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Please send to Stjohnshlparishmag@gmail.com***

Late submissions may not be published

Why do we care for creation?

At St John's we are committed to the care of creation. We are happy to be building our relationship with the High Legh Climate Change and Environment Group and have recently become one of the 'allies' supporting Plastic Free High Legh. Seeing the effects of climate change, we know there is an increasing urgency for us to change the way we live. But as well as being persuaded by the evidence, it is already part of our Christian lives to care for creation.

God created a world he saw as 'very good' and gave humanity dominion over it (Genesis 1). Misunderstanding dominion as domination is partly why we are where we are now, as humanity took what they wanted, often oppressing and destroying as they went. The dominion that God meant would be a rule that was in line with who God is: a God who loves us and all that he has made. In Micah we read that God requires us to 'act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God' (Micah 6:8). What would this look like in relation to our use of the earth? It would be a dominion which cares for the world – stewardship rather than domination.

As humans we value creation for all its beauty. Being out in nature is necessary for our well-being. We value what the earth gives us for

food and for raw materials to make things. But this can become a purely human-centred view of the earth for our use.

Can we learn from how God values the world? At the end of the book of Job God uses creation to put Job's questions in a new context. God does not give a human-centred account of creation, but of his love for all of it. God values creation and therefore we value this earth he made because he does. If we remove ourselves from the centre and put God there, we develop an ethical approach to the whole world which includes us as fellow creatures, and this will affect how we live.

You are very welcome to join us as we think about our care of creation at Café Church on Sunday 27th August and in our All-Age service on Sunday 3rd September.





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AND NICK 07554 343133

PROCEEDS IN AID OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH



We've been able to send a donation of £55 to the holiday fund, which benefits many families unable to get away for various reasons.

The wet weather for the Cheshire Show wasn't very pleasant but 117 families took advantage of the Baby Changing facilities in the Marquee on the Tuesday and 190 families on Wednesday. We raised £165 in donations which will be used to fill "Bags of Hope" for the children of Ukraine.

The Strawberry Sparkle on the 4th July arranged by Enid and Rhian was enjoyed by all.

No meeting in August- **Holiday!**

**The annual lunch at the Barn Owl is at 12 noon
on Tuesday 5th September.**

At the next meeting on Tuesday 3rd October at 2.30 pm we're arranging our Coffee Morning on Saturday 21st October 10.30 to 12 noon. Fund raising for our various charities.

Would you like to sew or improve your skills?

I am hoping to start a sewing group in St John's Church Room either on a Saturday morning once a month or in the week depending on the response.

Jo who takes the Christmas craft session has agreed to be our 'teacher'. She will support you from making a bag, to a dress or even quilting.

If you don't have a sewing machine Jo will bring them along.

There will be a small fee to cover Jo's time and expertise, but hopefully we can divide that between everyone.



If you are interested please contact Liz on 07905 741 969

Afternoon Teas at the Village Hall

St John's Church will be hosting an afternoon tea in the Village Hall in support of Alder Hey Hospital on **Sunday 6th August**.

GRAVETALK *A café space to talk about death, dying and funerals*

What is GraveTalk?

For those with big questions about death, dying and funerals, having someone to talk to can be invaluable. But how do you start those conversations, and with whom? St Johns Church is starting a group in a café style environment to have 'conversations' with each other. This 'conversation' is also for younger people as well as older people, it is to talk about planning, most of us put this to one side and choose not to think about it.

Grave talk is a conversation NOT a training session. People find that once they start talking, there is a lot to be said about this sensitive but important reality.

We plan to run it over 2 sessions; time and dates to be confirmed. It will be very relaxed. It's about planning. This is open to everyone in the community.

The conversations will be led by Chris Stanisstreet and Liz Whimpany.

WEEKLY TELEPHONE SERVICE

This is a short Compline service for anyone who wishes to join us.

7.00pm on THURSDAY evenings
(dial in any time after 6.45pm)

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358 104 39 #
- 3 You will then be asked to enter the **PIN NUMBER** followed by the hash key # *Please contact Chris or Stewart for the PIN number*

We can then speak to each other.

Please say the **words in bold** and try to ensure that there is **no background noise**.

Please contact Chris Stanisstreet on **01925 755559** or Stewart Jackson on **07835 249835** for further details, a service booklet and a hymn book.

Cleaning Rota	
August 2023	Trish & Mary (S)
September 2023	Ian & Angela
October 2023	Elaine & Pauline

SERVICES AND ROTAS FOR August 2023 and September 2023

Date	06/08/2023	13/08/2023	20/08/2023	27/08/2023
	Transfiguration of our Lord	10th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 14)	11th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 15)	12th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 16)
Service	Holy Communion	All Age Communion	Holy Communion	0830 Holy Communion 1000 Café Church
Led by	Rev Clare Leal	Rev Clare Leal	Rev Clare Leal	Rev Clare Leal
Bible Readings	Daniel 7 w 9-10, 13-14 Psalm 97 2 Peter 1 w 16-19 Luke 9 w 28-36	Genesis 37 w 1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105 w 1-6, 16-22, 45b Romans 10 w 5-15 Matthew 14 w 22-33	Genesis 45 w 1-15 Psalm 133 Romans 11 w 1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15 10-28	Exodus 1 v 8 - 2 v 10 Psalm 124 Romans 12 w 1-8 Matthew 16 w 13-20
Reader NB on Café church sundays, reader is for 0830 Communion	Chris Stanisstreet	Liz Whimpany	Tom Drury	Karen Drury
Intercessions	Mary Cockayne	Stewart Jackson	Liz Whimpany	n/a
Sides-person	Marilyn Ridler	Leslie Walton	Arthur Wardell	n/a

Date	03/09/2023	10/09/2023	17/09/2023	24/09/2023
	13th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 17)	14th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 18)	15th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 19)	16th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 20)
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Led by	Rev Clare Leal	Rev Clare Leal	Rev Clare Leal	Rev Clare Leal
Bible Readings	Exodus 3 w 1-15 Psalm 105 vv 1-6, 23-26, 45b Romans 12 vv 9-end Matthew 16 w 21-end	Exodus 12 w 1-14 Psalm 149 Romans 13 w 8-end Matthew 18 vv 15-20	Exodus 14 w 19-end Psalm 114 Romans 14 w 1-12 Matthew 18 vv 21-35	Exodus 16 w 2-15 Psalm 105 vv 1-6, 37-end Philippians 1 w 21-end Matthew 20 w 1-16
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Regular happenings in the Church Room



Little Acorns

Aimed at babies and toddlers we meet every Tuesday morning 9.30-12 noon.

Come and join in the arts and crafts, play and singing activities. We are joined by little ones with their mums, dads, grandparents, great grandparents and carers. We welcome new families to our group.

Plus lots of tea and toast. £2.50 per meeting

Contact Liz to ask for more details 07905741969

AUGUST—SUMMER BREAK, RESTARTS SEPTEMBER

Coffee, Chat and Create

We continue to meet on the second Tuesday each month, at 2pm in the Church room. It was lovely to welcome Dorothy back into the group last month. We are hoping more people will join us over the coming months. Grandchildren are always welcome during the summer holidays, or at any time for that matter. We now have a Coronation jigsaw in full swing, so feel free to come and enjoy adding some pieces.

WE'RE HOOKED

The crochet group continues to meet every Monday, except Bank Holidays, at 2pm in the Church Room. Lots of things are being made. There seems to be a plethora of bags being made at the moment. Lots of small handbags, and various larger bags, all very different. Still plenty of tops, and of course the ever faithful corner to corner blanket. Many of these find their way to new babies, and some go to hospitals for young patients. It's a fun afternoon, that invariably descends into peels of laughter! Come and join us, and learn a new skill or polish up on an existing basic one.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month

Where has the summer gone. The past month has been fairly miserable so lets hope the future is brighter. Still it doesn't affect the Community spirit at our lunches. There is always plenty of catching up to do, with lots of chatter and laughter.

We welcome every one in the Community and their friends, and please feel free to bring your grandchildren if they are with you during the school holidays. Please book with Arthur on 01925 752481, or Elaine on 01925 75311, or just sign up in the church room.

We look forward to seeing you.

High Legh Prayers

Every Wednesday morning
9-10am in the Church Room

Open to all of faith or no faith



If you have a prayer need feel free to come along or contact the Churchwardens who will ensure you are prayed for.

Dates for your diary

- Afternoon tea 18th November 2pm £15
- Christmas sewing event 16th December 2pm
make a Christmas decoration £10 all materials



HLC
High Legh Community Observatory

<http://www.highleggh-communityobservatory.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/highlegghlco/>

Our Meetings are held at 7.30 on the second Thursday of every month at

[St John's Church Room, The Avenue, High Legh, WA16 6ND](#)


Please note that the observatory is open on Friday nights every week if the sky is clear.





We start at 8 pm or dusk whichever is later.

All are welcome and admission is free, but donations are appreciated!



Home Communion

 We rely on people letting us know when church members or neighbours are unwell, in hospital or experiencing other difficulties. The ministry team are happy to visit and/or take communion to individuals.

 Please contact:
 Rev Clare on 01925 407996 or 07342 840194
 Chris on 01925 755559
 Stewart on 07835 249835



High Legh Diary for August/September 2023 All meetings in the Church Room (unless otherwise stated)		
Every Monday	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	We're Hooked
Every Tuesday <i>August—Summer break, restarts September</i>	9.30 am – 12 noon	Little Acorns
Every Wednesday	9.00 am	Prayers
Sunday 6th August		Afternoon teas in the Village Hall supporting Alder Hey
Tuesday 8th August	2.00 pm	Coffee, Create & Chat
Thursday 10th August	7.30 pm	High Legh Community Observatory
Wednesday 16th August	12.30 pm	Community Lunch (Please book with Elaine Jones)
Sunday 20th August	3.00 pm	Harp Haven in St John's Church
Tuesday 5th September	2.30 pm	Mother's Union—annual lunch at The Barn Owl
Saturday 9th September	From 4.00 pm	Family Barbecue In St John's Church car park
Sunday 10th September	1.00 pm—4.00 pm	Repair Café in the Village Hall
Tuesday 12th September	2.00 pm	Coffee, Create & Chat
Thursday 14th September	7.30 pm	High Legh Community Observatory
Wednesday 20th September	12.30 pm	Community Lunch (Please book with Elaine Jones)



What is Eco Church?



Eco Church is a learning community of churches of all types, shapes and sizes.

It provides a framework to support churches to take practical action to care for God's earth.

The scheme equips churches to care for God's creation through their worship, buildings, land, community engagement and individual lifestyles.

The ethos behind Eco Church is underpinned by the National Church's goal to become Carbon Neutral by 2030.

Our church is represented on the local Parish Council Climate and Environment Group. Many exciting projects are in the pipeline all of which are intended to reduce our carbon footprint.

The next event will be a **Repair Cafe on Sunday September 10th which will be held in the village hall from 1pm-4pm** when people can take certain items needing to be repaired rather than having to throw them away. Refreshments will be available.

The High Legh Environment Hub is an online resource free to members of the community which each month offers useful eco friendly tips.

To sign up just send your name and email address to:

HighLegh23EnvironmentalHub@gmail.com

Some eco gardening tips:

making your own compost, avoiding toxic chemicals, creating no mow areas, growing your own fruit and vegetables and using peat free compost.

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*Sunday, 1st October
12.30 for 1.00 pm
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at Mere Community Centre*

*See Nick or Tom, our
church wardens, for more
details and tickets.*



My trip to Switzerland

At the foot of the Matterhorn Mountain in Switzerland lies the town of Zermatt, where an area of the church cemetery has been dedicated to climbers who have lost their lives whilst climbing the forbidding "Matterhorn."



Their gravestones reflect the decades of their intrepid passion for mountaineering. On one hung the climber's boots, on others sculptures of their equipment, the fearless mountain eagle, stone effigies of the climbers, their dates over two centuries and their world-wide nationalities.



The two most poignant to me were the sculpture of the Matterhorn dedicated to "the grave of the unknown climber" and the New-Yorker whose epitaph read ,
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