## Chell Parish Churches Building a Community in Christ



# fellowship of Faith

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#### Dear Friends,

Either inside this magazine, or separately you should find one of these leaflets. They will also be available from both St Michaels Church and Church of the Saviour. You might ask 'Why are you bothering? Isn't it just harmless fun?'

Good questions, but the answers are that the practice can put children in danger; children going out on dark nights, dressed in dark clothes knocking on strangers' doors. Like at no previous time as a society we teach and tell our children not to approach strangers, to keep safe – then once a year children are given a mixed message and they go into the unknown darkness.

For many older people this is already a frightening time, with dark nights, and their fears of who might be lurking around their homes and their neighbourhood. Then to have knocks on their door and to be faced with masked children just heightens their fears; doubly so if they are threatened with mischief if they don't produce a treat. No one likes to feel threatened or insecure in their home. 'Trick or Treat' brings exactly that upset to the vulnerable in our community.

It is our Christian duty and responsibility to care for the vulnerable and by displaying one of these leaflets you may be helping to protect both the vulnerable adults and the children of our community.

But there is a darker side. Trick or Treat and halloween do have occult connections.

It may seem harmless but **it is** a gateway to dark spiritual forces; the same 'soft edged' gateway that includes horoscopes, mediums, fortune tellers. All these are condemned by God in the Bible (for example, Exodus 22:18; Lev 19:26, 20;27; 2Kings 17:17; Galatians 5:20; Ephesians5:11; Romans 13:12; Ephesians 6:12; Revelation 20:10)

More than only condemning the evil forces at work, and which may try to be at work on halloween, we have the Light of Christ within us, and we can speak positively to people of Jesus, who is the Light of World and who is the Way, the Gate to Eternal life.



A life which begins now, when we say 'Yes' to Jesus as the Lord and Saviour of our lives and so 'you may declare the praises of Him (Jesus) who called you out of darkness and into his wonderful light' (1 Peter 2:9)

So, please, display the poster, and shine the Light of Christ in dark places.

Every blessing Rev Chris

## From the Registers Baptism

Welcome to the Church Family

Ezimai Kelsall

23rd October 2016

## <u>Chell Parish</u> Christmas Fayre

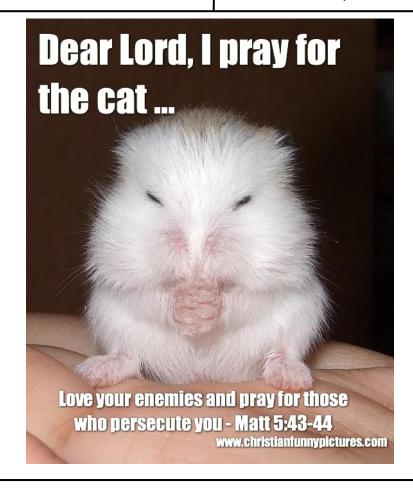
Saturday 10th December at

Church of the Saviour

If you are able to donate any items it would be much appreciated.

Tombola items
Toys/games
Christmas gifts

X Many thanks Becky x



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

Telephone 01782 839198

### Revd Chris Coupe was licensed Vicar of Chell Parish on Saturday 8th October 2016



It was a wonderful service lead by The Bishop of Lichfield, Michael.

A huge thanks to everyone that came along to make the day so special.

## Feed the Parish

## Can you help a family in need in Our Parish this Christmas?

As most of you will be aware last Christmas Chell Parish delivered Eight Christmas food parcels and toys to families, in need, within our Parish. We will be doing the same thing again this Christmas and need your help.

#### Join us in the 'Countdown to Christmas' appeal

How does it work?

Each day in the run up to Christmas, if you are able, put one of the items listed below into a bag or box. On Sunday 18th December bring your donated items to St Michael's Church where they will be sorted and distributed across our Parish.

Lets make Christmas 2016 special for everyone

#### **Donation Ideas**

Tinned meat or fish

Long life Milk

Tinned fruit/puddings/vegetables

Instant potato powder or tinned potatoes

Tea/coffee/squash/long life juice

Child's selection box/chocolate coins

Cereal/crisps/savoury snacks/sweets

Cakes/biscuits/jelly

Many thanks in advance for your support

Becky x





Contact Becky 07411151819 Becky.chellparish@yahoo.com

Messy Family Fun Was held at St Michael's Church On Tuesday 25th October

16 Children and their parents and grandparents attended and had a wonderful afternoon of friendship, fellowship and prayer. Our next Messy Meet up will be 9th December at Church of the Saviour.

More information to follow.







#### Fill a Shoe Box Appeal

Please help us to fill shoe boxes for our homeless & needy

Items that can go in the box

Toothbrush/Toothpaste

Shower Gel

Shampoo

Hand wipes

Socks

Sweets/Chocolate

Personal items

Anything really you can fit into a shoe box, but please

NO MONEY.

The filled shoe boxes can be dropped off at Church of the Saviour, unwrapped.



**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 Sprinkbank Road, Chell Heath



## Christmas Day Dinner

### For the Homeless and the one's in need

Church of the Saviour, Chell Heath ST6 6HZ Meal will be served at 12.30pm

The day will be packed with fun and games with a buffet tea at 6pm.

If you would like to reserve a place please book to avoid disappointment.

Contact: Jeannette 07783145034 - 07507999850

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

#### Sing along with Wendy

25th Nov @ St Michael's Church 6-7pm

Come along and bring a friend and enjoy Friendship and Fellowship while learning new songs of Worship.

#### On the death of a relative

They waited for the soul to fly, Like vultures cycling the sky, They wipe away invisible tears, Each one sharpening mental spears, Is there a will? And who will get what? They hope to gain some of the spoils, Of one released from the mortal coils, And relatives they barely knew, Nodded discreetly along the pew, While fashioned minded minds alert, Sum up the tastes of Auntie Gert, To long forgotten Auntie Pat, They smile and think oh dear! She's fat And sideway glances during prayers They divide the chattels' What's mine, what's theirs, I want the clock! She'd some fine china. A mahogany dresser, there's not one finer, But in the end Twas all in vain, A will was found, it was a shame. What's silver had turned to chrome, For all was left to a stray cat's home.

Written by Cyril Doobar

Living with Loss Service

St Michael's Church 6th November @ 6.30pm Lead by Rev Chris Coupe

All Welcome



Wednesday 16th November 10.30-12.30

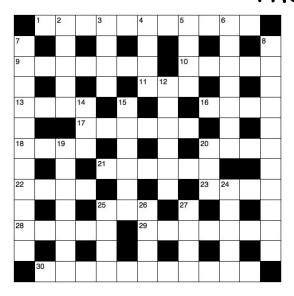


Come along to this fundraising event, bring a friend and help the Cafe raise money towards this worthy charity.



The vicar got a little carried away with the church's new state-of-the-art PA system

## The Crossword



#### LAST MONTHS ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1, Deacon. 4, Appear. 7, Wits. 8, Heavenly. 9, Argument. 13, Mob. 16, Brokenhearted. 17, Ran. 19, Suddenly. 24, Obstacle. 25, John. 26, Enable. 27, Market.

**DOWN**: 1, Dawn. 2, Afternoon. 3, Nehum. 4, Again. 5, Prey. 6, All to. 10, Users. 11, Ephod. 12, Trace. 13, Metalwork. 14, Body. 15, Eber. 18, Alban. 20, Uncle. 21, Dream. 22, Stab. 23, Gnat.

#### Across

- 1 In David's battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11)
- 9 'No , impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God' (Ephesians 5:5) (7)
- 10 City on the banks of the River Nile (5)
- 11 Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1)
- 13 Taverns (4)
- 16 'Be on your guard; stand in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4)
- 17 'He will not always —, nor will he harbour his anger for ever' (Psalm 103:9) (6)
- 18 and 27 Down Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1-2) (4,4)
- 20 Ancient Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4)
- 21 She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6)
- 22 A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4)
- 23 Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4)
- 25 'My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a of robbers' (Luke 19:46) (3)
- 28 Annie (anag.) (5)
- 29 Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7)
- 30 Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)

#### Dowr

- 2 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)
- 3 Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4)
- 4 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine have been poured upon me' (Psalm 92:10) (4)
- 5 Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)
- 6 'He has given proof of this to all men by him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)
- 7 'Our is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11)
- 8 'This is a day you are to ' (Exodus 12:14) (11)
- 12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
- 14 'Jesus found a young donkey and upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
- 15 Liverpool dialect (6)
- 19 'Remember the day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
- 20 Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3)
- 24 Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)
- 25 'If anyone would come after me, he must himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)
- 26 Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68, responsible for condemning hundreds of Christians to cruel deaths (4)
- 27 See 18 Across

## Back by popular demand - Sudoku

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### October 2016 Parish Services

#### Church of the Saviour 6th November 10.30am Joint service at Church of Saviour

Trinity 24 Holy Communion 2 Thessalonians 1-5 & 13- end

Luke 20: 27-18

Leader: Rev Chris
Preacher: Rev Chris
Prayers: Ian

Reader: Wendy

#### 6th November 6.30pm Living with Loss at St Michael's

#### 13th November 10.30am

Trinity 26 Holy Communion 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Luke 21: 15-19

Leader: Robert
Preacher: Robert
Prayers: Grace
Reader: Grace

#### 20th November 10.30am

Christ the King Colossians 1: 11-20 Luke: 23: 33-43

Leader: Ian
Preacher: Norma
Prayers: Norma
Reader: Kay

#### 27th November 10.30am

Advent Sunday Holy Communion

Romans 13: 11 to end Matthew 24: 36-44

Leader: Rev Chris Preacher: Rev Chris

Prayers: Kay Reader: Ian

## 27th November 4.30pm Christingle At St Michaels

#### St Michaels

6th November 10.30am

Joint service at Church of Saviour

Trinity 24 Holy Communion 2 Thessalonians 1-5 & 13- end

Luke 20: 27-18

Leader: Rev Chris Preacher: Rev Chris

Prayers: Ian Reader: Wendy

#### 6th November 6.30pm Living with Loss

#### 13th November 11am

Trinity 26 Morning Worship 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Luke 21: 15-19

Leader: Rev Chris
Preacher: Rev Chris
Prayers: Marg J
Reader: Marg J

#### 20th November 11am

Christ the King Colossians 1: 11-20 Luke: 23: 33-43

Leader: Robert
Preacher: Robert
Prayers: Josie
Reader: Marcia

#### 27th November 11am

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Leader: Norma
Preacher: Norma
Prayers: Sue
Reader: Christine

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