

Chell Parish Churches

Building a Community in Christ



Fellowship of Faith

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Dear Friends,

The Christmas Advertisements have now finished; and the New Year, as I write this, is a couple of days away.

How do you view the New Year?

Some people dislike all the fuss of New Year's Eve, others throw themselves into the party atmosphere of the evening.

But what of the year to come beyond the 31st December?

This past year has seen changes for all of us, individually and now as the gathered people of God in Chell parish. 2017 will no doubt bring different changes for each of us.

How do we, how do you approach any changes. With Hope in your heart (as the song goes)? Or perhaps remembering perhaps the promise given by God through the prophet Jeremiah?

For I know the plans I have for
you, declares the Lord, plans
for welfare and not for evil, to
give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

I would encourage you, not to simply let the forthcoming days, weeks, months and year slip by; but rather to pray, to ask God, to search out from Him what His plans are for you, for your family, for your friends and for your church. **Together** we **are** the body of Christ here in Chell Parish (1 Corinthians 12: 27) and as one Body, united in purpose, I believe that we should be seeking God's future and plans for us for 2017 and beyond; and so turn Hope into reality.

With every blessing for 2017,

Rev Chris

From the Registers

Funerals

23rd November 2016
Brian Arther Hocknell
Age 75

30th November 2016
Lily Talbot
Age 72

21st December 2016
Ronald Evans
Age 78

Baptisms

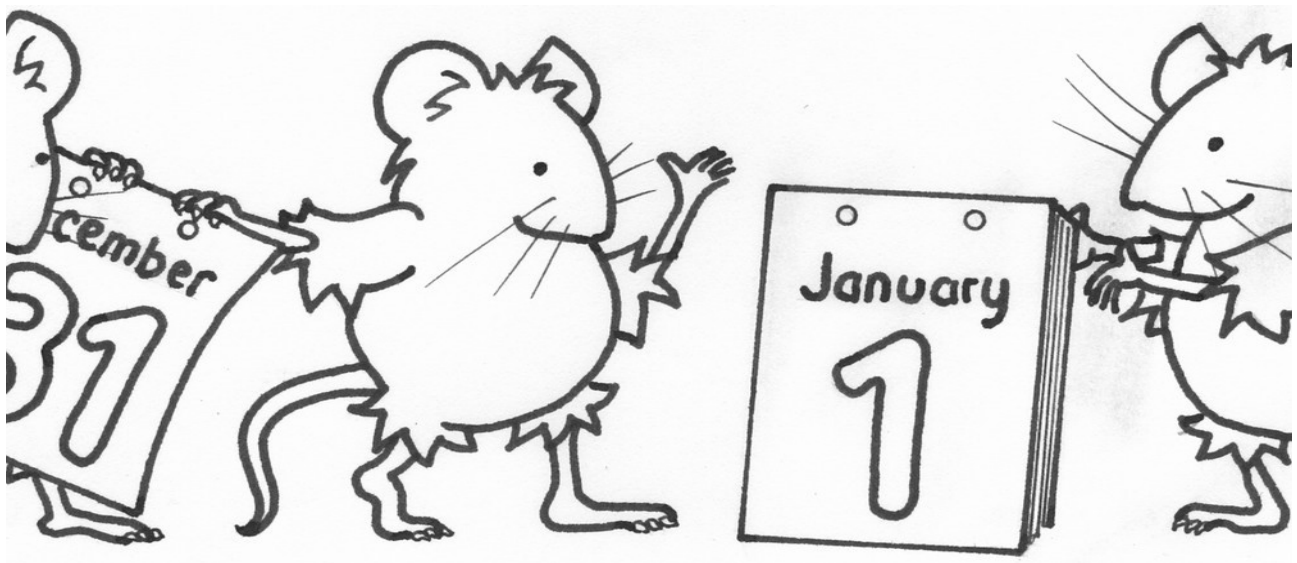
4th December 2016

Billie Jay Kitty West

Congratulation to

Mitchell Adrian Denson
And
Clairemarie Gardiner

On their Wedding Day
10th December 2016



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

Telephone 01782 839198

It's good to say "Yes" to God!



When God tells you to go somewhere what do you say? Well for Abraham the was no question! He said "YES!!" So he headed off with his wife, Sarah, his nephew, Lot, and many friends in simple trust. They were faith-migrants. He didn't know where God wanted them to go, but he still trusted. And like Abraham we need to trust God's promises, trusting this is the way of real blessing.



Decisions had to be made as they went. The land could not support everyone. So Abraham graciously let Lot take first pick of where to take his part of the tribe. They parted friends, each trusting God and went their different paths, being blessed in different ways.

At the start of this new year, how is God leading you?

Read more in Genesis 12 & 13



A friendly parting

Feed the Parish



!! Thank You !!

A huge thank you to everyone that was involved in making this happen !

Chell Parish Church's donated 23 hampers to families who were struggling this Christmas.

Food hampers contained nutritinally balanced meals for up to 7 days as well as Christmas treats, snacks and sweet treats for the Children.

Thanks to donations from members of the church, community, Young explorers Daycare and Tesco we were also able to make up secret santa sacks for each of the children.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who was involved: those that donated food and toys, those that helped pack the hampers and those that delivered them out, you have all made a huge difference to a families life and shown them that they are loved and valued by their Church.

A special thank you to the Big Local, Tesco Kidsgrove, Young Explorers, Church Members, Burnwood School, members of the Parish and Golden Hill Scouts Group.

God bless you all

Chell Parish
Christmas Fayre

Saturday 10th December
at
Church of the Saviour

A huge thank you to all that came along and supported this event and to all those that donated items for the stalls.

The fayre raised £520 which will go towards the work done by the 'help for the homeless' team, based at Church of the Saviour

X Many thanks Becky x



I Said A Prayer For You

I said a prayer for you today
And I know God must have heard
I felt the answer in my heart
Although he spoke no word
I didn't ask for wealth or fame
(I knew you wouldn't mind)
I asked Him to send treasures
Of a far more lasting kind
I asked that he'd be near you
At the start of each new day
To grant you health and blessings
And friends to share your way
I asked for happiness for you
In all things great and small
But it was for his loving care
I prayed for most of all.

AN EVENING WITH **PAUL BROWN**



REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

This is the second of a series of evenings with different guests who will be interviewed about their journey of faith.

Gospel Illusions

Paul Brown is a Christian who uses illusions to communicate Stories and messages from the bible.

Come along and hear the Christian message in a way like never before !

There will be no charge but any donations towards the evening will be gratefully received.

***[www.magical-mayhem.com/
gospelillusion](http://www.magical-mayhem.com/gospelillusion)***

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU

It will be an amazing and entertaining evening., please feel free to invite a friend.

Please contact Rev Chris Coupe on 01782 838708 if you require further details.

Where

St Michael's Church
St Michael's Road, Chell, ST6 6JT

[Www.chellparish.org.uk](http://www.chellparish.org.uk)

If Jesus Came to Your House

If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two -
If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do.
Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room to such an honored Guest,
And all the food you'd serve to Him would be the very best,
And you would keep assuring Him you're glad to have him there -
That serving Him in your own home is joy beyond compare.

But when you saw Him coming, would you meet Him at the door
With arms outstretched in welcome to your heavenly Visitor?
Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in?
Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where they'd been?
Would you turn off the radio and hope He hadn't heard?
And wish you hadn't uttered that last, loud, hasty word?

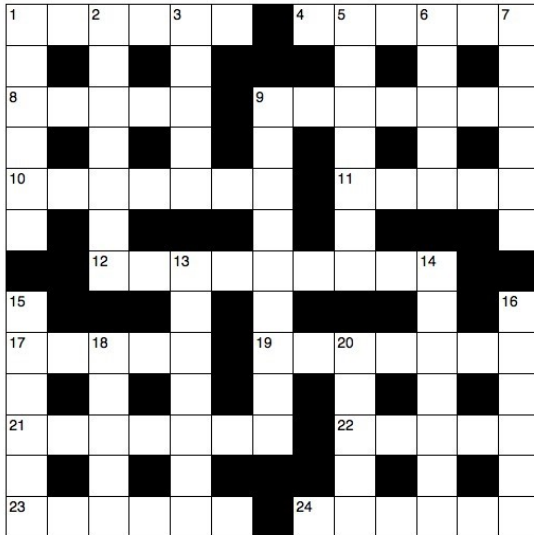
Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out?
Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about?
And I wonder - if the Savior spent a day or two with you,
Would you go right on doing the things you always do?
Would you go right on saying the things you always say?
Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?

Would your family conversation keep up it's usual pace?
And would you find it hard each meal to say a table grace?
Would you sing the songs you always sing, and read the books you read,
And let Him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed?
Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you'd planned to go?
Or would you, maybe, change your plans for just a day or so?

Would you be glad to have Him meet your very closest friends?
Or would you hope they'd stay away until His visit ends?
Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on?
Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone?
It might be interesting to know the things that you would do
If Jesus Christ in person came to spend some time with you.

Lois Blanchard Eades

The Crossword



Across

- 1 Protective covering recommended to the Ephesians (Ephesians 6:11) (6)
- 4 The number of apostles (Matthew 10:2) (6)
- 8 Tenth-century Bishop of Augsburg for 48 years, who became the first saint to be canonized by a pope (5)
- 9 'Do not — what is evil but what is good' (3 John 11) (7)
- 10 Reading desk in a church (7)
- 11 'He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like — walking around"' (Mark 8:24) (5)
- 12 One of the qualities that Paul exhorted Timothy to pursue (1 Timothy 6:11) (9)
- 17 One of the meaningless pleasures acquired by the Teacher (Ecclesiastes 2:8) (5)
- 19 'Like — babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation' (1 Peter 2:2) (7)
- 21 Jesus said that Moses allowed this only because men's hearts were hard (Matthew 19:8) (7)
- 22 Girl's name (5)
- 23 Most sagacious (Judges 5:29) (6)
- 24 How Stephen, the first Christian martyr, died: after being — (Acts 7:59) (6)

Down

- 1 A Jew whom Paul met in Corinth, whose wife was Priscilla (Acts 18:2) (6)
- 2 For example, turning water into wine, feeding the five thousand, walking on water (John 7:21) (7)
- 3 Abram's relationship to Lot (Genesis 14:12) (5)
- 5 'Jesus answered, "It is —: 'Man does not live by bread alone.'" (Matthew 4:4) (7)
- 6 'Peace I — with you; my peace I give you' (John 14:27) (5)
- 7 'May the Lord deal with me, be it — — severely, if anything but death separates you and me' (Ruth 1:17) (4,2)
- 9 Lack of knowledge (Acts 17:30) (9)
- 13 This woman 'followed Paul and believed' after his words to the Areopagus in Athens (Acts 17:34) (7)
- 14 Or noise (anag.) (7)
- 15 'Even though I walk through the valley of the — of death, I will fear no evil' (Psalm 23:4) (6)
- 16 ' — Christian soldiers, marching as to war' (6)
- 18 Saver (anag.) (5)
- 20 'Unless a grain of — falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed' (John 12:24) (5)

LAST MONTHS ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1, Lame. 3, Obtained. 8, Omit. 9, Merchant. 11, Burdensome. 14, Crafty. 15, Please. 17, Blacksmith. 20, Splendid. 21, Tier. 22, Singeing. 23, Hand.

DOWN: 1, Look back. 2, Main road. 4, Breast. 5, Accomplish. 6, Near. 7, Date. 10, Pestilence. 12, Basilica. 13, Tethered. 16, Action. 18, Asa's. 19, Clan

Sudoku

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January 2017 Parish Services

<p>Church of the Saviour</p> <p>8th January 10.30am Epiphany Holy Communion Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12</p> <p>Leader: Rev Rob Preacher: Rev Rob Prayers: Grace Reader: Kay</p>	<p>St Michaels</p> <p>8th January 11am Epiphany Holy Communion Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12</p> <p>Leader: Ian Preacher: Mike Prayers: Marg J Reader: Maureen</p>
<p>15th January 10.30am Epiphany 2 Morning Worship 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 John: 1: 29-42</p> <p>Leader: Ian Preacher: Norma Prayers: Norma Reader: Grace</p>	<p>15th January 11am Epiphany 2 Morning Worship 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 John: 1: 29-42</p> <p>Leader: Rev Chris Preacher: Rev Chris Prayers: Mike Reader: Marcia</p>
<p>22nd January 10.30am Epiphany 3 Holy Communion 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18 Matthew 4: 12-23</p> <p>Leader: Rev Rob Preacher: Rev Rob Prayers: Ian Reader: Wendy</p>	<p>22nd January 11am Epiphany 3 Holy Communion 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18 Matthew 4: 12-23</p> <p>Leader: Norma Preacher: Norma Prayers: Sue Reader: Eddie</p>
<p>29th January 10.30am Epiphany 4 Morning Worship 1 Corinthians 1: 18-end John 2: 1-11</p> <p>Leader: Rev Chris Preacher: Speaker from the Leprosy Mission</p> <p>Prayers: Kay Reader: Grace</p>	<p>29th January 10.30am Epiphany 4 Morning Worship 1 Corinthians 1: 18-end John 2: 1-11</p> <p>Joint at Church of the Saviour</p>

IF YOU REALLY LOVE JESUS
YOUR LIFE WILL SHOW IT.