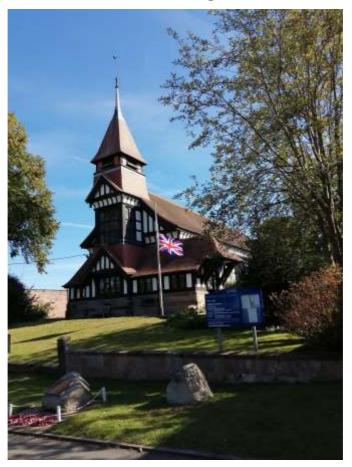
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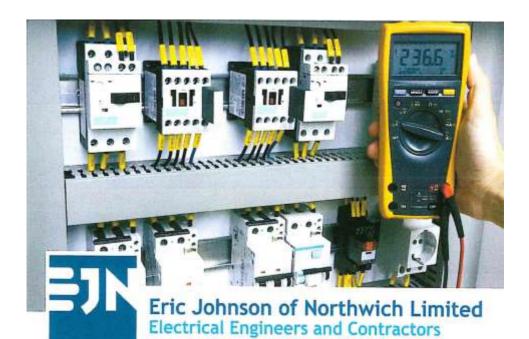
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#### The Death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

What historic events we have lived through in September. The death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has brought a time of thanksgiving for her incredible life of duty and service. It has also meant a time of reflection and sadness.

At St. John's the flag has been flown at half-mast for the period of mourning and the church was open to give members of our community an opportunity to take time to reflect and to sign the book of condolence.

On Sunday 18th September, the day before the State Funeral, there was a service of Holy Communion during the period of mourning for the Queen. The service, attended by many of the Parish Council, contained appropriate readings and prayers for the Queen, the Royal Family in their time of grief and prayers for King Charles III. The service was led by the Revd Jane Parry who gave the following sermon.

'Evening will come, however determined the late afternoon' ...so begins the Poet Laureate Simon Armitage 's tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second...

These few words reflect the certainty that we are ever moving forward, not able to cling to the

past, nor to hold on to the present moment, there is only the future, and what is to come, will indeed come.

We knew for some time that Her Majesty was ill and was declining in health and knew in our heart of hearts that she would probably not have long for this world. Indeed, since the death of her beloved husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, the duties of state seemed to have weighed very heavily on her well-being. So though being immensely sad, we were not perhaps totally surprised at her passing.

Sudden unexpected deaths leave us confused and bewildered, but even those deaths that are nearing inevitability still leave us feeling deeply and profoundly bereft. Nothing can really prepare us for living in a world without the one we loved, the one we cared for and about, the one we respected and admired and them being no longer a part of our lives.

'Grief is the price we pay for love' said Her Majesty, 'Grief is not a disorder, a disease, or a sign of weakness. It is an emotional, physical, and spiritual necessity; the price we pay for love. The only cure for grief is to grieve.'

When I am beside those coming to the end of their life, they will so very often say to me 'I don't want them (*my family*) to be sad, I don't want them to grieve...' But grief isn't about those who have died, it is about *us* the living and



**Book of Condolence** 

how we cope without that person present in our lives. We, the living, have a right and a need to grieve – Jesus showed this at the death of his friend Lazarus (John 11:35) and we can take comfort in knowing the grief of death that is in the heart of our God.

We will all have memories of Her Majesty over many years - some will have had the privilege of meeting her in person, some being at an event in which she was in attendance, we will all have seen her and have memories of seeing her on television and read about her in books and newspapers. These recollections of our own can only scratch at the surface in recalling the spirit in which Her Majesty lived her life... let us take a few moments of silence as we remember in thanksgiving and gratitude for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

God of mercy and all consolation, come close to those who mourn. Comfort them in assurance of love that never dies; bless them in happy memories of the past; give them strength in all that is to come, with trust in the Resurrection that gives them union now and forever with those they have loved, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

#### Revd Jane Parry

#### Prayers included in the Holy Communion Service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, we bless your holy name for all that you have given us in and through the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth.

We give you thanks: for her love of family and her gift of friendship; for her devotion to this nation and the nations of the Commonwealth; for her grace, dignity and courtesy; and for her generosity and love of life.

We praise you for:

the courage that she showed in testing times;

the depth and of her Christian faith:

and the witness she bore to it in word and deed.

We pray for our Sovereign Lord the King and all the Royal Family, that you might reassure them of your continuing love and lift them from the depths of grief into the peace and light of your presence.

### Photo of St John's flag at half mast on front cover



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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!



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#### **COMMUNITY LUNCH**

With Autumn now upon us the menu changes. From Arthur's tasty ham, to equally easy warming soups. Maybe some new recipes as well as trusted favourites. There will still be plenty of mouth watering cakes to tempt us.

As always we will be there on the 3rd Wednesday each month, and look forward to seeing all our old friends and hopefully making some new ones. Friends, neighbours and newcomers are always welcome.

Please book in advance with Elaine 01925 753111 or Arthur 01925 752481.

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

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November Trish & Mary (S)

### Regular happenings in the Church Room



#### **Little Acorns**

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#### Coffee, Chat and Create

We meet at 2pm in the Church Room on the 2nd Tuesday each month. It's lovely to see the different people that come, and to learn different skills if you want to.

We have talented knitters, crocheters, and very clever quilters and patchwork makers in our midst.

Do come and join us. It would be lovely to see you.

#### WE'RE HOOKED

Monday afternoons at 2pm in the Church Room are great fun, lots of laughter and chatter. Some afternoons are more productive than others, as there is often a lot on "undoing" when mistakes have been made!!

At the moment we are busy creating out effort for the Christmas Tree Festival. We know! Nobody wants to think about Christmas yet, but it will be soon upon us. There are lots of other things being created too.

Come and join us. It's great fun really.

For more information contact Liz on 07905 741969



Following a holiday in August and the enjoyable lunch at the Barn Owl, the next meeting will be **on Tuesday 4th October at 2.30pm.** 

We are having a **COFFEE MORNING on SATURDAY 15th OCTOBER 10.30 to 12 noon.** Tea/ Coffee and cake £3.50, with a cake stall and tombola. Fundraising for the Project and Partnership funds in Chester Diocese.

Our Patron of 70 years Queen Elizabeth II passed away on Thursday 8th September 2022. Her reign saw a lady who dedicated her whole life with devotion and love for our Country and Commonwealth giving stability over the years. She continued her duties to the end of her life when meeting with our new Prime Minister just before she passed away.

May our Queen rest in Peace.

A quotation written by T.S Eliot "To make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from", seems appropriate under the circumstances.

May our King, Charles III have a long and glorious reign.

#### **High Legh Diary for October/November** All meeting in the Church Room (unless otherwise stated) **Every Monday** 2.00 pm -We're Hooked 4.00 pm **Every Tuesday** 9.30 am -Little Acorns 12 noon **Every Wednesday** 9.00 am **Prayers** Tuesday 2.30 pm Mothers Union 4th October Tuesday Coffee, Create & Chat 2.00 pm 11th October Thursday 7.30 pm High Legh Community 13th October Observatory Friday 7.00 pm Quiz Night 14th October Coffee Morning Saturday 10.30 -15th October 12 noon Community Lunch (Please book Wednesday 12.30 pm 19th October with Elaine Jones) Tuesday 2.00 pm Coffee, Create & Chat 8th November Thursday High Legh Community 7.30 pm 10th November Observatory Community Lunch (Please book Wednesday 12.30 pm with Elaine Jones) 16th November Saturday Afternoon Tea and Talk 2.00 -

4.00 pm

26th November

# SERVICES AND ROTAS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2022

Date	02/10/2022	09/10/2022	16/10/2022	23/10/2022	30/10/2022
	16th Sunday after	16th Sunday after 17th Sunday after 18th Sunday after Last Sunday	18th Sunday after	Last Sunday	All Saints Day
	Trinity	Trinity	Trinity	after Trinity	
	Harvest Festival				
Service	Holy Communion	Holy Communion   Holy Communion   Holy Communion   Café Church	Holy Communion	Café Church	Holy Communion
Led by	Rev Trish Cope	Rev Jane Parry	Rev Trish Cope	Karen & Tom	Rev Jane Parry
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Bible Readings Psalm 137	Psalm 137	Psalm 66 vv 1-11	Psalm 66 vv 1-11   Psalm 119 vv 97-   Psalm 65	Psalm 65	Psalm 149
	2 Timothy 1 w 1-	2 Timothy 1 w 1- 2 Timothy 2 vv 8-	104	2 Timothy 4 vv	2 Timothy 4 vv Ephesians 1 vv 11-
	14	15	2 Timothy 3 v 14	6-8, 16-18	end
	Luke 17 vv 5-10	Luke 17 w 11-19 to 4 v 5	to 4 v 5	Luke 18 vv 9-	Luke 6 vv 20-31
			Luke 18 vv 1-8	14	
Reader	Karen Drury	Mary Cockayne	Tom Druny	n/a	Liz Whimpanny
Intercessions	Chris Stanisstreet Karen Drury	Karen Drury	Mary Cockayne	n/a	Stewart Jackson
Sides-person	Brian Green	Leslie Walton	Marilyn Ridler	n/a	Leslie Walton

Date	06/11/2022	13/11/2022	20/11/2022	27/11/2022
	3rd Sunday	2nd Sunday	Sunday next	1st Sunday of
	before Advent	before Advent	before Advent	Advent
		Remembrance	Christ the King	
		Sunday		
Service	Holy Communion	Holy Communion   Morning Worship   Holy Communion   Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
Led by	Rev Trish Cope	Chris Stanisstreet   Rev Jane Parry		Rev Jane Parry
<b>Bible Readings</b>	Psalm 17 vv 1-9	Psalm 98	Psalm 46	tba
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	w 1-5, 13-end	w 6-13	11-20	
	Luke 20 vv 27-38 Luke 21 vv 5-19		Luke 23 vv 33-43	
Reader				Tom Druny
	Stewart Jackson Elaine Jones	Elaine Jones	Brian Green	
Intercessions	Liz Whimpanny	Chris Stanisstreet   Karen Drury	Karen Drury	Stewart Jackson
Sides-person	Arthur Wardell	Brian Green	Arthur Wardell	Leslie Walton

### Safeguarding St John's Church



Hello my name is Liz Whimpanny married to Nick and we have been attending St John's church for several years now. One of my roles at St John's is that of The Parish Safeguarding officer or PSO for short.

I am responsible for any concerns or issues related to anything that you may feel is a safeguarding matter or could lead to a safeguarding incident.

What are safeguarding matters? Most people think of children when you mention safeguarding, but it can affect any age throughout life from young to old.

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The Diocese of Chester takes its responsibilities for safeguarding very seriously. The lead bishop for safeguarding in the Diocese of Chester is Julie Conalty, the Bishop of Birkenhead. If you need to speak to someone about a safeguarding issue or concern you should contact me either by phone 07905741969 or by email Elizabeth.w1923@icloud.com

I will listen to you in confidence and then take the information to the relevant person at the Diocese.

I hope, if anyone has any concerns, that they feel that they know who to speak to. I can assure you anything you say will only be shared with the relevant person in the Diocese and will otherwise be held in the <u>strictest</u> confidence.

Remember no niggle is too small or irrelevant. Don't just let it go. Sometimes it helps to talk & take away thoughts that may have been causing you some anxieties.

Liz Whimpanny



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### **CAFÉ CHURCH**

On Sunday 28th August Liz and Nick led our Cafe Church service. Along with the renowned bacon barms, tea & coffee they gave a talk along with 3 hymns and several prayers.

The subject that they chose to talk about was an area of islands known as Melanesia and how the area is being affected by climate change. Melanesia has links to Chester diocese.

Melanesia is in the South Pacific and is made up of hundreds of islands, with nine islands being the most populated.



Whilst Melanesia is developing in terms of education, infrastructure, and communications most of the islanders still rely on a subsistence lifestyle.

Honiara, the capital, has a population of one thousand and is reached via a four-hour flight from Brisbane or Auckland.

We watched a short film about the impact that developed countries are having on small islands such as Melanesia. We listened to a visitor to the island speak about how originally there were 50 houses and on his last visit there were only 2 houses left. The cruel reality of the film we watched was that the Speaker's grandmother's grave, which he had come to visit, was now out at sea and unable to be found, due to rising water levels.

This brought home to us all the harsh reality of climate change and how it is indiscriminate and it did for many in the church room, generating lots of conversation.

It made us all think about climate change; seeing these people having to leave an island where they had lived all their lives, brought it home to us all at Cafe Church, the harsh reality of the 'modern society' we live in and its impact on people with a very different way of life.

We read some bible readings that related to climate change & reasons to **care for creation**: **faith in action**.

#### 1. Respect for the creator

Genesis 1 says that God created the earth, plants, animals and humans, and saw that they were good. God created a good creation. It is right to respect it.

### 2. God cares about creation

In psalm 50.10-11, God declares: For every animal of the forest is mine, And the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird in the mountains, And the insects in the fields are mine. God knows and cares about every bird, insect and animal. God cares deeply about reaction. We are created in God's likeness. Following God means caring about creation.

### 3. Failing to care for creation has devastating consequences

The impacts of global warming are such that I have no hesitation in describing it as a 'weapon of mass destruction'. Like terrorism, this weapon knows no boundaries. It can strike anywhere, in any form – a heatwave in one place, a drought or a flood or a storm surge in another. Nor is this just a problem for the future... Global warming is already upon us.

### 4. <u>Love for neighbours and</u> future generations

Worldwide climate change is causing an increase in flooding, droughts, food insecurity, health problems and many other crises. The World Health organisations (WHO) states that at least 250,000 people are likely to die every year between 2030 and 2050 as a result of health problems caused by climate change (malnutrition, malaria, diarrhoea and heat stress), before adding in all deaths due to floods and other natural disasters.

The apostle Paul urged us to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1). Making in sacrificial choices to help limit od climate change shows love for other people, including those who will come after us.

#### 5. Justice

The Old Testament mentions justice and related words over 900 times. It means looking after people who have little power. The **ecological** crisis is severely unjust. Our grandchildren will pay for the damage we have done. Even now, countries which have caused the least climate change are often the worst affected.

#### 6. An act of witness

A disciple follows Jesus and learns from him. Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven' (Matthew 5:16)
Protecting the **environment** is an act of witness, demonstrating our faith through action. We can seek opportunities to tell people why we care about creation, as we share our faith.

7. Working in unity

Psalm 133 speaks of the blessing which comes from being in unity. Many Christian denominations have taken a stand on caring for the **environment**. Christians from different churches and denominations are working together for **climate justice**. Working together in unity is an act of witness.

The following hymns were sung: For the Beauty of the Earth, I, The Lord of Sea and Sky and All Creatures of our God and King. Everyone joined in. It was good to hear such rousing voices, along with a couple of prayers relating to climate change & creation.

For anyone that's unsure of Café Church and hasn't been before it's a meeting of people from all walks of life in the community that come together for a different style of 'church'. It is very informal with time to have breakfast & chat to people around you. If the idea of a formal church service is not for you, why not come along and join us every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 10am.

And for everyone else that's already attending thank you for coming along to Café Church.

We hope you've enjoyed reading about last month's Café Church.

Liz & Nick Whimpanny on behalf of the Café Church team.

### St John's Church, High Legh



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Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Second Sunday of Advent, Holy Communion
	4pm	Advent Carols to end the Christmas Tree Festival
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> December	7pm	Dedication of the newly sewn Christmas Banners by the Archdeacon, Ian Bishop
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Third Sunday of Advent, Holy Communion
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Fourth Sunday of Advent, Holy Communion
Christmas Eve	4pm	Christingle & Crib Service
	6.30pm	Nine Lessons & Carols
Christmas Day	10am	Holy Communion





We're delighted that our Christmas Tree Festival will return after an absence of 3 years! Come and see the wonderful trees created and decorated by the many different organisations of our community.

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