

# **Chell Parish Churches**

## **Building a Community in Christ**



# **Fellowship of Faith**

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# Dear Friends...

It has been a long and sometimes, rather a difficult time since we first heard of Stephen's decision to join the regular army and thus leave the Parish.

During that time there has been much work to be done by church members and officers and, hopefully, we have been able to achieve most if not all of what was needed. Of course much of the workload fell on Janet and her family and she worked tirelessly during the last few months to achieve what she set out to do.

I feel that it is mainly due to Janet's good offices that the Parish has come together as one and that we now work as one large family. Certainly our joint services are better attended now than they have ever been. It's great to experience full churches on many Sundays. Once again our thanks and good wishes go to Janet and her family for all that they have done for us. They now go to begin a new chapter in their lives, we pray to God that it will be a long and happy one. We have also lost Cath and Paul as they move to Bristol to enter a new time in their lives. Over the years Cath has organized the church singing group, played the organ and been the Treasurer and a PCC member for St Michael's. Paul of course, was a churchwarden for several years and we will miss them both. Cath of course, is going on to train for ordination.



However time goes on and we must now ready ourselves for the arrival of our new



incumbent Reverend Chris Coupe and his wife Josie. Many of you will have noticed the work going on in the rectory in readiness for their arrival. For any of you who have not heard Chris' installation service is on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm in St Michael's and we look forward to them enjoying a long and happy relationship with us.

As time goes on I have been thinking about the incumbents I have known at St Michael's and here I append my list (I'm sure I'll get it wrong but here goes.)

Rev Jelbart      Rev Terry Thake  
Rev Stephen Pratt

Rev Colin Butler  
Rev Chris Coupe

Rev Jim Reid

***Yours in Christ***  
***Mike***

## *From the Registers*

### Funerals

Our sympathy to the family and  
friends of:

26th June

Glyn Thomas Howell

Age 56 years

### Baptisms

#### Welcome to the Church Family

Dolton Rueban Roberts

Scarlett Rose Bruce

Holly Mai Bruce

Chelsea Tina Irene Bruce

Should I slip and lose the way  
The Lord will hold me fast,  
Should I chose to walk away  
I'm firmly in His grasp.

Though I walk through death's dark vale,  
His rod and staff are there  
I would not dare to walk this path  
Without His loving care.

Although my hold on Him is light  
His loving arms are wide,  
What He's begun He will fulfil  
Till I am safe on Canaan's side.

What God is this who loves us so?  
Our future He has planned,  
We're ever safe in His embrace  
And none can snatch us from His hand.

By Megan Carter

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The Church office at St Michael's is open from 9.30am to 12.30pm  
on Mondays and Thursdays for enquiries.

Telephone 01782 839198



## **!! Congratulations Rev Pat !!**



On Sunday June 26th some members of Church of the Saviour and St. Michael's set out early in the morning to drive to Lichfield. We were going to help Pat Jackson celebrate the end of 4 years of study and be ordained a Deacon of the Church of England. The service began at 10 am and it quickly became apparent that this was a special service - the atmosphere was reverent and the praise raised the roof. Bishop Clive of Wolverhampton ordained each ordinand with due reverence and prayer and afterwards we celebrated with Pat outside the Cathedral doors. Even the sun joined in!

I hope you will join us in congratulating our friend, Rev Pat Jackson, as she begins this exciting new chapter of service as curate at St. Thomas's Church, Mow Cop.





**Revd Chris Coupe will be licensed as Priest  
in Charge of Chell Parish on  
Saturday 8th October 2016**

**The service will be lead by The Bishop of  
Lichfield, Michael, and is to be held at  
St Michael's Church at 3pm**

**X Everybody is welcome X**

## **Grapevine Cafe**

**The Grapevine Cafe will be closed now until Wednesday 7th  
September. The Cafe would like to wish everyone a lovely Summer**



**"Standing up for the National Anthem in  
the middle of the sermon was a a bit of a  
giveaway that you were watching the  
Olympics on your iPhone!"**



**Messy Angels is a Church Parish led  
group that meets every Tuesday,  
after school, at the Whitfield Valley  
Centre.**

**If you would like to know more about  
Messy Angels or feel called to get  
involved please speak to the Parish  
Families Worker Becky.**

**Contact Becky  
07411151819**

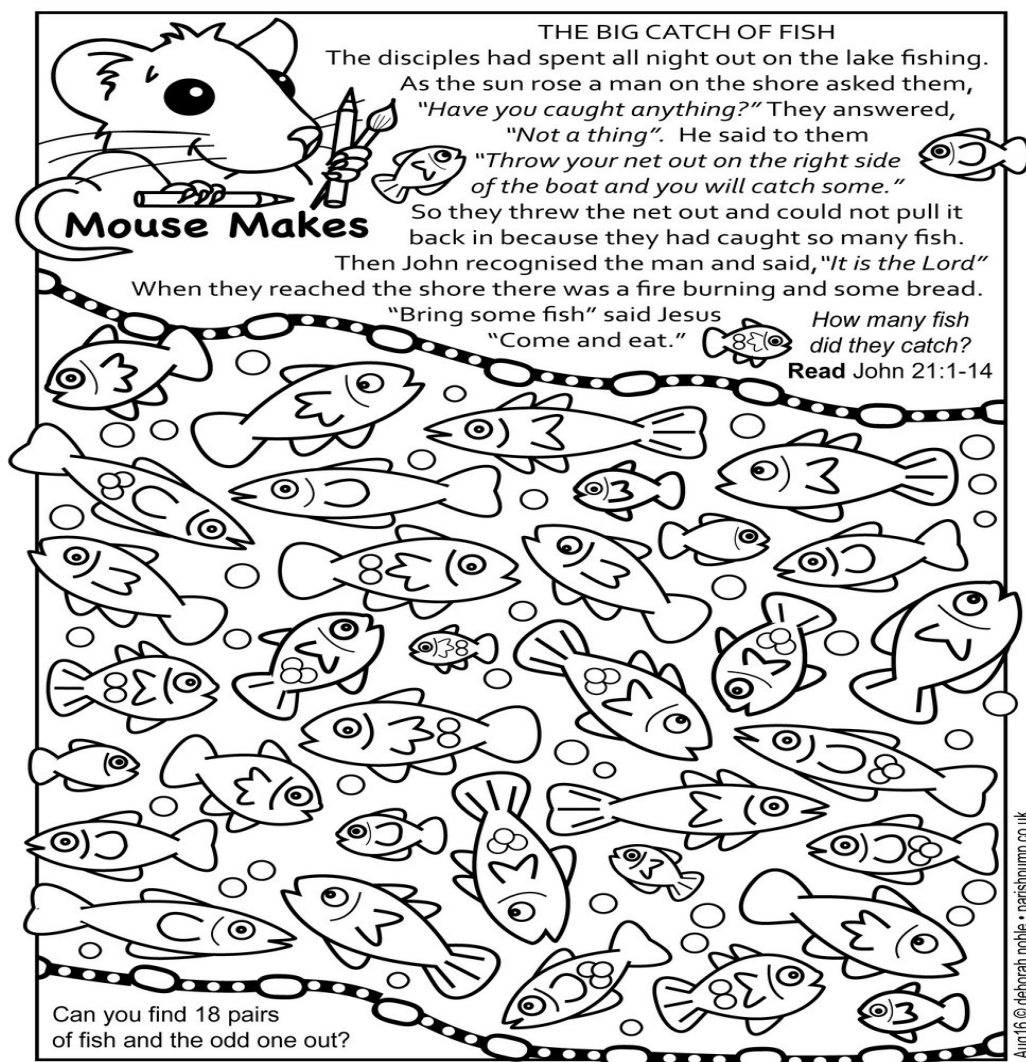
**Becky.chellparish@yahoo.com**



# Bon Voyage Revd Jan



Rev Jan's Leaving party at The Grapevine Cafe and her last service



A little girl walked to and from school daily. Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming, she made her daily trek to the elementary school.

As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, along with thunder and lightning. The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school and she herself feared that the electrical storm might harm her child.

Following the roar of thunder, lightning, like a flaming sword, would cut through the sky. Full of concern, the mother quickly got into her car and drove along the route to her child's school.

As she did so, she saw her little girl walking along, but at each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up and smile. Another and another were to follow quickly and with each the little girl would look at the streak of light and smile.

When the mother's car drove up beside the child she lowered the window and called to her.

"What are you doing? Why do you keep stopping?"

The child answered, "I am trying to look pretty, God keeps taking my picture."



## Effective Immediately:

Please be aware that there are changes you need to make in your life. These changes need to be completed in order that I may fulfill my promises to you to grant you peace, joy and happiness in this life. I apologize for any inconvenience, but after all that I am doing, this seems very little to ask of you. I know, I already gave you the 10 Commandments. Keep them. But follow these guidelines as well...

### 1. QUIT WORRYING

Life has dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you? Or do you just enjoy fretting over every little thing that comes your way?

### 2. PUT IT ON THE LIST

Something needs done or taken care of. Put it on the list. No, not YOUR list. Put it on MY to-do-list. Let ME be the one to take care of the problem. I can't help you until you turn it over to me. And, although my to-do-list is long, I am, after all, God. I can take care of anything you put into my hands. In fact, if the truth were ever really known, I take care of a lot of things for you that you never even realize.

### 3. TRUST ME

Once you've given your burdens to me, quit trying to take them back. Trust in me. Have the faith that I will take care of all your needs, your problems and your trials. Problems with the kids? Put them on my list. Problem with finances? Put it on my list. Problems with your emotional roller coaster? For my sake, put it on my list. I want to help you. All you have to do is ask.

### 4. LEAVE IT ALONE

Don't wake up one morning and say, "Well, I'm feeling much stronger now, I think I can handle it from here." Why do you think you are feeling stronger now? It's simple. You gave me your burdens and I'm taking care of them. I also renew your strength and cover you in my peace. Don't you know that if I give you these problems back, you will be right back where you started? Leave them with me and forget about them. Just let me do my job.

### 5. TALK TO ME

I want you to forget a lot of things. Forget what was making you crazy. Forget the worry and the fretting because you know I'm in control. But there's one thing I pray you never forget. Please don't forget to talk to me - OFTEN! I love you.



I want to hear your voice. I want you to include me in on the things going on in your life. I want to hear you talk about your friends and family. Prayer is simply you having a conversation with me. I want to be your dearest friend.

## 6. HAVE FAITH

I see a lot of things from up here that you can't see from where you are. Have faith in me that I know what I'm doing. Trust me, you wouldn't want the view from my eyes. I will continue to care for you, watch over you, and meet your needs. You only have to trust me. Although I have a much bigger task than you, it seems as if you have so much trouble just doing your simple part. How hard can trust be?

## 7. SHARE

You were taught to share when you were only two years old. When did you forget? That rule still applies. Share with those who are less fortunate than you. Share your joy with those who need encouragement. Share your laughter with those who haven't heard any in such a long time. Share your tears with those who have forgotten how to cry. Share your faith with those who have none.

## 8. BE PATIENT

I managed to fix it so in just one lifetime you could have so many diverse experiences. You grow from a child to an adult, have children, change jobs many times, learn many trades, travel to so many places, meet thousands of people, and experience so much. How can you be so impatient then when it takes me a little longer than you expect to handle something on my to-do-list? Trust in my timing, for my timing is perfect. Just because I created the entire universe in only six days, everyone thinks I should always rush, rush, rush.

## 9. BE KIND

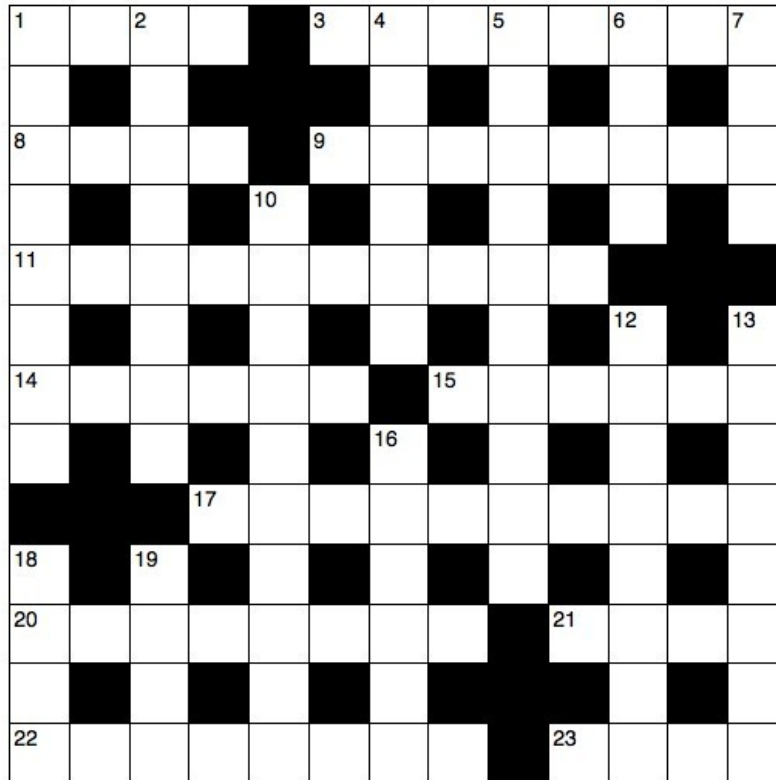
Be kind to others, for I love them just as much as I love you. They may not dress like you, or talk like you, or live the same way you do, but I still love you all. Please try to get along, for my sake. I created each of you different in some way. It would be too boring if you were all identical. Please know I love each of your differences.

## 10. LOVE YOURSELF

As much as I love you, how can you not love yourself? You were created by me for one reason only - to be loved, and to love in return. I am a God of Love. Love me. Love your neighbors. But also love yourself. It makes my heart ache when I see you so angry with yourself when things go wrong. You are very precious to me. Don't ever forget that!

With all my heart, I love you, **GOD**

# The Crossword



## Across

- 1 and 3 Two of the disciples who witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus (Luke 9:28) (4,3,5)  
 3 See 1 Across  
 8 'Let us draw — to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith' (Hebrews 10:22) (4)  
 9 O Simon is (anag.) (8)  
 11 Form of government under the direct rule of God or his agents (10)  
 14 How Jesus found his disciples when he returned to them after praying in Gethsemane (Luke 22:45) (6)  
 15 In The Pilgrim's Progress, the name of the meadow into which Christian strayed, which led to Doubting Castle (2-4)  
 17 Glad sin rat (anag.) (10)  
 20 Spinal column (Leviticus 3:9) (8)  
 21 Valley of the Balsam Tree with a reputation of being a waterless place (Psalm 84:6) (4)  
 22 'The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one — — sees clearly' (Numbers 24:3) (5,3)  
 23 Adam and Eve's third son (Genesis 4:25) (4)

## Down

- 1 David's great friend (1 Samuel 20:17) (8)  
 2 'The Lord... will bring me safely to his — kingdom' (2 Timothy 4:18) (8)  
 4 'I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; — — or wine touched my lips' (Daniel 10:3) (2,4)  
 5 Seeking to vindicate (Job 32:2) (10)  
 6 Female servant (Isaiah 24:2) (4)  
 7 'For Christ died for — once for all' (1 Peter 3:18) (4)  
 10 'Offering spiritual sacrifices — to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Peter 2:5) (10)  
 12 Jesus said that some people had renounced this 'because of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 19:12) (8)  
 13 One of the three men thrown into the furnace for refusing to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image (Daniel 3:20) (8)  
 16 'You have — of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry' (Luke 12:19) (6)  
 18 'There before me was a white horse! Its rider held — — , and he was given a crown' (Revelation 6:2) (1,3)  
 19 Equipment to Charity Hospitals Overseas (1,1,1,1)

Last Months Answers :-)

**ACROSS:** 1, Sabbatical. 7, Opinion. 8, Laing. 10, Olga. 11, Galilean. 13, Sardis. 15, Severe. 17, Adultery. 18, Flea. 21, Swazi. 22, Acetate. 23, Revelation.

**DOWN:** 1, Sling. 2, Brim. 3, Annual. 4, Ill-timed. 5, Abilene. 6, Colossians. 9, Gennesaret. 12, Diatribe. 14, Roulade. 16, Errata. 19, Learn. 20, Levi.

# August 2016 Parish Services

<p><b>Church of the Saviour</b></p> <p><b>7th Aug 11am</b></p> <p><b>Joint service St Michaels</b></p> <p>Trinity 11 Holy Communion</p> <p>Heb 11: 1-3, 8-16</p> <p>Luke 12: 32-40</p> <p>Leader: Rob</p> <p>Preacher: Rob</p> <p>Prayers: Mike</p> <p>Reader: Chris W</p>	<p><b>St Michaels</b></p> <p><b>7th Aug 11am</b></p> <p><b>Joint service St Michaels</b></p> <p>Trinity 11 Holy Communion</p> <p>Heb 11: 1-3, 8-16</p> <p>Luke 12: 32-40</p> <p>Leader: Rob</p> <p>Preacher: Rob</p> <p>Prayers: Mike</p> <p>Reader: Chris W</p>
<p><b>14th Aug 10.30am</b></p> <p>Trinity 12 Morning Worship</p> <p>Heb 11: 29-12:2</p> <p>Luke 12: 49-56</p> <p>Leader: Ian</p> <p>Preacher: Mike</p> <p>Prayers: Grace</p> <p>Reader: Kay</p>	<p><b>14th Aug 11 am</b></p> <p>Trinity 12 Morning Worship</p> <p>Heb 11: 29-12:2</p> <p>Luke 12: 49-56</p> <p>Leader: Cathy White</p> <p>Preacher: Cathy White</p> <p>Prayers: Norma</p> <p>Reader: Maureen</p>
<p><b>21st Aug 10.30 am</b></p> <p><b>Joint Service CofS</b></p> <p>Trinity 13 Holy Communion</p> <p>Heb 12: 18-end</p> <p>Luke 13: 10-17</p> <p>Leader: Rob</p> <p>Preacher: Norma</p> <p>Prayers: Ian</p> <p>Reader: Wendy</p>	<p><b>21st Aug 10.30 am</b></p> <p><b>Joint Service CofS</b></p> <p>Trinity 13 Holy Communion</p> <p>Heb 12: 18-end</p> <p>Luke 13: 10-17</p> <p>Leader: Rob</p> <p>Preacher: Norma</p> <p>Prayers: Ian</p> <p>Reader: Wendy</p>
<p><b>28th Aug 10.30am</b></p> <p>Trinity 14 morning worship</p> <p>Heb 13: 1-8, 15-16</p> <p>Luke 14: 1,7-14</p> <p>Leader: Ian</p> <p>Preacher: Ian</p> <p>Prayers: Kay</p> <p>Reader: Ian</p>	<p><b>24th July 11am</b></p> <p>Trinity 14 morning worship</p> <p>Heb 13: 1-8, 15-16</p> <p>Luke 14: 1,7-14</p> <p>Leader: Marcia</p> <p>Preacher: Norma</p> <p>Prayers: Becky B</p> <p>Reader: Marg J</p>