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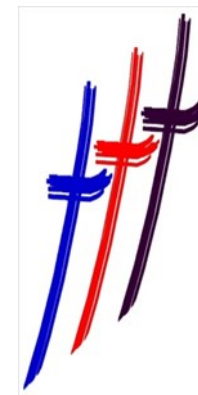
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From The Rectory

Providence

One of my favourite people on TV some years ago was Sister Wendy Beckett, the nun who loved art. Her observations were very personal and sometimes quirky and surprising; art critics were not enamoured with her, however, as she didn't always follow their rules and frequently spoke out of turn.

One of the things I liked about her was her unpredictability and freshness which she brought to each program. In fact, that she was there at all was a product of her spontaneous nature: not only was she a Carmelite nun, but was also a contemplative, living a life of prayer alone living in a caravan which still serves as her hermitage. Spending much of her time alone, well away from the other nuns in the main house, she is not a typical TV presenter; this is a job that normally calls for an extrovert, one who lives on the outside rather than the inside of his personality.

A clue to the way that she found herself on our screens is to be found in her book on prayer where she deals with providence. She says, 'Sometimes we can see for ourselves that what appears disastrous, the very thing we did not want, turns out to be a blessing. For example, I would never have chosen to leave my solitude to work in television. I did it because it seemed right'.

Providence leads us to put God at the centre of our lives rather than ourselves and our own ambitions and desires. Like Sister Wendy, I have learned at many times in my life to trust in the guiding hand of God even when that seems like foolishness and as a result my life has been (in my terms) successful and fulfilled.

One of the keys to sustaining that trust in providence has been to try to remain half-full. There are people for whom life is half-empty: they look for the bit that's missing, focus on the problem, find something to criticise. Such people can never be satisfied and spend their time chasing rainbows. People who are half-full, on the other hand look for what they have rather than what they want, focus on the solution, and find things to celebrate and to praise. As Sister Wendy goes on to say, 'It is not reality that conforms itself to our needs, but that we learn how to conform ourselves to what reality is offering. What I call "providence" is always there in wait, as it were. What prayer does is to alert us to its presence so that we are always making the best of things and not the worst. Tragedy and frustration remain their painful selves, but prayer in accepting them changes the pain into something redemptive'.

If we really trust in God we try to live as people who are half-full, but not with a blind optimism; rather we live as those who recognise what God has given us and we place our gift of life into God's hands, putting him at the centre rather than ourselves. We go places we never thought we could go, find confidence we didn't know we had and find strength in ourselves that only God can reveal to us.

Quotations from Sister Wendy on Prayer, Continuum books 2006.

Philip.

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Matins—Said at 10 a.m.
Evensong and Sermon—6.30 p.m.
Children's Service—1st Sunday in the month at 2.30 p.m.
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Daily—Matins at 8 a.m. (except when there is Holy Communion); Evensong, 6 p.m. *Note*—Additional services on special days, and in special seasons.
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Sunday Services—Holy Communion at 8 a.m. (and at 7 a.m. on 1st and 3rd Sundays); Matins and Litany at 9.30 a.m.; Sung Eucharist and Sermon, 10.30 a.m.; Catechism, 2.15 p.m.; Evensong and Sermon, 6.30 p.m.
Week Days—Matins, Holy Communion and Evensong, daily at times stated on Church Notice.
Baptisms—Any Sunday or Holy Day at Evensong.
Churchings—Any day, preferably before Holy Communion.

CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, RODE HEATH.
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CANAL RAMBLINGS



In one of my previous articles I mentioned that I had seen 56 different bird species on my canal walks, that has now increased by two, one of those is the Little Egret which is a member of the heron family. I saw this lovely bird in a pond that was created by all the rain that had fallen in a farmers field near all Saints Church, Church Lawton. All white with a black slender beak, black legs and yellow feet make it easily recognisable. This bird used to be a rare sight in Britain until numbers increased in the late 1980s and was first recorded breeding in Dorset in 1996. Since then numbers have increased significantly, by 2001 breeding pairs had increased to over one hundred and by 2015 had passed one thousand pairs. The majority of the population are located in southern England, East Anglia and Ireland but they are gradually moving northwards probably driven by global warming and they are now seen regularly in Scotland.

The Little Egret has now been followed by another two previously rare vagrants to Britain, the Cattle Egret which first bred in 2008 in Somerset and the Great White Egret which first bred in 2012 on the Somerset levels. Those two birds are also slowly moving northwards and you never know I might see them on one of my walks, here's hoping.

When Sue and I lived in the far north of Scotland in the small village of Forsinard one of my summer jobs was the information warden at the R.S.P.B Forsinard flows nature reserve. The job entailed working in the visitor centre which was housed in the old station ticket office and waiting room, I also led two guided walks per week out onto the reserve to show visitors the fauna and flora of that special area. On some occasions I would take part in carrying out bird surveys, red deer surveys plant surveys etc, this involved walking various areas of the reserve and taking note of what we had seen, these were special days as we would be out in this wild landscape for 5 or 6 hours. The reserve is enormous and today I think it covers 50,000 acres, the largest R.S.P.B reserve. We were fortunate enough to have a Golden Eagles nest site on the reserve and this particular year two chicks had hatched out, one female and one male. On the day they were to be ringed I was asked to accompany Norrie the reserve manager and the legendary birding figure that is Roy Dennis, he is very well known in the birding world for his work with Ospreys, Eagles, Sea Eagles and so much more. We had a long drive on forestry tracks and then an hours walk over the bog to reach the Eyrie which was sited on a small cliff which made it quite easy to scale and remove the young Eagles. The young birds were around six to seven weeks old and fairly well grown, it was such a wonderful experience as I held the female as she was being ringed and a GPS locator fitted. I felt so grateful that I was asked by Norrie to experience such a magical day out and one that I will never forget.

Until the next time, take care, Colin

Midnight Charity Walk For Hospice

On June 29th I will be taking part in a sponsored 11 mile night walk for St Luke's Hospice which is in Winsford. St Luke's serves this area and many people with have benefited from their compassionate care programmes.

They helped me when I had liver cancer until I was able to transfer to keystone at Lawton village Hall. The walk starts at midnight and the route will be from Reaseheath in Nantwich to Crewe and back.

I would be most grateful if readers of this magazine would consider donating to this very good cause. Sponsor forms are in all three churches or you could contact me on 01782 786571

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Rosemary Wharton age -87yrs!!



Thank you from Lucy & Bryn

We would both like to thank everyone at church who made our wedding day service on 20th

April 2024 so special. The flowers were unbelievable inside and out!

We enjoyed a wonderful day with family and friends so thank you again!

Lucy & Bryn

ODD RODE MOTHERS' UNION



Mothers union report

May2024

Odd Rode Mothers Union meetings continue to be well- attended. In the main the monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 2.00pm at Scholar Green Village Hall; occasionally this may be changed, for various reasons.

April 18th

The Annual Rededication and Enrolment Service was held at the church of The Good Shepherd this year, with Rev Philip Atkinson officiating. The church was full and the service emotional. Five new members were enrolled. We welcomed to the Branch Pat Challinor, Muriel Timewell, Barbara Beard, Hilda Harrison and Avis Curwen Stan, our resident organist joined us supporting the Branch as usual. M.U. members from The Good Shepherd were responsible for refreshments which were delicious. Many thanks to these members: Janet R, Jacky and Olive. Janet also assisted with communion. Jacky and Olive presenting the banner. Readers were led expressively by Janet McArthur and Christine Bell. We thank all members who took part and helped in some way. Special thanks and flowers were given to Nora who has been a principal fund raiser for many years, with regular orders for toffee and cakes. She has raised hundreds of pounds for the Branch. Also to Rosemary who has steadfastly looked after the needs of the newly baptised, on their special day and for four years afterwards, for many years quite an achievement.

Meeting ahead

13th May 2.00pm Scholar Green Village Hall

We look forward to welcoming Mr Charles Neeson, who works as a Blood Biker- taking blood to hospitals , etc

Monday 20 May 12.30pm

Wave of prayer, All saints' Church Annual Service which takes place around the country. Members pray for Branches around the world services taken by members.

June 6th

Leaving All Saints' Church at 9.30 am Annual Outing- destination to be shortly decided. Visitors are welcome to join us! Details in churches soon.

Monday 1st July 2.00pm Scholar Green Village Hall

We welcome Mrs Ann Peach a trustee of M.U. and Branch Leader of Brereton M.U who will talk about the work of the Mothers Union.

Saturday 17th August All Saints' Church

Afternoon Tea in aid of Summer of Hope Children in Need worldwide. First sitting is at 2.30pm.

Monday 2nd September 2.00pm

An afternoon of Dance

Monday 7th October

Mrs Ann Russell will talk about training Guide Dogs.

Monday 4th November

In-house meetings. Taken by members. Visitors are welcome to attend all meetings

Barbara Jones

Branch Leader

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS'



An evening with Paul and Karen

What can we say, Sat May 11th proved to be a well attended fabulous evening held at the Village Hall. Paul and Karen entertained everyone in their professional, fantastic manner. Many thanks go to everyone involved particularly Janet, Grace, John, Joyce, Barbara, John, Pam and Phillip Bland

A total of £765 was raised for the organ fund.

Church open for Refreshments

During the Saturday Farmers Market at Rode Hall All Saints' Church is open for Refreshments. 10am-2pm

Mothers Union Fund Raising Many Years Ago

BARGAINS AT VILLAGE BAZAAR



Eager buyers were tempted into picking up some real bargains at this year's Scholar Green Christmas bazaar run by Odd Rode Mothers' Union, which raised a bumper £900. Selling was brisk at all the stalls, which included toys, cakes, crockery, craftware and a tombola. Mothers helped out and Father Christmas made an appearance at the Village Hall, together with his two fairies, six-year-olds Alice Bailey and Elizabeth Burch. ("Chronicle" photo. 2240/94).

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Normal Pattern for Worship

Monthly Services at Odd Rode

First Sunday

9am Eucharist at The Good Shepherd, Rode Heath
10.30am Eucharist at All Saints, Odd Rode

Second Sunday

9am Eucharist at The Good Shepherd, Rode Heath
*10.30am Eucharist at All Saints, Odd Rode**
10.30am Family Service (lay-led) at St Luke's, Mow Cop

Third Sunday

9am Eucharist at The Good Shepherd, Rode Heath
10.30am Eucharist at All Saints, Odd Rode

Fourth Sunday

9am Eucharist at The Good Shepherd, Rode Heath
10.30am Eucharist at All Saints, Odd Rode
10.30am Family Service with Eucharist at St Luke's, Mow Cop

Fifth Sunday

10.30am Parish Eucharist at one of the three churches. Ring the Rector or Churchwardens for details.

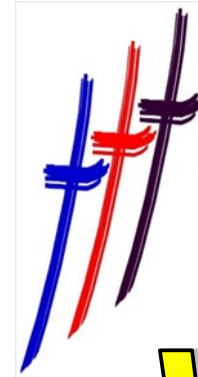
Every Wednesday there is a Eucharist at The Good Shepherd, Rode Heath at 11am

** This service may be Mattins instead of a Eucharist*

*For up to date information check the parish website
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WHAT HAPPENED AT THE GOOD SHEPHERD IN MARCH TO MAY?

UPDATE ON PAST EVENTS.....

Murder Mystery Quiz – 16th Feb.

A very entertaining evening with diners using clues from puzzles to discover the identity of the murderer. The evening raised £448 and we would like to thank Vicky for her help with this. Please come back and do another Vicky.



St Patrick’s Day Meal – 15th March

Irish Stew was the order of the day for this event. The evening was full of good food, good humour, and Irish tunes. The Guinness this year was won by Sue and Colin Mair (well done) and a total of £423 was made.



June

6th All Saints’ Church is open for refreshments 10am 2pm (Farmers Market)

14th All Saints’ church Wetley Rocks Male voice Choir 7.30pm

22nd The Good Shepherd Strawberry Fayre 2pm-4pm

July

27th The Good Shepherd afternoon tea 3pm £15 book With Margaret 01270 874003

August

3rd All Saints’ Church is open for refreshments 10am 2pm (Farmers Market)

September

6th The good shepherd Staffordshire night 7pm book With Margaret 01270 874003 or Diane 874281

6th St Luke’s Music from the shows! £10 Booking from Woodcock’s Well School via facebook or on the door

7th All Saints’ Church is open for refreshments 10am 2pm (Farmers Market)

- 1st Monday in month Mothers Union @ Village Hall 2.pm**
- Choir Practice each Friday 2pm @ All Saints’**
- Choir Practice each Tuesday 7pm @St Luke’s**
- Wednesday Communion 11am @ The Good Shepherd**
- Warm Wednesdays 12.00-2.00pm @ The Good Shepherd**
- St Luke’s Toddler Group Mow Cop 10am-12noon at Village Hall**
- Meals served each Friday 2.00pm @ St Luke’s**

Parish Magazine schedule for 2024 /2025

Issue	Deadline to Editor	Distribution
September, October, November	11th August	September
December, January, February	17th November	December



If you would like to join the choir and sing with an amazing family of people, come along on Tuesdays 7:00PM-9:00PM at St Luke's. All are most welcome regardless of singing experience.

Please look out for our upcoming Llandudno trip in August. Free spaces will be allocated to families in need first then others released after this. This trip has been funded by our Parish Grant.

We are very excited about our upcoming new venture! Our Well-Being event took place last month which enabled local services to come together for our community. From this, links with the family Hub and this will enable our community to access a range of services. We are planning to start a Dementia Café to support people with Dementia and their families. Watch this space!

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Street furniture company Broxap who have donated a seating unit to the community garden at Mount Pleasant Village Hall! What a kind gesture and one that will benefit our community.

Love to you all

Everybody at St Luke's

Agape Meal – Maundy Thursday

A wonderful evening of fellowship on the eve of Christ's crucifixion. There was a sharing of food together with a sharing of feelings, expressed through readings and hymns. The atmosphere and setting in the Good Shepherd was just right for the occasion. Thank you to Glen and her team of helpers for all the hard work you put in to make this possible.



Bingo Afternoon – 6th April.

Diane and Margret would like to thank everyone who turned out to support this event, which raised the wonderful total of £444.33. This would not have been possible without the generous donations we received to offer such lovely prizes. We are also indebted to the Rode Heath Village Hall ladies (and gentleman caller) who made this so successful. Thank you all.

Saint George's Day (British) meal – 26th April

Roast beef, chicken, trifle, sponge pudding and fruit salad were all on the menu. Despite a few cancelations on the night, we still raised £383. Many thanks to everyone who supported us.



The Italian Night takes place after the editor's deadline. We will report on it in the next issue.

Thy Kingdom Come

A big thank you to Chris Bell who presented us with the opportunity to recognise the important days between Ascension and Pentecost by organising prayer sessions from 5pm to 5.30pm each evening at the Good Shepherd. This gave us a time for reflection while following the period of worldwide prayer programme recommended by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

WELCOME WEDNESDAYS AT THE SHEPHERD

As we leave Winter behind and head into Summer, we have changed our WARM Wednesday to WELCOME Wednesday. The church will have the usual 11am service, and this will be followed by drinks and biscuits in the schoolroom until approximately 2pm subject to demand. People do not have to attend the service to come along. If anyone wishes to come along just for tea and biscuits, they can arrive at 12 noon and go straight into the schoolroom. Everyone is welcome, and you can be sure of a warm welcome and a chance to meet people and chat. Bring your knitting, book, or craft with you or simply bring yourself.

DIARY DATES FOR EVENTS AT THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Saturday 22nd June – Summer Fair - 2pm to 4pm

Saturday 27th July – Afternoon Tea - 3pm £15 (book a table)

Saturday 17th Aug. – Charity Fund Raising Bingo in aid of Alzheimer's.

Rode Heath Village Hall 1.30 for 2pm start. £1 entrance charge.

Friday 6th September – Staffordshire Night – 6.30pm for 7pm start

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU

St Luke's Church and Community Group

We are so grateful for how we are growing together as a church and as a group. The friendships and atmosphere within the church and the groups is one that we are privileged to be part of.

St Luke's and Woodcock's Well Family Services of thanksgiving take place on the Second Sunday and this is led by our wonderful Pam. Here, crafts can be made that link to a theme and people of all ages enjoy worshipping together. On the Fourth Sunday, we have Holy Communion which is led by our very own vicar, Phillip.

The Community meal takes place each Friday from 2:00PM until 4:00PM. We are very proud of the relationships are building within this group and we are lucky to have Alison who cooks delicious meals for us. All are welcome to come and join us.

The Food Larder continue to support families that are in need and this is available to all. Please contact Alison (07895458252) if you know anybody who is in need of this and this will be in the strictest of confidence. We have donated Tesco vouchers to families that are experiencing hardship.

We are delighted that Mow Cop Tots group is growing from strength to strength. The move to Mount Pleasant Village Hall has enabled access to the Community garden and an extensive space to play. The group now has regular Rhythm Time sessions as well as Forest school sessions to offer a broad range of activities to support children's development and enable families to build relationships within the group. The Forest school sessions are supported by Woodcock's Well Primary school and we are proud of our strong relationship with the school. We are thrilled with the feedback that we have had is from these fabulous sessions and we continue to grow. For information, please join their facebook page St Luke's Mow Cop Tots



The Toddler group takes place every Thursday within Term time at Mount Pleasant village hall at 10:00am until 12:00. The cost is £3 per child and £1 per sibling and everyone is made very welcome. If anyone would like to help out at these session, please contact Pam Hassall on 07824888748 or Alison.

The choir is growing from strength to strength and we thoroughly enjoyed our Music Through The Decades concert in April. It was so well attended and again the atmosphere was electric. We are very grateful for all of the volunteers who bake and serve refreshments for us. We are really looking forward to our September concert at which we will be performing at the beautiful All Saints Church on September 6th with the prestigious Acceler8 brass band who are a Championship section band. Tickets are available from Woodcocks' Well school, our facebook page or by contacting anyone from St Luke's.