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**SEPTEMBER 2020
NEWSLETTER**

OPENING OF CHURCHES

There will be an update later in the month when the Council have met regarding the re-opening of the churches. Details will be on the notice sheet.

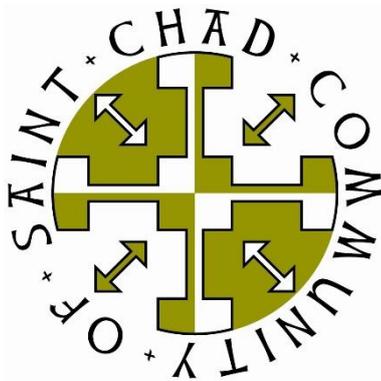
<u>ST MODWEN'S</u>	WEDNESDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY	10.45am 10.00am – 12 noon 11.00am	Holy Communion Church open for personal prayer Service
<u>ST PAUL'S</u>	WEDNESDAY SUNDAY	11.00am – 1.30pm 12 noon 9.30am	Church open for personal prayer Holy Communion Holy Communion Followed by social distancing coffee meet
<u>ST AIDAN'S</u>	SUNDAY	11.00am	Service

We have received a letter from Dr Richard Harling (Director of Health & Care - Staffordshire County Council) giving advice supplementary to that of the national Government concerning specific COVID-19 precautions for places of worship in Anglesey, Shobnall and Horninglow.

Two of our B3 church buildings fall well within the areas referenced on their related map, viz. SS Aidan and Paul. Notably, S Modwen is not included.

Most of the safety measures advised within the letter are already implemented across our benefice; however, the letter contains one new piece of advice which will change our current situation; QUOTE....*"No one under 18 or over 65 should attend public worship"*....UNQUOTE. As our congregations comprise almost wholly of worshippers within the latter age group, our compliance with the letter can mean only one thing. I therefore propose that until the local COVID-19 spike is back under control and the Council rescinds its advice, we have no choice other than to temporarily close S Paul and St Aidan.

Matthew's Gospel ends with our Lord's words comprising the Great Commission: "Go into all the world and make disciples...". It is by no means coincidental that one of our three diocesan priorities concerns discipleship. An obligation falling upon each of us is to grow in discipleship. From this growth all other aspects of Christian life should flow. Though we have such a responsibility for our own growth in discipleship, I made a firm connection with a point made by Fr Phillip in his sermon of last Sunday as we celebrated St Aidan. A quote from John Donne, priest and poet, claims that "no man is an island". Donne



was expressing the idea that human beings do badly when isolated from others and need to be part of a community in order to thrive. I think this sentiment is especially relevant concerning Christian discipleship. The fact that our Lord established a Church to which all Christians belong tells us something about the way he intended the Christian life to be lived.

For a number of years, our diocese has offered participation in The Community of St Chad as a means to grow as disciples in the company of others. A degree of accountability and mutual responsibility is built into our Lord's model for his followers and perhaps from time-to-time we do well to acknowledge this. During this extended period of restricted practices I had in mind to introduce the Burton Three to what the Community of St Chad has to offer in the hope that some may find it helpful, not only now, but well into the future. In the meantime, an initiative proposed by The Revd Philip Swan, our Director of World Mission has modified my anticipated way of going about this introduction.

During the autumn, I will now work with Philip to offer six on-line sessions known as a 'Spiritual MOT'. Some parishes have already used the material for their Lent course; however, as we are in a time of transition and preparing to emerge from an unprecedented set of circumstances, the MOT would be no bad thing right now.

The Community offers Five Rhythms of Grace (all will be revealed) as a framework for growing in discipleship. You might say that these rhythms form a mini 'Rule' to give direction and purpose to life. They offer a way of reflecting on our journey individually, or, better still with a self-chosen small and confidential support group, where this is felt right. From time-to-time, the Community holds study days and some kind of pilgrimage day event which allows folk to come together as a wider body. I believe the Community has much to offer (and to gain) by our engagement.

Look out for further details which will be published soon and we can see how best to move things forward. The material wasn't necessarily designed to be offered online but as with most things nowadays a little creative thinking should make this way perfectly possible. Online 'attendance' can be for couples as well as individuals; I think this would in fact add another dimension as to how mutual responsibility and accountability can work to our advantage.

Blessings!

Fr Terry

Parish Notes

Zoom PCC meetings – St Paul’s and St Aidan’s Tuesday 8th September; St Modwen’s Thursday 10th September. Annual General Meetings to be held before 31st October. Details below of the Zoom meetings. Agendas will be sent out before the meetings.

ST PAUL & ST AIDAN - PCC MEETING : TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER. 7.30pm

To participate in this meeting of the PCC you will need to access the zoom session via your PC, tablet or smart phone with these codes.... Meeting ID (657 704 7895) Password (339946).

Access via a landline or mobile (audio only) can be achieved by dialing any of these numbers...

[0203 901 7895](tel:02039017895), [0131 460 1196](tel:01314601196), [0203 051 2874](tel:02030512874), [0203 481 5237](tel:02034815237) or [0203 481 5240](tel:02034815240).

ST MODWEN – PCC MEETING : THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER. 7.30pm

To participate in this meeting of the PCC you will need to access the zoom session via your PC, tablet or smart phone with these codes.... Meeting ID (657 704 7895) Password (339946).

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There have been three deaths this month to report on.

I’m afraid I haven’t had much chance to gather up many articles for this newsletter. Sadly my mum (Emily Woolley) passed away on 4th August. (yes, my maiden name was Woolley!) As you can imagine there are lots of things to sort out. She was 96 and had a good life. She was in hospital and it was a great comfort to me that my sister was able to be with her and hold her hand til she died. Ali was allowed in too, but mum died before she got there. The hospital chaplain Alison said a lovely service and Ali sang the Nunc Dimittis. Ali left her with a soft toy Snowman which stayed with mum until her funeral.



The floral sheaf contained 14 lilies – one from each of her grandchildren and 2 roses – one from each of her daughters. Thanks to Rev Robin Trotter for all his help and taking a lovely service. Music from The Sleeping Beauty (Tchaikovsky), Peace, perfect peace (mum’s request) (a recording from Blackburn Cathedral Choir) and My Favourite Things (the Sound of Music) were played. Years ago Ali and mum watched Sleeping Beauty on Ice several times together, and The Sound of Music was one of her favourite films.

The family have had some hilarious and sad moments emptying her flat, finding lots of things that we didn’t know about her and my Dad.

I would like to thank all those who have sent me kind messages, it has been much appreciated and a great comfort at this sad time.

Maureen



We were sorry to learn that Margaret McKernan passed away on 1st September. Margaret was a regular worshipper at St Paul's until her health deteriorated. In recent years Peter Cammack took her communion at home. Margaret was a great supporter of the church, a former PCC member and enjoyed coming to social events.

This photograph shows Margaret's sense of humour at a Murder Mystery evening at our home.

We remember Margaret's family – children Karen, David and Patsy, and her grandchildren and great grandchildren at this sad time.

Maureen



SEAN KILLION, RIP

Press Release - Sean Killion; The passing of a much-loved member of staff



YMCA Burton has been observing a period of mourning this week after Sean Killion a long serving member of staff died suddenly at his home on Monday 3rd August.

Sean Killion (55) a well-known figure in the community worked as a Navigator at the YMCA, supporting the homeless and helping them off the streets into secure accommodation. Sean had previously been involved in the YMCA Outreach Service, Burton Night Shelter and had led a large team at the YMCA furniture shop.

Paul Laffey Chief Executive said 'The whole team are shocked to hear of Sean's sudden death. He was a much loved and valued member off staff. At the Burton shop he created a community style feel where volunteers, customers and staff alike would be welcomed by him with his friendly manner and smile. Nothing was too much trouble for Sean and he helped women and men who had fled domestic violence, people who were moving into their first homes and kitted rough sleepers out with emergency supplies such as clothes, sleeping bags and rucksacks. Nothing pleased him more than being able to deliver much needed goods to someone who otherwise might not have been able to afford it. He wore his YMCA uniform with pride and he was proud to serve as an ambassador for our Charity. We will miss him dearly'.

Sean had a great passion for helping the homeless and worked as part of the Night Shelter and Outreach team. In his last role as Navigator Sean worked around the Burton town centre area to engage with rough sleepers to try to get them into accommodation and support services such as rehabilitation and counselling. Sean spent a few years working as part of the Burton Night Shelter team and his volunteers remember him fondly. He always knew how to calm and diffuse situations and would spend a lot of time talking to the night shelter guests and playing Chess with them. He was a phenomenal Chess player and they would often queue up to try and beat him. He treated everyone the same and had time for each and every person who came through those doors. Sean was also passionate about supporting mental health services and raising awareness about well-being. He always participated in the YMCA England & Wales campaigns at a local level with the "Time to Talk" and "I am whole" campaigns. As one of the YMCA Mental Health First Aiders, he became someone the staff, residents and volunteers could turn to for help.

Last year, Sean became one of YMCA Burton's volunteer Mediators having completed his Family Mediation training. He had some very positive outcomes from the families he worked with. Sean was a familiar face at all the YMCA fundraising events. We will miss our friend and colleague very much. On behalf of all the YMCA clients, customers, staff and volunteers we send our condolences to Sean's family and friends.

Friday 21st August

On a very blustery morning myself and many others lined the streets outside the YMCA shop on Borough Road to pay our last respects to Sean Killion. As the funeral cortège passed by a great sound of clapping could be heard from all.

Unable to attend the funeral proper due to COVID regulations it was important for work colleagues, friends, volunteers and former guests from the night shelter to have a chance to say a final goodbye. His death was such a shock to everyone. I was only talking with him outside St Paul's the Friday before he died.

He was passionate about his work at the YMCA, particularly with the homeless. During my time volunteering at the night shelter I learnt a lot from him about how to treat and care for the guests that stayed with us. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

R I P now Sean.

Sue Ganley

It was with great shock and sadness that I learned of the recent sudden death, at the age of 55 of my colleague at Burton YMCA, Sean Killion. A resident of St, Paul's Street West, he was an integral part of the community and was very well liked by friends and neighbours in the area. It was however his unstinting efforts on behalf of Burton YMCA service users that Sean will be fondly remembered for.

As a dedicated champion of the homeless he played a vital role in running the night shelter hosted by St Paul's and his calm and caring approach to the 'guests' endeared him to all who visited or volunteered at this desperately needed facility. Sean took the time and trouble to get alongside rough sleepers and spared no effort in ensuring their well-being.

Sean was also instrumental in the 'Navigator' scheme; in partnership with East Staffordshire Borough Council, Burton YMCA oversaw the provision of permanent accommodation for those who had found it extremely difficult to secure affordable housing. His endeavours meant that many individuals were able to make a new start in life away from the stark conditions endured by the homeless.

This project also involved addressing clients' other pressing needs: a good example of which were nationality and citizenship issues among those who had problems with literacy and linguistics.

I will remember Sean as someone who had a Christian faith that accompanied him into the workplace; he was a very principled man and one thoroughly dedicated to the YMCA cause. His passing will be mourned by many and it was testimony to the high regard in which he was held that so many of those who had a connection with him came out to applaud his funeral cortege as it passed the Burton YMCA shop in Borough Road (where he was formerly stationed). It was touching to know that the Rev. Pete Orton came up from Stevenage to conduct the service at Bretby Crematorium.

Our very sincere condolences go out to all family, friends, colleagues and associates at this sad time.

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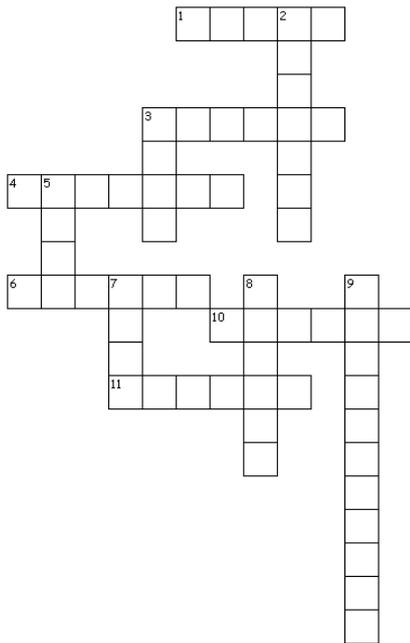
Tom Foster



Donations of non-perishable food are very much appreciated at Reconnect. When the church is allowed to be open there will be a box in the baptistery at St Paul's to put items in.

Thanks

BIBLE STORIES CROSSWORD



Clues to which book of the bible are these stories found

Across

1. The Queen of Sheba visits Solomon
3. Samson and Delilah
4. The visit of the Magi
6. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want
10. Belshazzar's feast and the writing on the wall
11. The crossing of the Red Sea

Down

2. Noah's Ark
3. Jesus turns water into wine
5. Peter's escape from prison
7. Parable of the Good Samaritan
8. David and Goliath
9. The death of Moses

Answers next month

THERE IS A SMILE BEHIND MY MASK

Tune: Horsley (There is a green hill far away.)

There is a smile behind my mask,
One that you cannot see;
It is to say I'm fit and well,
And thankful so to be.

It is a smile I wear with pride;
And thank the Lord each day.
Although this smile, we should not hide;
It has to be this way.

A smile can speak a thousand words;
So try it on your way.
It welcomes, pardons and forgives,
Smile at someone today.

Is there a smile behind your mask?
To share with others too.
It helps to build a better world;
When someone smiles at you.

Pat & Colin Dawson

LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL
ST MODWEN'S CHURCH
WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER
12.30pm - 1.10pm

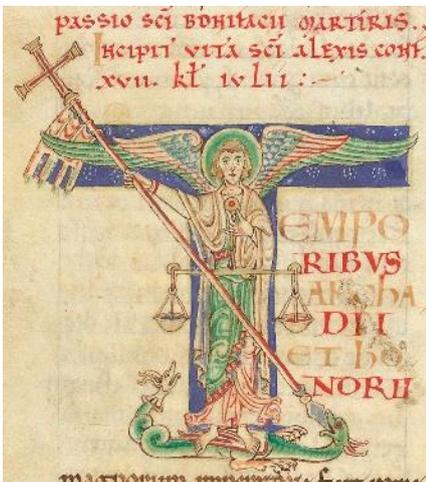


ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS (MICHAELMAS) – 29th SEPTEMBER

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SAINTS

We thank you, O God, for the saints of all ages; for those who in times of darkness kept the lamp of faith burning; for the great souls who saw visions of larger truth and dared to declare it; for the multitude of quiet and gracious souls whose presence has purified and sanctified the world; and for those known and loved by us, who have passed from this earthly fellowship into fuller life with you. Amen

Taken from 29th September, A Tapestry of Daily Prayer



In the fifth century a basilica near Rome was dedicated in honour of Saint Michael the Archangel on 30 September, beginning with celebrations on the eve of that day. 29 September is now kept in honour of Saint Michael and all Angels throughout some western churches. The name Michaelmas comes from a shortening of "Michael's Mass", in the same style as [Christmas](#) (Christ's Mass) and [Candlemas](#) (Candle Mass, the Mass where traditionally the candles to be used throughout the year would be blessed).

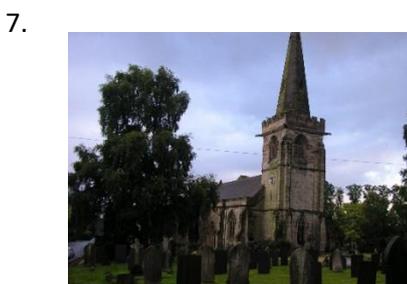
During the [Middle Ages](#), Michaelmas was celebrated as a [Holy Day of Obligation](#), but this tradition was abolished in the 18th century. In medieval England, Michaelmas marked the ending and beginning of the husbandman's year, [George C. Homans](#) observes: "at that time harvest was over, and the [bailiff](#) or [reeve](#) of the [manor](#) would be making out the accounts for the year."

Because it falls near the [equinox](#), this holy day is associated in the [northern hemisphere](#) with the beginning of [autumn](#) and the shortening of days. It was also one of the [English](#), [Welsh](#), and [Irish quarter days](#), when accounts had to be settled. On manors, it was the day when a [reeve](#) was elected from the peasants. Michaelmas [hiring fairs](#) were held at the end of September or beginning of October.



Statue – Coventry Cathedral

Can you identify the following churches in the Tutbury Deanery?



Choices:

St Paul, Burton
St Aidan, Burton
St John, Burton
St Mary, Tutbury
All Saints, Newborough
St Mary, Stretton
St Michael & All Saints, Hoar Cross

All Saints, Burton
St Modwen, Burton
St Werburgh, Hanbury
All Saints, Rangemore
St Mary, Rolleston
St Mary, Dunstall

St Chad, Burton
St Saviour, Branston;
Holy Trinity, Anslow;
St James, Barton under Needwood
St Augustine, Draycott-in-the-Clay
St Michael & All Angels, Tatenhill

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