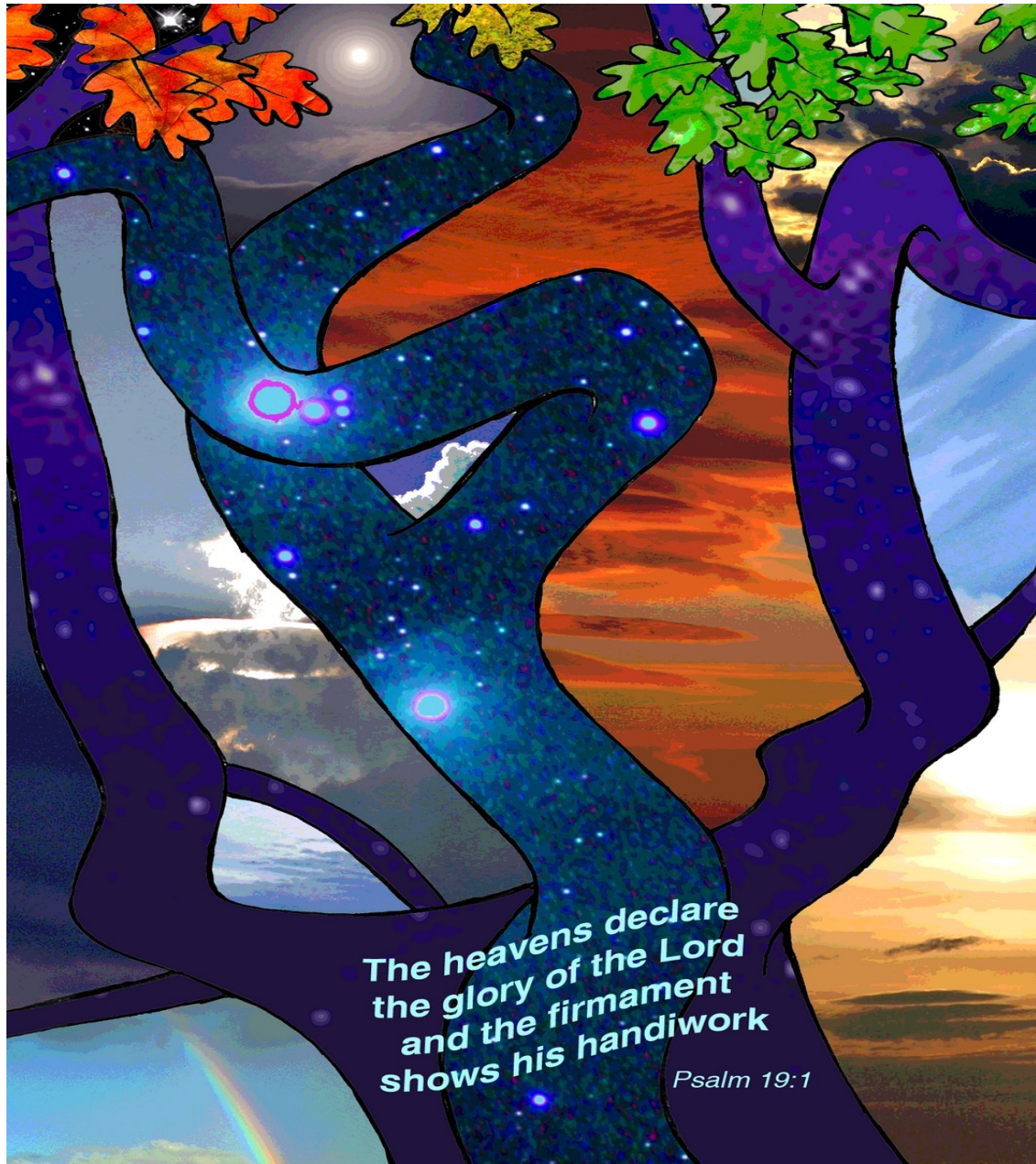


Chell Parish Churches

Building a Community in Christ



Fellowship of Faith

September 2016

Price 20p

Dear Friends.

It's with a mix of anticipation, excitement, preparation, trepidation and wonder as I write my first 'Dear Friends...' with our move to Chell being around 6 weeks off.

Josie and I know that God has led us to you and led you, through Cliff and Wendy as the Wardens on the interview panel, to choose me as your new vicar.

We have already been made so welcome by everyone that we've met at the different services and events (like the Summer Fayre) – and we'll keep making trips down the M6 to you so that when we are together for my Licensing Service on October 8th, it will be celebration of friends in fellowship as one, giving thanks for the new season and new chapter of our mutual life as God's people.

What will the future hold for us all together? Perhaps a better question would be what *does* God hold in the future for *us* together?

As God has led us to be together so I believe He will lead us together into our future together. It isn't by chance, or by the whim or wit of anyone, it's because the Holy Spirit of God is at work that we will be at work together to be the dynamic church that God has called us to be.

Much of what I've read and seen of the Parish already shouts of how God is using the members of both churches to show Jesus and to be Jesus in and to their communities.

There will no doubt be plenty of questions that you will want to ask of both Josie and me, and us of you. We can learn from each other as I believe God shares His Wisdom amongst all His people – no one has sole exclusivity on God given wisdom; God shares this out, just like His Gifts (1 Corin. 12:8-10, Ephesians 4: 7 -13 & Romans 12: 3-8) so we are drawn by Him to work together using all that He gives to see His purpose fulfilled; individual lives and communities transformed and turned to Him.

Yours in Christ,
Rev Chris

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

Mary Had a Little Lamb

Mary had a little lamb,
His fleece was white as snow.
And everywhere that Mary went,
The Lamb was sure to go.
He followed her to school each day,
Twasn't even in the rule.
He made the children laugh and play,
To have a Lamb at school.
And then the rules all changed one day,
Illegal it became;
To bring the Lamb of God to school,
Or even speak his Name.
Everyday got worse and worse,
And days turned into years.
Instead of hearing children laugh,
We heard gun shots and tears.
What must we do to stop the crime,
That's in our schools today?
Let's let the Lamb come back to school,
And teach our kids to pray!

IF YOU AGREE, PLEASE PASS IT ON!

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

Telephone 01782 839198

STOKE NORTH BIG LOCAL.

A SIXTIES ROCK AND ROLL NIGHT and PIE and PEA SUPPER.

Starting at 7.30pm on Saturday, 22nd October 2016.

At St Michael's Church Hall.

Price £8.00 per person.

Bring your own drinks and glasses.

For further information please ring : 01782 813765 - Mrs Joan Taylor.

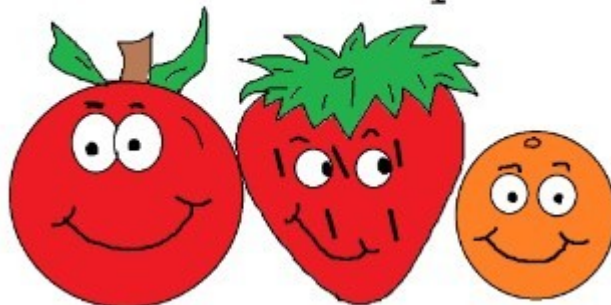
Local Trust/Big Local.

There is a proposal to introduce a one-day street market within the Stoke North Big Local area at Chell Heath. The Big Local is proposing to work with Stoke on Trent Council to run the above on a Friday from 8.00am to 4.00pm on the shop's service road on Chell Heath Road.

All the homes in Great Chell, Chell Heath and Fegg Hayes will be receiving a questionnaire in the near future so that you can answer the questions on the reverse side so as to have your say.

If you then you have any further questions please contact Mark Roberts - Stoke North Big Local Community Development Co-ordinator- Tel: 01782743945.

Fruit of The Spirit





**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**



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

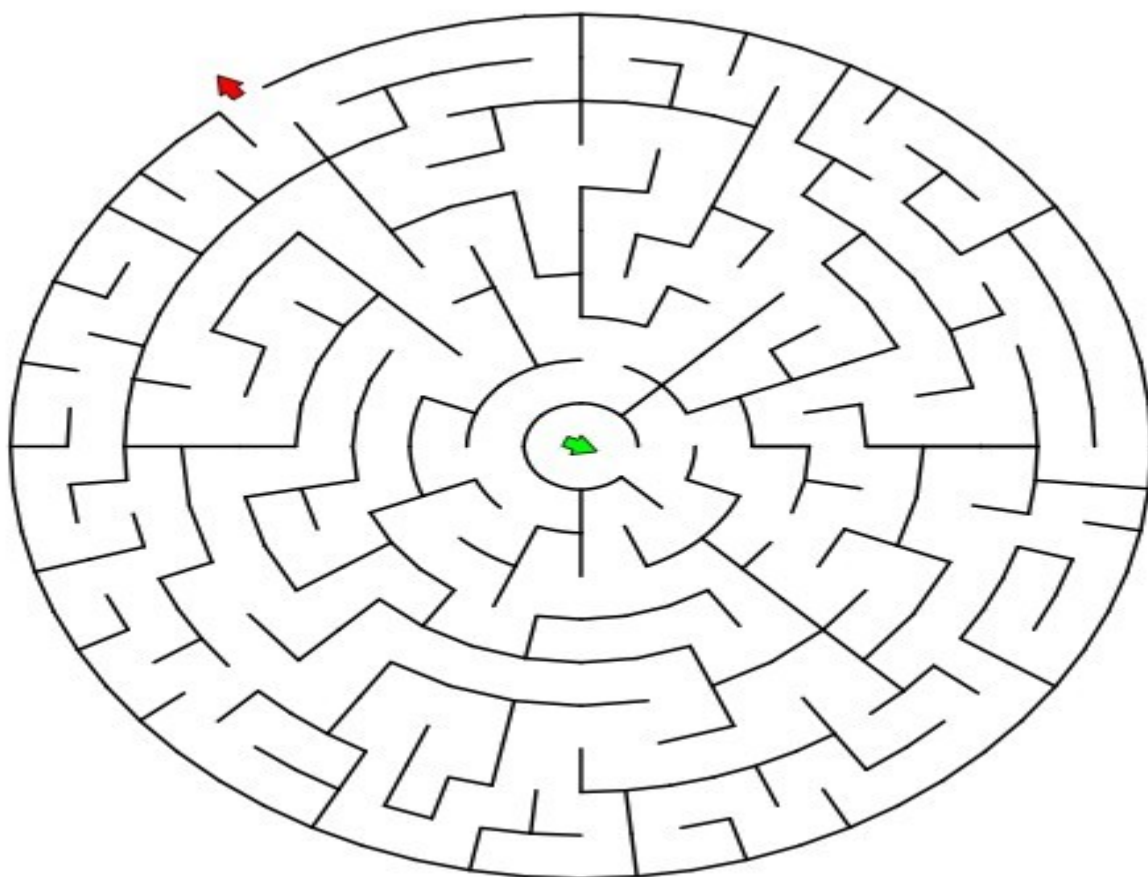


Calling all crows and nightingales

and everyone else in between!

If you would like to learn some new worship songs and you have some free time on **Friday 9th September 6pm** then come along to St. Michael's and join in. It doesn't matter what you think you sound like when you sing - God enjoys all worship given to Him. There will be a sign up sheet in both our churches to give me an idea of how many sets of words to print but don't let that put you off just turning up. See you there.

Wendy



Pastoral letter, September 2016

For you, I am a bishop; with you, I am a Christian. Those words of St Augustine will be the first words that (provided all goes to plan) I speak after being placed in the episcopal chair, the *cathedra*, in Lichfield Cathedral on Saturday 24th September. And I will say them in response to a child who will just have reminded me: ‘Bishop Michael, never forget that first and foremost you are a child of God’. It is a crucial message for bishops to remember, and really Augustine’s words should be in the reverse order: to begin with, a Christian, among Christians, and only then a bishop, for Christians.

It is not only bishops who need to remember that. We talk a great deal about ministry in the Church of England, and so we should: we have rightly rediscovered the ministry of the whole people of God, and the many and varied ways in which the Lord equips so many, lay and ordained, for specific tasks of service in church and world. But before some of us are called to particular ministries, all of us are called to be disciples, to be people who follow Jesus, and who invite others to come along with them and follow him too.

If we forget that, we can become so focused on what we think we have to offer God and his church, on the many different respects in which we are the best thing since sliced bread, that we fail to grasp the starting point of the whole Christian faith, which is not what we reckon we can do for God but what God has done for us – and that is not less than everything. We need to keep coming back to the faith of a child of God to remember that.

If I forget that, and become too bound up in being a bishop for you so that I forget that I am a Christian with you, please tell me: remind me that first and foremost I am a child of God, like you. And please pray for me, as I will pray for you. From 15th to 23rd September, I will be travelling around this great diocese to nine different churches where we can pray together; and on the evening of Friday 23rd we will be renewing the vows of our baptism which declare us to be the children of God. We will do that at St Chad’s Well in Lichfield, where my predecessor baptised the Mercians of his time.

May God bless us and renew us in our following of Jesus now as he blessed them and renewed them then.

Bishop Michael

Job Vacancy @ Whitfield Valley Centre

A Vacancy has arisen for our New Nursery due to open in Chell Heath

Deputy Nursery Manager Level 3

Required full time from September.

Two years previous experience in a supervisory role is required.

Salary dependent on experience.

Closing date 8th September 2016

Telephone Linda 01782 878843

I would welcome any articles, pictures, quotes or poem's that you feel members of our parish would like to see/read about. The closing date for inclusion is the 20th of each month and can be sent to me via any method of communication be it good old fashioned hand written note or social media :-)

God bless

Becky x

Giggle Time :-)

A burglar broke into a house one night. He shined his flashlight around, looking for valuables; and when he picked up a CD player to place in his sack, a strange, disembodied voice echoed from the dark saying, "Jesus is watching you."

He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off, and froze. When he heard nothing more after a bit, he shook his head, promised himself a vacation after the next big score, then clicked the light on and began searching for more valuables.

Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard, "Jesus is watching you." Freaked out, he shined his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice. Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot.

"Did you say that?" he hissed at the parrot.

"Yep," the parrot confessed, and then squawked, "I'm just trying to warn you."

The burglar relaxed. "Warn me, huh? Who in the world are you?"

"Moses," replied the bird.

"Moses?" the burglar laughed. "What kind of people would name a bird Moses?"

"The kind of people that would name a Rottweiler Jesus."

!! Chell Parish Summer Fayre !!

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support the Parish Summer Fayre held at St Michael's Church. A special thank you to those that were able to volunteer, in the Cafe, on a stall etc.

All the families and parishioners that attended had a wonderful afternoon in the glorious Sunshine !!



**Help
for
The
Homeless**

Every Tuesday

12.30-2.30 pm

Free Lunch

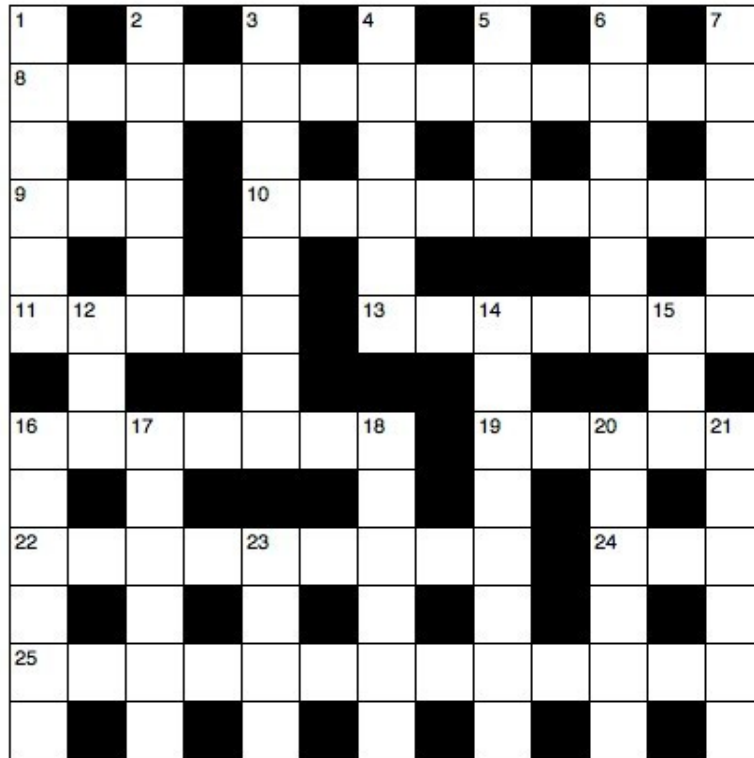
**To ANYONE that could use a
hot meal and a little company**

Come along to

**Church of the Saviour
Springbank Road, Chell Heath**



The Crossword



Across

- 8 Where the ark of the covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14–17) (3)
 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4) 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have — ' (Malachi 1:3) (5)
 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
 16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)
 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
 24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the — ' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)
 25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

Down

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
 2 See 24 Across
 3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
 5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus — ' (John 11:35) (4)
 6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)
 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
 12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)
 14 Second city of Cyprus (8)
 15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)
 16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)
 17 Braved (anag.) (6)
 18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
 20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)
 21 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)
 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)

Last Months Answers :-)

ACROSS: 1, John. 3, And James. 8, Near. 9, Omission. 11, Theocratic. 14, Asleep. 15, By-path. 17, Stalingrad. 20, Backbone. 21, Baca. 22, Whose eye. 23, Seth.
 DOWN: 1, Jonathan. 2, Heavenly. 4, No meat. 5, Justifying. 6, Maid. 7, Sins. 10, Acceptable. 12, Marriage. 13, Shadrach. 16, Plenty. 18, A bow. 19, ECHO.

August 2016 Parish Services

<p>Church of the Saviour</p> <p>7th Aug 11am</p> <p>Joint service St Michaels</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>St Michaels</p> <p>7th Aug 11am</p> <p>Joint service St Michaels</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>14th Aug 10.30am</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>14th Aug 11 am</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>21st Aug 10.30 am</p> <p>Joint Service Cofs</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>21st Aug 10.30 am</p> <p>Joint Service Cofs</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>28th Aug 10.30am</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>24th July 11am</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>