringing in the harmonies to the congregational singing. I often can identify while playing the organ as to who is present by their voices.

A big thank you from me to them as they take their final bow.

Saro Jesudason

First Wednesday Walks

The December First Wednesday walk has become a very pleasant tradition. It was led by John and Sylvia around the Cuddington area, with lunch at the White Barn followed by delicious tea and scones at the Lynch's home. We were blessed with great weather again, as the above picture shows. What a great day.

A bright but cold day greeted the nine walkers for our usual preamble through Delamere Forest on the first Wednesday in January, wending our way past the fishing meres & out onto Farm Road. We then followed the road back to Heather & Anthony's and then onto The Farmers Arms for lunch, where we were joined by Gary & Vaughan. The "house" speciality of fish and chips was enjoyed by several of the diners. Yet again we were blessed with very good weather for January.

Our February walk was enjoyed by 8 select walkers as we strolled around the Stamford Bridge & Great Barrow area in warm Springtime sunshine. We encountered the track of a miniature railway, an ancient green lane, Great Barrow Church & finally in open countryside the route of the Roman Road known as Watling Street. We were joined for lunch by the group's only working member at the Stamford Bridge Inn.

Anthony Davies

Future walks are planned for

Wednesday March 1st , Wednesday April 5th, Wednesday May 3rd

Meet at church at 9.45 for a 10.00 am departure each month – we hope to see you there.

Father Norton woke up Sunday morning and realizing it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, decided he just had to play golf. So he told the Associate Pastor that he was feeling sick and persuaded him to say Mass for him that day. As soon as the Associate Pastor left the room, Father Norton headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away. This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his parish. Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church!

At about this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from the heavens and exclaimed, "You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?"

The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not." Just then Father Norton hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole. IT WAS A 420 YARD HOLE IN ONE!

St. Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do that?" The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"

Diary

Unless otherwise stated in the weekly notices the Craft Club meets on Tuesdays at 10.00am at Norley in the Open Door Room.

March 2017

Wednesday	1 st	9.45am	First Wednesday Walk – Middlewich - the story of Salt
		7.30pm	Norley Café Church – 'Sikh and you will find' Bruce Lane
Thursday	2 nd	7.00pm	Norley Church Council
Friday	3 rd	1.30pm	Women's World Day of Prayer service at Kings Church Helsby (opposite Helsby School)
Sunday (Lent 1)	5 th	10.45am	Edgar Gregory of Frodsham
		6.30pm	Rev David Speed of Chester
Tuesday	7 th	1.30pm	What Really Matters at the end – St John Parish Rooms (see Ad)
Wednesday	8 th	12 noon	Open Door Room Lunch
Sunday (Lent 2)	12 th	10.45am	Rev Sue Levitt – Sacrament
		6.30pm	No service at Norley

Tuesday	14 th		Prayer day for Norley School in the Church
		1.30pm	What Really Matters at the end – St John Parish Rooms (see Ad)
Wednesday	15 th	5.00pm	Tarvin Messy Church
		8.00pm	The Hurst Kingsley Café Church
Sunday (Lent 3)	19 th	9.00am	Norley@9
		10.45am	Mr Philip Morrey of Chester
		6.30pm	Rev Sue Levitt
Monday	20 th	2.00pm	Circuit Project Meeting at Caldy valley
Tuesday	21 st	1.30pm	What Really Matters at the end – St John Parish Rooms (see Ad)
		7.00pm	Spiritual Committee Meeting at 2 The Old Orchard
Thursday	23 rd	12 noon	Open Door Room Lunch
		1.15pm	Thursday Club
Mothering	26 th		Summer Time begins - CLOCKS GO FORWARD
Sunday (Lent 4)		10.45am	Mrs Elizabeth Holmes of Frodsham
		6.30pm	Rev Sue Levitt – Sacrament
Monday	27 th	4.00pm	Kelsall Messy Church
Tuesday	28 th	1.30pm	What Really Matters at the end – St John Parish Rooms (see Ad)
Wednesday	29 th	6.30pm	Parish Council in Open Door Room
Thursday	30 th	4.30pm	The Hurst Kingsley Messy Church
April 2017			
Passion	2 nd	10.45am	Mr Ian Johnson of Kelsall
Sunday (Lent 5)		2.30pm	Tiverton Anniversary – Rev Andrew Emison
		6.30pm	Rev Christine Dutton of Chester
Tuesday	4 th	1.30pm	What Really Matters at the end – St John Parish Rooms (see Ad)
Wednesday	5 th	9.45am	First Wednesday Walk
		7.30pm	Norley Café Church – Rev Andrew Emison
Palm Sunday	9 th	10.45am	Mr Geoffrey Robinson of Helsby
		6.30pm	No service at Norley

Tuesday	11 th	7.30pm	The Hurst Lenten Music & Reflection with Mrs Elizabeth Holmes
Wednesday	12 th	12 noon	Open Door Room Lunch

April 2017 (continued)

Maundy	13 th	6.30pm	Tarvin Meal & Holy Communion with Rev'd Sue Levitt
Thursday		7.30pm	Blakelees with Rev'd Ian Rigby
Good Friday	14 th	10.30am	Chester City Passion "The Way of the Cross"
		11.00am	Service led by John Bell of Cuddington
Saturday	15 th	10.00am	Decorate the Church for Easter Day
Easter Day	16 th	9.30am	Rev Sue Levitt – Sacrament
		6.30pm	Rev Sue Levitt
Wednesday	19 th	5.00pm	Tarvin Messy Church
		8.00pm	The Hurst Kingsley Café Church
Thursday	20 th	7.30pm	Local Preachers' Meeting at Tarvin
Sunday	23 rd	10.45am	Dr Ruth Lane of Norley
		6.30pm	Mr Philip Garner of Norley
Monday	24 th	1.30pm	Church Leadership Team Meeting at Howell Croft
Wednesday	26 th	7.30pm	Matthew Barnard Local Preacher recognition service at Frodsham (assuming LP meeting agrees)
Thursday	27 th	12 noon	Open Door Room Lunch
		1.15pm	Thursday Club
Sunday	30 th		Church Anniversary - Rev Ian Rigby of Runcorn
		10.45am	
		6.30pm	Church Anniversary - Rev Sue Levitt

May 2017

Wednesday	3 rd	9.45am	First Wednesday Walk
		7.30pm	Norley Café Church – Rev Christine Dutton
Thursday	4 th	4.30pm	The Hurst Kingsley Messy Church
Saturday	6 th	9.30am	Spring Synod in Christleton High School
Sunday	7 th	10.45am	Dr Judy Ford of Kingsley
		6.00pm	Easter Offering Service at Frodsham- Rev Linda Catlow
Monday	8 th	4.00pm	Kelsall Messy Church

Wednesday 10th 12 noon Open Door Room Lunch
 Sunday 14th – Saturday 20th Christian Aid Week
 Sunday 14th 10.45am Rev Sue Levitt – Sacramento
 6.30pm No service at Norley
 Wednesday 17th 5.00pm Tarvin Messy Church
 8.00pm The Hurst Kingsley Café Church
 Aldersgate 21st 9.00am Norley@9
 Sunday 10.45am Mr Mark Smyth of Saltney
 6.30pm Mr Andrew Ellams of Frodsham
 Thursday 25th 12 noon Open Door Room Lunch
 1.15pm Thursday Club
 Sunday 28th 10.45am Rev Dr Nigel Wright of Northwich
 6.30pm Rev Sue Levitt – Sacramento

June 2016

Wednesday 7th 9.45am First Wednesday Walk
 7.30pm Norley Café Church
 Saturday 10th 6.00pm Proposed date for the Safari Supper (tbc at Church Council)
 Wednesday 14th 7.30pm Circuit Meeting at Saughall
 Sunday 18th 9.00am Norley@9
 Thursday 22nd 12 noon Open Door Room Lunch
 1.15pm Thursday Club

Spiritual Committee

During this quarter we celebrate, with Christians of all denominations and churches, the greatest of all the festivals in the year – Easter. Easter marks the resurrection of Jesus, without which, as distinguished theologians have reminded us, there would have been no gospel and no Christian faith or Church.

Lent Liturgy

The period before Easter we know as Lent begins with Ash Wednesday – this year appropriately – on March 1st. In the lectionary, however, Lent takes us back to the beginning of the ministry of Jesus and his wilderness trials and temptations. We shall use a Lent liturgy each Sunday morning and on Good Friday as we approach Easter Day.

On the 4th Sunday in Lent (March 26th), Mothering Sunday, morning worship will be led by Mrs Elizabeth Holmes. Good Friday (April 14th) morning worship at 11.00 am will be led by Mr John Bell.

Easter Day

On Easter Day (April 16th), the morning service will be at 9.30 am and will include Holy Communion, celebrated by the Revd Sue Levitt.

Church Anniversary – April 30th

As is our custom, we mark the occasion of our Church Anniversary on the last Sunday in April – the 30th. This year will be the 135th anniversary. We will be delighted to welcome back to preach at our morning service the Revd Ian Rigby. Ian served as minister in the old Kingsley and Norley section of the Delamere Forest circuit from 1994 until he retired in 2004, and this year is assisting the circuit as part of the cover for the temporarily unfilled appointment at Helsby and Kingsley.

Annual Church Meeting – May 14th

The Annual Church Meeting will be held at the end of the morning worship on May 14th, following the usual pattern of a shorter service, the ACM, lunch and Holy Communion.

Café Church

Café Church will continue on the first Wednesday evening of each month, from 7.30 to 8.30 pm.

On March 1st, Bruce Lane will lead a discussion titled 'Sikh and you will find..' doubtless reflecting on his and Ruth's recent holiday experiences in India.

On April 5th, the Revd Andrew Emison, minister at Frodsham since last September, will lead.

On May 3rd the Revd Christine Dutton makes a return visit.

All are welcome to come to Cafe Church: we start with refreshments, followed by introductory thoughts from the leader and discussion – either in the round if we are fewer in number or around small tables when we are more. You can join in what is sometimes fairly vigorous debate, or participate in silence, as you wish. There are no holds barred.

Norley@9

Norley@9 will also continue to meet for informal worship on the 3rd Sunday morning on March 19th and May 21st but will not meet separately in April as the 3rd Sunday is Easter Day, as mentioned above.

The next meeting of the Spiritual Committee will be on Tuesday March 21st at 7.00 pm at 2, The Old Orchard, Cuddington when we will plan the worship pattern for the June to August quarter and consider any other matters affecting the worship and spiritual life of our Church. Meanwhile, if you have anything to raise or ask about these things, do get in with John Bell.

John Bell, Chair of Spiritual Committee

OPEN DOOR LUNCHES.

It has been so good to share lunch with you all through the dark days of Winter and we now look forward to the warmer days of Spring and Easter. Our dates for this quarter are as follows:

Wednesday March 8 th	Thursday March 23 rd
Wednesday April 12 th	Thursday April 27 th
Wednesday May 10 th	Thursday May 25 th

We hope to see you there

Joan Bell

THURSDAY CLUB

1.15pm - 2.30pm
in the **Open Door Room**
on
March 23rd , April 27th, May 25th

Help feed a family this Easter by joining The Trussell Trust

The Trussell Trust, which is the Charity behind the national network of Food Banks is running a campaign this year to raise funds to provide emergency food supplies for families in greatest need over Easter. The idea is that you donate 40p for the 40 days of Lent – this is less than the cost of that standard chocolate bar which you may have been thinking about giving up for Lent anyway! Together with 10p Gift Aid, this will produce £20 over the Lent period - enough money to provide a family in crisis with three days' emergency food from Good Friday to Easter Sunday.

Reaching crisis point means running out of hope. But people tell us they get it back when they go to a foodbank and see that people care.

More details of the campaign can be found on the Trussell Trust website: www.trusselltrust.org or you can donate directly via the 'Just Giving' page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Trussell-Trust-Lent-Appeal>




What really matters in the end?

Preparing for the one thing we know will happen to us all



To be honest, I was terrified. Well, I've never died before!

A Series of Five discussion sessions about death and dying

each with an expert (e.g. solicitor or nurse or chaplain) and others

Where can we find ourselves?
 What is Power of Attorney?
 How do we live with loss?
 Where can I be buried?
 Who would I want to make decisions for me?
 Who decides if I'm resuscitated?
 Can I be moved for in my own home?
 What music can share us at my funeral?
 What would happen to my children?
 Who would inherit my pets?
 How do I want to be remembered?

Tuesday afternoons 1.30-3.30pm 7 March – 4 April 2017
 at the NCK Centre, next to St John's Church Norley, WA5 8NE

Refreshments provided

Programme

7 March	Life	Wills, Power of Attorney, etc.	Solicitor
14 March	Dying Well	Advance care planning	Frances Underhill, End of Life Partnership
21 March	Helping others cope	Memorials, music, poems, scripture and more	Revd John Knowles, former Warden of Readers
28 March	Funerals	Funeral planning	Nagels Funeral Directors
4 April	Grief and loss	Grieving and mourning, Coping with a Service of Healing	Revd Gill Hibbert, Chaplain, St Luke's Hospice

If you would like to know more, please ring

Revd Hilary Merington 01928 788087

or Dr Anne Lund 01606 853556

Christian Aid Week

14th – 20th May

This year, Christian Aid Week marks 60 years of fundraising to bring an end to global poverty.

British churches founded Christian Aid in 1945 to support hundreds of thousands of refugees who lost their homes and possessions in the Second World War.

This vital work was needed long after the war was over, so in 1957 Christian Aid Week was launched, appealing to the public to help fund the churches' relief efforts.

Sixty years ago, Christians refused to stand by while people suffered in refugee camps. Our generation is rising to that challenge again. We must not turn our backs on the plight of today's refugees.

Refugees say:- It's better to die in a refugee camp than to die in a war, to risk your children's lives in a plastic dinghy, and to leave everything you know behind. When the alternative is terror, bombs and bullets, almost anything is better.

This is the terrible choice facing tens of millions of people worldwide - fleeing conflict and disaster, making dangerous journeys in search of safety.

This year's Christian Aid Week will continue the focus, started in Advent 2016 with the 'Light the Way' campaign, on the plight of refugees. Today, more than 65 million people are displaced globally; forced from their homes by violence, fear or desperation. Each is deserving of safety, freedom and hope. The Syrian conflict has triggered the world's largest humanitarian crisis since World War II. Right now, Christian Aid, with its partners, is working on the Serbia-Macedonia border providing aid and so needs your support to continue this work along with other programmes in Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, Democratic Republic of Congo, and elsewhere.

It seeks your help and the help of all churches, irrespective of denomination, to work towards changing attitudes in this country, and raising money to support some of the most vulnerable people in the world today. We, here in rural Cheshire, are unlikely ever to meet these people face to face, but as Christians we can love them, unconditionally, as our Heavenly Father loves us.

Let's act to help relieve suffering and build a world where everyone has a safe place to call home.

Please give generously in Christian Aid Week

If you would consider joining the band of collectors in Norley, please contact either Ruth Lane (788071) or Rita Boon (788185)

Update on Christian Aid Week 2016

Thank you to all of you who participated in Christian Aid Week last year. You'll remember the focus was on the plight of families living on the bank of the Brahmaputra river in Bangladesh, and in particular the story of Morsheda Begum.

Morsheda and her young family were living on the banks of the river in a tin hut that was flooded to waist-height at least twice a year. She was married at the age of eight and has four children but lives on her own since her husband left the family. Morsheda had already been flooded out of her home several times when Christian Aid first met her in 2015. Who can forget how one night she heard a splash as her 18 month old son rolled out of bed into the three feet of dirty snake-inhabited water?

Following Christian Aid week last year Morsheda and many other families have been moved to higher and safer ground. Inspired by a 'release not relief' motive - Christian Aid led a £250,000 multi-agency response financed by the Start Fund for some 3.5m people who were affected by these floods.

Shortly, after the move, the land on which her old home stood was totally submerged under water when the next floods came. Today, Morsheda has a new home, has livestock, a latrine and a plot of land to grow vegetables. Thanks to those who responded to Christian Aid's call Morsheda now stands on higher-ground.

Michael Gough

Chester City Passion - Good Friday 14th April 2017

Following last year's huge success Chester Mystery Plays and Theatre in the Quarter have joined once more with Churches Together in Chester City Centre and Link Up to produce a dramatised 'Way of the Cross' in the streets of Chester on Good Friday morning, 14 April 2017 at 10.30am

The performance will start at the Eastgate Street clock with Jesus' entry to Jerusalem followed by the Last Supper at the Cross. It will then process towards Town Hall Square for Gethsemane and the Trial, finishing at the West door of the Cathedral with the Crucifixion.

Community actors will be joined with the Passion chorus, drawn from Chester Mystery Plays, Theatre in Quarter, church choir and community performers and Chester schools.

The engrossing performance will feature Matt Baker's captivating music from the last three productions of the Mystery Plays, and the whole event is an exciting prelude to the next cycle of the plays in 2018.

We are invited to join in this very special journey - it will last no more than 45 minutes and is completely free of charge.

Property Matters

It has been a relatively quiet time on the property front since the last report 6 months ago. Activities since the last report have been:-

The internal decoration by the High Street buttress has been restored.

A number of small shrubs have been purchased and installed in the garden on the Maddocks Hill side to complete the garden work there.

James Dale has worked on the church gates so they now close properly, and is arranging for a welder to complete the repairs.

A display case for Elizabeth Pickering's trowel has been purchased, and will be installed below the clock in the church once assembled and stained.

The old church doors have been converted into 2 benches which will shortly be installed in the garden once they have been finished.

Eight of the emergency lighting units have been replaced since their rechargeable batteries no longer hold enough charge to keep the lights on for 3 hours following a power failure.

After couple of failures to ignite, the gas boiler ignition system was renewed and fingers crossed since then we have not had a problem.

A design for the new church uplighters and flood lights has been approved by the Church Leadership Team, and quotes are being sought for installation.

Bruce Lane

Solar Panels Update

We have had trouble free operation of our solar panels for 5 years..

After 5 years we have generated 18,068 Kwh and earned over £8798.

Since our original investment was £7500, we have covered that and contributed £1298 to church funds, with we expect income for the next 20 years – as well as continuing to help reduce global warming.

Bruce Lane

In Memoriam

Tylen James Cunningham

27/06/2006 – 7/01/2017

A memorial service was held at Norley Methodist Church on Saturday 21st January for Tylen. Tylen lived in the United States with his mum, Emma, his Dad Joe and brother Joey. His grandparents, Sandra and John Lewis of Norley, were at his funeral in the US, and so were not at the memorial service, which was arranged by Louise Berry and Sarah Mingaud - Emma's cousins.

The service was a very simple affair; mainly giving an opportunity for people to come and share their sense of sadness at what had happened, and their support especially for Emma. A number of people who were there were close friends of Emma since school days. Louise shared some memories of Tylen, and Neil Stacey, the Circuit Superintendent who conducted the service – Sue Levitt being unable to be present due to illness - added in a couple more memories that had been mentioned to him. Tylen adored his family and coming on holiday to England and Norley. On one holiday, he went on a walk in the forest with his grandad and Hardy (his Uncle Simon's dog); and Tylen said to his grandad, "What could be nicer than a walk in the woods in the morning with your grandad?!" Indeed, it is not long since Tylen had been in Norley Methodist Church for the christening of one of his relatives.

Neil shared some Bible verses:

John 11: 33-36

When Jesus saw her weeping, and those who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. "Jesus wept. Then they said, "See how he loved him!"

Romans 8: 38-39

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The service was well attended, and it was a supportive occasion at a time of great sadness.

Rotas Page		Morning Door Stewards Rota	
Flowers Rota		The March to May rota is published below. Please ensure that you find a substitute if you're unable to fulfil your duty	
Mar 5	Mrs S Grindley	Mar 5	Pauline Gates & Lewis Dimelow
Mar 12	Mrs M Harrington	Mar 12	Ken Dunning and Jean Dunning
Mar 19	Mrs A Twinn	Mar 19	Margaret Hogan & Harold Berry
Mar 26	Mrs H Davies	Mar 26	Mary Dimelow & Michelle Hopley
Apr 2	Mrs B Garner	Apr 2	Heather Davies & Anthony Davies
Apr 9	Mrs J Barclay	Apr 9	Alison Twinn & Rajan Jesudason
Apr 16	Easter Sunday	Apr 14	(Good Friday) Yvonne Roughsedge & Philip Garner
Apr 23	Mrs L Gough	Apr 16	Oliver Dimelow & Alison Penny
April 30	Mrs M Hogan	Apr 23	Hazel and James Dale
May 7	Mrs V Wynne	Apr 30	Margaret Hogan and June Fay
May 14	Mrs J Dunning	May 7	Pauline Gates & Lewis Dimelow
May 21	Mrs R Lane	May 14	Heather Davies & Anthony Davies
May 28	Mrs H Dale	May 21	Margaret Hogan & Harold Berry
Jun 4	Mrs P Gates	May 28	Mary Dimelow & Michelle Hopley
Jun 11	Mrs S Grindley		
Coffee Rota		With thanks, as ever, to you all. Your welcomes are much appreciated <i>The Stewards</i>	
Mar 5	Yvonne & Mary		
Mar 12	Heather & Anthony		
Mar 19	Margaret & June		
Mar 26	Hazel & James		
Apr 2	Alison T & Yvonne		
Apr 9	Alison P & Mary		
Apr 16	Vaughan & Margaret Harrington		
Apr 23	Margaret & June		
Apr 30	Alison P & Mary		

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May 14	Alison T & Yvonne
May 21	Vaughan & Margaret Harrington
May 28	Hazel & James

**Café Church
refreshment rota**

Mar 1	Alison T & Yvonne
Apr 5	John & Joan
May 3	Ruth & Bruce

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