

Chell Parish Churches

Building a Community in Christ



Fellowship of Faith

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Dear Friends,

We're now well and truly in the gardening and sprucing up season. This is the time for the ongoing battles with weeds, slugs and other pests that invade our gardens, plant pots and paths.

It also now when power washers like the one shown here are brought out to blast pathways clean that have lost their original colour and definition because of perhaps grime, moss or mould that has grown over the path over the month or past years.

So it has been with us in the Rectory; as I power washed the paving at the back of the Rectory the beauty of the original colours has been revealed, the years or mould etc. blasted away although it did take some effort.



As I worked on the paths, it struck me that is a good analogy for the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

The stuff of life, especially the tough stuff of life can leave us with layers of grime and we can often not realise that the colour, definition and

sparkle of our faith is getting dimmed. We need to come back to God and ask as David did in Psalm 51: 10,



‘Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me’

To do this we need to ask the Holy Spirit to come and wash away the layers that have built up on us.

Using the power washer the analogy again; for the Holy Spirit to come in power and through His power to cleanse us.

Like when working on a path, this process may have to be a bit by bit, a gradual process; each area cleansed and done with before moving on.

Although the process may be uncomfortable as God reveals to us what he needs to work on in each of us, the results after the Holy Spirit has done His work (only by us asking Him to) are that the colour, definition and sparkle of our faith is restored.

This is not a new revelation. Peter in Acts 10 had to have God work through the layers that Peter's culture and prejudice had lain upon in his attitude to Gentiles. From that encounter Peter had a changed attitude, Acts 10: 46b – 48

Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptised with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” ⁴⁸ So he ordered that they (the Gentiles) be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ’

So I encourage you to let God work and renew(if need be) the glistening sparkle of your faith,

With every blessing,
Rev Chris

From the Registers

Funerals

Our thoughts, love and prayers are with the families of

22nd June
Joan Harding Age 88

29th June
Dennis Jackson Age 91

5th July
Norman Worthington Age 94

5th July
Evelyn Walker Age 94

Baptisms

9th July
Kobi Frost

The Church office at St Michael's is open most days for enquiries

Please Telephone 01782 839198 to speak to the parish administrator or families worker or leave a message, which we aim to return within 24 hrs.

For enquires on weddings, baptisms, funerals, home visits or prayer please contact Rev Chris Coupe on 01782 838708

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

Find us on Facebook: Young disciples-Chell Parish

Road Safety

Please take extra care when using the crossing outside of Church.

A few weeks ago both lines of traffic had stopped for us to cross, but as we where halfway across a 'boy racer' decided he wasn't stopping and missed us by inches!

It will be a long time before we forget the bottle green Ford Fiesta.

God bless

Marjorie and Derek

Your Church Needs You

There are lots of ways in which you can help the mission work in Chell Parish. If you can help with any of the following it would be very much appreciated.

Can you spare a couple of hours once a month to help at Messy Angels?

Could you submit an article for inclusion in this magazine?

Do you feel drawn to helping at Sunday's Kool?

Would you like to help at Messy Tots ?

Would you like to join the cleaning team at either Church?

Would you be able to help at the Grapevine Cafe?

There are loads of other ways you can help for more information please speak to one of the Church Wardens, Rev Chris or Becky.

How one text changed a woman's life



A text message from the vicar on behalf of the whole church was the start of a faith journey for Jane Goddard which turned her life around. The text simply said that everyone was praying.

The prayers were for the whole family (who had recently been victims of identity theft) but especially for Jane and Steve's young son Christopher who was seriously ill in hospital. To make matters worse Steve had contracted pneumonia during this stressful period.

"At the time, I wasn't a particularly religious person," said Jane. "Steve and I both believed in God, though he wasn't a big presence in our lives. In my job as a carer, I had regularly accompanied one particular client to church every Sunday - a young man with learning difficulties. Although, I really enjoyed going to St James Church in East Cowes, I was mainly there because it was my job."

The text actually came from the vicar of St James, the Rev Jonathan Hall.

"I know you shouldn't bargain with God but there and then I made a vow to him that if Christopher recovered, I would worship him with all my heart and soul in future. I also pledged to devote myself to making life better for others - to use my skills and talents to help as many people as I could."

When Christopher was discharged from hospital several weeks later Jane immediately signed up for an Alpha course and her faith began to mature. Within a matter of months a new business idea took off and Community Spirited was launched in August 2007 - an organisation that offers caring services to enhance quality of life for vulnerable and lonely people.

Three years on, Christopher is now healthy and thriving. And so is Community Spirited.

Spurred by her Christian faith and promise to God, Jane is determined to run Community Spirited so that she can make a living for her family, pay her staff well, and ensure that all clients are shown genuine respect, love and caring.

!! Chell Parish Lets Change Lives !!

Helping Hands

A mother, wishing to encourage her son's progress at the piano, bought tickets to a performance by the great Polish pianist Ignace Paderewski. When the evening arrived, they found their seats near the front of the concert hall and eyed the majestic Steinway waiting on the stage. Soon the mother found a friend to talk to, and the boy slipped away.

At eight o'clock, the lights in the auditorium began to dim, the spotlights came on, and only then did they notice the boy - up on the piano bench, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." His mother gasped in shock and embarrassment but, before she could retrieve her son, the master himself appeared on the stage and quickly moved to the keyboard.

He whispered gently to the boy, "Don't quit. Keep playing." Leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in the bass part. Soon his right arm reached around the other side and improvised a delightful obligato. Together, the old master and the young novice held the crowd mesmerized with their blended and beautiful music.

In all our lives, we receive helping hands - some we notice, some we don't. Equally we ourselves have countless opportunities to provide helping hands - sometimes we would like our assistance to be noticed, sometimes we don't. Little of what we all achieve is without learning from others and without support from others and what we receive we should hand out.

Donate unwanted used school uniforms and support local children back to school

Chell Parish Churches in partnership with Tesco Kidsgrove, are collecting outgrown and unwanted school uniform items to give to families in the parish that may be struggling to purchase new uniforms for the new school year.

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

Donations can be dropped off at St Michael's Church, Chell on Saturday 29th July 1-4pm at the summer fayre or in store at Tesco Kidsgrove throughout August.

School shirts, skirts, blouses, trousers, sports kits, jumpers, cardigans, socks, tights, shoes, bags, coats etc

Enquiries regarding uniforms, emergency food parcels or other support please contact

Becky (Chell Parish Families Worker)
or Rich (Tesco Community Champion)

familiesworker@chellparish.org.uk

Facebook: young disciples-chell parish



St Michael's Church, Chell



The New Look Sunday School

**Every last Sunday in each Month
11am @ St Michael's Church**



**Activities for children during the
Sunday morning service**

Chell Parish are considering sponsoring the work of Festo and Grace in Tanzania

Here is a little about them and the work they do

Festo, a Tanzanian, is head teacher at St John's Seminary, which offers secondary education for young people aged 14–19 from across Tanzania but especially from within the region of the Diocese of the Rift Valley. The seminary is also the sole provider of theological study for pastors, catechists and evangelists from across the parishes of the diocese to study at the Bible school. Grace is head teacher at St John's nursery school (English medium), the newest development at the school aiming to provide good education for the youngest of children and helping them to learn early on the English they will need later. There are currently 50 children attending, in three classes.

As head teacher, Festo looks at the big picture of the school from nursery through to secondary and the Bible school. Together, we want to see an integrated and systematic education for students and especially to see the children from our village and surrounding area get the best education and opportunities they can.

Grace also runs the volunteer scheme, setting up the placements before visitors come, conducting inductions and is responsible for all aspects of pastoral care. In addition, she runs the communication work on behalf of the seminary, interacting with the rest of the world. She organises teams that come out to work with us, teaches Bible knowledge at the secondary school, acts in an advisory capacity for other areas of the school and preaches and leads worship at the school and parish church.

One exciting new project that Grace hopes to work with is called Zumgumza na Watoto (Speak with your Children), teaching parents and grandparents how to better interact with children from the moment they are born and when they are older, to teach about the importance of learning through play.

We were married in 2011 and started working together at St John's Seminary in 2012. We continue to work there now as mission partners with our two boys, Zephaniah (aged four) and William (aged two).

Festo has been working at St John's Seminary since 2000, taking time out to live in the UK for 12 months to learn from the education system and to study for his education degree in Tanzania. Grace grew up in Cornwall and since her mid-teens has had a desire to serve God. She worked as a youth worker in the UK church for eight years before going out to Tanzania as a CMS short-term in 2010.

More information can be found on their website

<http://churchmissionsociety.org/people-in-mission/festo-and-grace-kanungha>

A few pictures from the Chell Parish Summer Fayre
Thank you to all involved in making the day such a wonderful success.



August 2017 Parish Services

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| <p>6th August 10.30am JOINT SERVICE Holy Communion 8th Sunday after Trinity Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14: 13-21</p> <p>Leader: Rev Chris Preacher: Rev Chris Prayers: Josie Reader: Barry</p> | <p>6th August 10.30am JOINT SERVICE Holy Communion @ Church of Saviour 8th Sunday after Trinity Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14: 13-21</p> <p>Leader: Rev Chris Preacher: Rev Chris Prayers: Josie Reader: Barry</p> |
| <p>13th August 9.30am Holy Communion & Baptism 9th Sunday after Trinity Romans 10: 5-15 Matthew 14: 22-33</p> <p>Leader: Rev Rob Preacher: Rev Rob Prayers: Grace Reader: Josie</p> | <p>13th August 11am Holy Communion 9th Sunday after Trinity Romans 10: 5-15 Matthew 14: 22-33</p> <p>Leader: Marcia Preacher: Rev Chris Prayers: Marg J Reader: Cliff</p> |
| <p>20th August 9.30am Morning Worship 10th Sunday after Trinity Romans 11: 1-2s, 29-32 Matthew 15: 21-28</p> <p>Leader: Norma Preacher: Norma Prayers: Wendy Reader: Ian</p> | <p>20th August 11am Morning Worship 10th Sunday after Trinity Romans 11: 1-2s, 29-32 Matthew 15: 21-28</p> <p>Leader: Rev Chris Preacher: Rev Chris Prayers: Mike Reader: Maureen</p> |
| <p>27th August 11am Joint St Michael's Holy Communion & Sunday school 11th Sunday after Trinity Romans 12: 1-8 Matthew 16: 13-20</p> <p>Leader: Rev Chris Preacher: Rev Chris Prayers: Ian Reader: Barry</p> | <p>27th August 11am Joint St Michael's Holy Communion & Sunday school 11th Sunday after Trinity Romans 12: 1-8 Matthew 16: 13-20</p> <p>Leader: Rev Chris Preacher: Rev Chris Prayers: Ian Reader: Barry</p> |

Disciple Quiz

1. Who was also known as Cephas?
2. Who were known as 'The Sons of Thunder'?
3. Who was Bartholomew also known as?
4. Who was Didymous?
5. Who was Levi?

6. Who was Thaddeus?
7. Who was known as 'The Zealot'?
8. Who were the elder and the younger (or the less)?
9. Who were the Boanerges?
10. Who was Peter's brother?