Chell Parish Churches Building a Community in Christ





October 2016

Price 20p



Dear Friends

We are already so thankful for all the help, kindness and warmth that Josie and I have received from you, even before we move in, let alone from when I officially take up my post on 8^{th} October at my licensing.

Yet the whole aspect of thanks, being thankful and expressing our gratitude does also have a Biblical basis – it's not just 'good manners' as my Nana would have said.

The Bible contains 111 references to giving thanks/thankfulness/thanking and these relate not only as part of our thanks to God, but also our thanks for each other and for what someone has done for us.

Jesus in John 11: 41 & 42 'said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

Paul in Ephesians 1:16 says to the Ephesian Church '*I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers*'.

If Jesus knew the value of expressing thanks, so must we also do likewise; as disciples we have to follow the example set by our Master and Saviour.

Perhaps saying 'thank you' doesn't come naturally to you, but it's a good habit easily learned. It has been shown that if we do something for 30 days then it becomes part and parcel of who we are – it becomes second nature to us.

And have you ever noticed the response you get to a 'thank you'?

Often the response is 'You're welcome' and, or smile; occasionally you may even get a Thank You card – but we offer thanks for the benefit of the other person, not ourselves. Words to encourage them, words of praise for who they are; what they are doing and perhaps have been doing for a long time. Each and every one of us likes an encouraging thank you or words of praise. These lift us up – and also if we give thanks for one another (like Paul's example) it builds up the fellowship, the church.

Positive words shared between puts a smile on our faces and our hearts and helps us to experience and live the abundant life that Jesus has promised each of us (John 10:10) – this is Jesus' desire for our life as Christians. Then others *will* want to know the Jesus who is seen in us and through the thankful life He blesses us with.

And our response back to Jesus? 'Thank you'

'Let all God's people say, Amen' (Ps 106:48)

Rev Chris

From the Registers

Funerals Our sympathy to the family and friends of:

31st August Margaret Bourne age 79

8th September William John Webster age 87

12th September Margaret Rose Jackson age 71

The

Weddings

Congratulations to

Andrew Wilfred Bloor & Lisa Bruce

Married at St Michael's Church

16th September 2016

The first ever Cordless Phone was created by God. He named it "Prayer"... It never Loses its Signal and U never have to Recharge it. Use it Anywhere...!



Church

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

Telephone 01782 839198



whatever you did to one of these least brothers and sisters of mine



T H E MATTHEW 25 PROJECT



<u>Revd Chris Coupe</u> will be licensed as Priest in Charge of Chell Parish on <u>Saturday 8th October 2016</u> The service will be lead by The Bishop of Lichfield, Michael, and is to be held at <u>St Michael's Church at 3pm</u>

X Everybody is welcome X





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





A WC worth visiting

Years ago a young couple were house-hunting in rural Somerset, and so visited an elderly clergyman who had a cottage for sale. Later they could not remember seeing a bathroom in the property, and so wrote asking where the WC might be.

The minister was not familiar with the term, and decided they must be asking for the nearest Wesleyan Church. And so he wrote them this reply:

'Dear ... I regret to inform you that the nearest WC is fifty miles away, which is most unfortunate if you are in the habit of going regularly. This one is situated in a beautiful valley, and many local people make a day of it, setting off in early morning and taking picnics with them. Some travel by car, others by bus, and some (on foot) arrive just in time. A bell rings 20 minutes before the WC opens, and there is plenty of standing room if you are late.

Inside, there are 40 plush seats, and beautiful carvings on the walls. The children sing as they process in, and there is even an organ accompaniment. I hope this will encourage you to visit it, and enjoy what it offers. I myself have not been for five months, and you can imagine this pains me very much. Yours faithfully...



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

Prayer of trust in God's Word.

Father,

Thank you for your written Word to us in the Bible, inspired and interpreted by your Holy Spirit. Thank you that from beginning to end it reveals Jesus, the living Word, sent by you to rescue us from the mess of selfishness and disobedience. May we treasure your revelation to us and allow you to guide us by it through the confusion and pain of this world, confident that your Word is unchanging and powerful and trustworthy. In Jesus name,

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

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

Have I Done Any Good in the World Today?

If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself. James 2:15-16

Have I done any good in the world today? Have I helped anyone in need? Have I cheered up the sad and made someone feel glad? If not, I have failed indeed.

Has anyone's burden been lighter today Because I was willing to share? Have the sick and the weary been helped on their way? When they needed my help was I there?

Then wake up and do something more Than dream of your mansion above. Doing good is a pleasure, a joy beyond measure, A blessing of duty and love.

There are chances for work all around just now, Opportunities right in our way. Do not let them pass by, saying, "Sometime I'll try," But go and do something today.

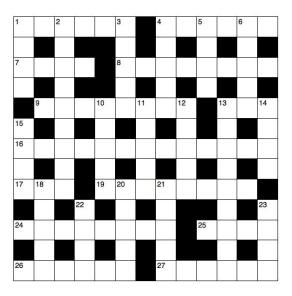
'Tis noble of man to work and to give; Love's labor has merit alone. Only he who does something helps others to live. To God each good work will be known.

Lord, remind me always that I must show my faith in good works. Amen.

~ Will L. Thompson, 1887



The Crossword



LAST MONTHS ANSWERS

ACROSS: 8, Kiriath Jearim. 9, Toe. 10, Ill at ease. 11, Hated. 13, Miletus. 16, Started. 19, Micah. 22, Leviticus. 24, Eli. 25, Mary and Joseph.

DOWN: 1, Sketch. 2, Priest. 3, Samizdat. 4, Shalom. 5, Wept. 6, Breast. 7, Embers. 12, Art. 14, Limassol. 15, UNA. 16, Salome. 17, Adverb. 18, Decade. 20, Clever. 21, Height. 23, Tear.

Crossword

Across

- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 'For we must all before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their end' (Psalm 107:27) (4) 8 See 19 Across
- 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest(Luke 9:46) (8) 13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
- 16 'He has sent me to bind up the ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)
- 17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
- 19 and 8 ' a great company of the host appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
- 24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)
- 25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4) 26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
- 27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a !' (John 2:16) (6)

Down

(9)

- 1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
- 2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had avision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)
- 3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile inBabylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)
- 4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — '(John 3:3) (5)
- 5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
- remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2) 'He encouraged them -----6
- 10 Ruses (anag.) (5)
- 11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
- 12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)
- 13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14)
- 14 'This is my —, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)
- 15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
- 18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)
- 20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)
- 21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)
- 22 Bats (anag.) (4)
- 23 'You strain out a but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)

Back by popular demand - Sudoku

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October 2016 Parish Services

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2nd October 11am		2nd October 11am			
Joint service St Mi		Joint service St Michaels			
Trinity 19 Holy		Trinity 19 Holy Communion			
2 Timothy 1:1-1	.4	2 Timothy 1:1-14			
Luke 17: 5-10		Luke 17: 5-10			
Leader:	Rev Cathy Case	Leader:	Rev Cathy Case		
Preacher:	Rev Cathy Case	Preacher:	Rev Cathy Case		
Prayers:	Marg J	Prayers:	Marg J		
Reader:	Cliff	Reader:	Cliff		
9th October 11am		9th October 11am			
Joint service St Mi	chaels	Joint service St Michaels			
Trinity 16 Holl		Trinity 16 Holly Communion			
2Tim 2: 8-15	,	2Tim 2: 8-15			
Luke 17: 11-19		Luke 17: 11-19			
Leader:	Rev Chris	Leader:	Rev Chris		
Preacher:	Rev Chris	Preacher:	Rev Chris		
Prayers:	Rev Chris	Prayers:	Rev Chris		
Reader:	Maureen	Reader:	Maureen		
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16th October 10.30		16th October 11am			
Trinity 21 Har		Trinity 21 Harvest			
2 Tim 3:14 to 4	÷:5	2 Tim 3:14 to 4	:5		
Luke 18: 1-8		Luke 18: 1-8			
Leader:	Rev Chris	Leader	Norma		
Preacher:	Rev Chris	Preacher:	Mike		
Prayers:	Ian	Prayers:	Becky		
Reader:	Grace	Reader:	Mike		
23rd October 10.3	30cm	23rd October 11am			
Trinity 22 Hol		Trinity 22 Morning Worship & Baptism			
2 Tim 4:6-8 and	d 16-18	2 Tim 4:6-8 and 16-18			
Luke 18:9-14		Luke 18:9-14			
Leader:	Rev Rob	Leader:	Rev Chris		
Preacher:	Rev Rob	Preacher:	Rev Chris		
Prayers:	Grace	Prayers:	Sue		
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Leader:	Ian Dav Churid	Leader:	Norma		
Preacher:	Rev Chris	Preacher:	Ian		
Prayers:	Kay	Prayers:	Norma		
Reader:	Ian	Reader:	Mavis		
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