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MISSION STATEMENT

We seek to be a place and a people of prayer, Christian love, and friendship, through which we may serve God and the community.

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re-imagining Church for such a time as this

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WHAT'S GOING ON ... SUBJECT-TO-CHANGE!

Sat 22nd May, 5:30pm 'til 6:30pm = delivering "Craft Pack for Worship"

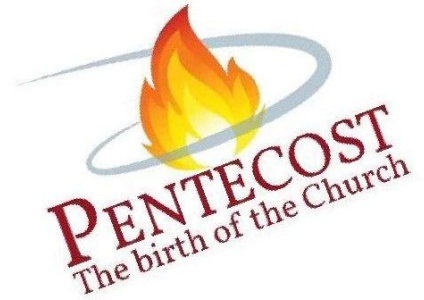
Sunday 23rd May = PENTECOST

Sunday 23rd May, "WORSHIPONZOOM", 11am >>

preacher = Rev. Christine Legge(*) **{NEW MEMBERS}**

Sun 23rd May, 12:15pm = COFFEE & CHAT (via 'Zoom')

Sun 23rd May, 5pm = PRAYER & PRAISE (via 'Zoom')



Tue 25th May, 4pm 'til 5pm = litter-picking

Wed 26th May, 2:45pm 'til 3:45pm = Free Food give-away (main Car-Park)

Thu 27th May, 8pm = Young Adults HouseGroup (via 'Zoom')

Fri 28th May >>

2:45pm 'til 3:45pm = Free Food give-away (main Car-Park)

5pm 'til 6pm = delivering Food Parcels (wk B)

Sat 29th May, 5:30pm 'til 6:30pm = delivering "Craft Pack for Worship"

Sunday 30th May, "WORSHIPONZOOM", 11am >>

preacher = Karen Barnett

Sun 30th May, 12:15pm = COFFEE & CHAT (via 'Zoom')

Sun 30th May, 5pm = Leadership Team prayers (via 'Zoom')



Mon 31st May to Fri 4th June = HALF-TERM

Tue 1st Jun, 4pm 'til 5pm = litter-picking

Wed 2nd Jun, 2:45pm 'til 3:45pm = Free Food give-away (main Car-Park)

Wed 2nd Jun, 7:30pm = Leadership Team mtg. (via 'Zoom')

Fri 4th Jun >>

2:45pm 'til 3:45pm = Free Food give-away (main Car-Park)

5pm 'til 6pm = delivering Food Parcels (wk A)

Sat 5th Jun, 5:30pm 'til 6:30pm = delivering "Craft Pack for Worship"

Sunday 6th Jun, "WORSHIPONZOOM", 11am >>

CAFÉ CHURCH; informal & relaxed, all-age & interactive

Sun 6th Jun, 12:15pm = COFFEE & CHAT (via 'Zoom')



Sun 6th Jun, 5pm = Leadership Team prayers (via 'Zoom')

Tue 8th Jun, 4pm 'til 5pm = litter-picking

Wed 9th Jun, 2:45pm 'til 3:45pm = Free Food
give-away (main Car-Park)

Thu 10th Jun, 8pm = Young Adults HouseGroup (via
'Zoom')

Fri 11th Jun >>

2:45pm 'til 3:45pm = Free Food give-away (main Car-Park)

5pm 'til 6pm = delivering Food Parcels (wk B)

Sat 12th Jun, 5:30pm 'til 6:30pm = delivering "Craft Pack for Worship"

Sunday 13th Jun, "WORSHIPONZOOM", 11am >>

preacher = Christine Chadwick

Sun 13th Jun, 12:15pm = COFFEE & CHAT (via
'Zoom')

Sun 13th Jun, 5pm = Leadership Team prayers (via

Tue 15th Jun, 4pm 'til 5pm = litter-picking

Wed 16th Jun, 2:45pm 'til 3:45pm = Free Food give-away (main Car-Park)

Fri 18th Jun >>

2:45pm 'til 3:45pm = Free Food give-away (main Car-Park)

5pm 'til 6pm = delivering Food Parcels (wk A)

Sat 19th Jun, 1pm 'til 2pm = delivering Messy Church packs

Sat 19th Jun, 1:30pm 'til 2:30pm = delivering "Craft Pack for Worship"

Sat 19th Jun, 3:30pm = Messy Church (via 'Zoom')

Sunday 20th June = FATHER'S DAY

Sunday 20th Jun, "WORSHIPONZOOM", 11am >>

preacher = Rev. Christine Legge *

Sun 20th Jun, 12:15pm = GENERAL CHURCH
MEETING (via 'Zoom')

Tue 22nd Jun, 4pm 'til 5pm = litter-picking

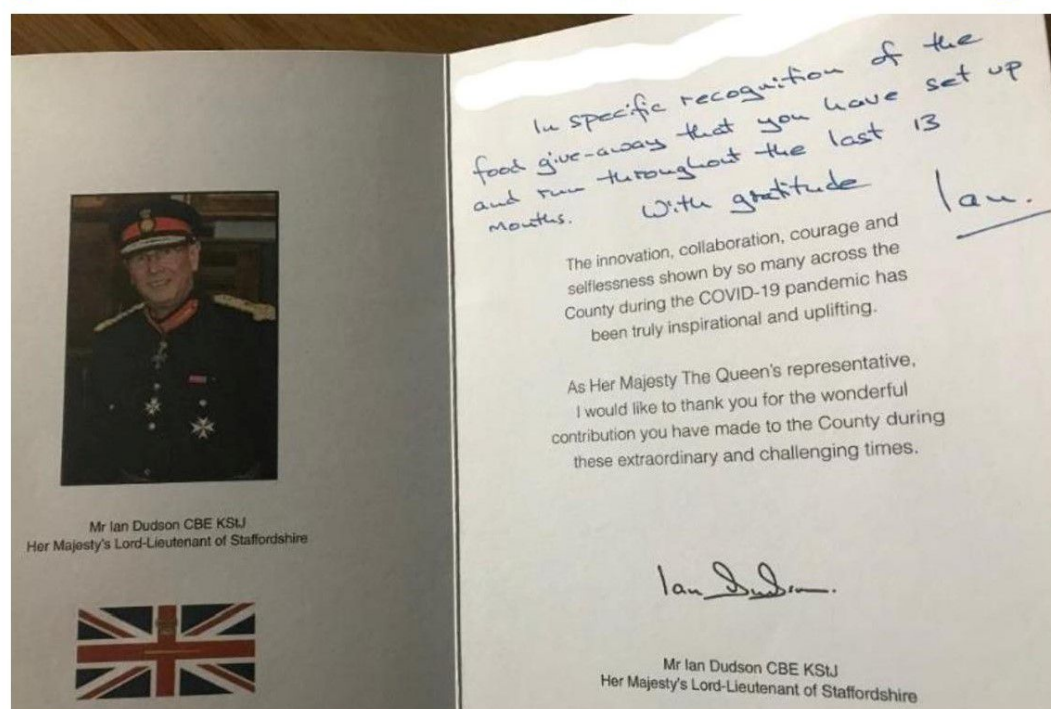
Wed 23rd Jun, 2:45pm 'til 3:45pm = Free Food give-
away (main Car-Park)



We have started a new Outreach, **LITTER PICKING!** Every Tuesday, between 4pm & 5pm, we are out in our Community, showing that we “love where we live”. No matter what the weather, this is a weekly activity, and is open for anyone to take part in. Come for as long or as little as you like – enter through the Main Entrance (on Earl Street), collect your Litter Picker & Black Bag off us, then go & do a bit of tidying, and bring your Litter Picker back, and we will also dispose of your Rubbish - all between the times of 4pm & 5pm. Go on, why not come & join us?

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We don't do what we do to gain accolades - but it's always nice when something is received! Our FREE FOOD GIVEAWAYS, at which we've given-out 1,663 Food Parcels (at the time of writing) since April 2020, has



been recognised by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Staffordshire. Don't worry though, just because we've had this doesn't mean that they are coming to an end - we are committed to serving our

Community for as long as we can and in as many ways as we can, and that includes with providing Free Food twice-a-week for as long as we possibly can. WE'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE!

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At the end of August, our Circuit Superintendent, Rev. John Palmer, will be moving on, to the Salford Circuit, and Rev. John Taylor will be retiring (for the second time!). As is the custom, gifts will be presented to both Ministers at their Leaving Service on Sunday the 18th of July at Wolstanton Methodist Church. If anyone wishes to make a donation towards the gifts, please pass them to John Glover, in a sealed envelope and indicating the amount allocated to each Minister – cheques should be made payable to “North Staffordshire Circuit”. All donations need to have been received by the 20th of June at the latest.

As you should all by now be aware, we want to, or rather **need** to, raise a substantial amount of money in-order to continue to do what we are doing, and also further develop it whilst increasing new Outreach Opportunities too. We won't go into detail again here, as you should all know by now the plans that the Leadership Team have - if you don't, feel free to ask, and we will be only too happy to explain again. Whilst you await the finite details off us re. the Fundraising Committee that will, in-time, be set-up, we know that lots of people are mulling things over in their heads as to what they can do in the meantime - please do let us know when you have "nailed-down" something in your head that you want to do, so that we can work with you in-order to make it a success.

However, one thing that we are able to announce immediately is the "modern day 2021 jumble sale" - that is, **various items are sold on 'ebay' and all money made is donated to the Church.** This is something that can be arranged easily & quickly, and so we have - here are the details >>

- - If you have anything that you would like to get rid of, that you think would be suitable for selling-on, then please let us know. It all, obviously, needs to be in working order, and clean, and we would ask that you yourselves ensure these two things.

- - You will then need to arrange to drop them off to Lee (either at his home, or at Church), whenever is convenient for you, so that he can then list them on 'ebay', and get them sold - so as to hopefully make lots of money to help us achieve the goals & aims that we have!

So that is it "in a nutshell" - for now at least, until you hear from us regarding other further Fundraising initiatives.

So please, everyone get searching out your unused items - and it doesn't matter what they are, as most things really do sell on 'ebay' - make sure that they are in working order & clean, and then let us know so that we can arrange to get them off you and get them listed.

The Silverdale Methodist Church Leadership Team

We have another 'Alpha Course' planned to begin in September – the last one was a great time for all those involved, and helped people to grow closer to God, amongst other things. 'Alpha' is an 11-week course that creates a space, on-line or in-person, where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about faith, life and God. It began at a church called Holy Trinity Brompton (HTB) in London in 1977; it was taken by Nicky Gumbel in 1990 and repositioned as a course for those outside the church. The number of people attending Alpha at HTB grew quickly, and attracted the attention of other churches across denominations seeking to find an effective tool for evangelism. This led to the first Alpha conference in 1993 at HTB where over 1000 church leaders attended to learn about Alpha and how to use it in their congregation. As interest grew, Alpha conferences were organised internationally, and the original Alpha Film Series was filmed in 1994 to make it accessible to the widest possible audience. Now, all over the world millions of people have tried Alpha, and it has been translated into 112 different languages. Even as times have changed, the Alpha course has continued to be used by the church as an effective tool to reach the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Leadership Team would like to encourage us all to pray for 5 people who we want to attend, so that they can come to know Jesus like we do. It may be that they don't come – they may be the most unlikely of people who you expect to attend – but we should still pray, for them and for others too. We should always pray for more people to come to know Jesus, especially our friends & family, as those are the people that we love, and so those are the people that we want the best for – and there is no better thing than having Jesus in your life! So please, join with the Leadership Team in praying over these next few months for 5 people to attend our next 'Alpha Course'. To help you, we have enclosed something in this NewsLetter – you can use it as a bookmark, or stick it on your fridge, or somewhere else prominent. There are also suggested words to help you to pray for them too. So please, let's join together, and pray – for 5 people that we know to attend 'Alpha' in September.

LORD I PRAY THAT
YOU WILL LEAD...

TO YOU, AMEN

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You might like to use the following prayers as you pray for others >>

Loving Lord; Please work in me so that I can share Your love, life and message with Reveal Your love to them, that they might know, follow and witness to You, for Your glory. Amen.

Loving Father; Send Your Holy Spirit, so that I can share Your love, life and message with Reveal Jesus to them, that they might know, follow and love Him, for Your glory. Amen.

Father; You build Your church through the power of Your Spirit. By that same Spirit, enable me to witness to Your love, beauty and grace, that they may come to the fellowship of the faithful for Your glory. Amen.

Lord; I pray that You will lead to You. Thank you that You love them. I pray that You would break into their life and show them Your love, grace and peace, for Your glory. Amen.