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“Thank you”

During the month of January as I, along with Philip and Patricia approached our retirement, I received so many cards, gifts and good wishes from everyone. It was also marked by several wonderful events including lunches and concluding with our Choral Evensong for Candlemas at St Mary’s. January was an amazing month and I am grateful to you all for making it so delightful.

Serving alongside Philip and Patricia across the three parishes with its four churches has been a privilege and a pleasure. The last two years have brought significant challenges but throughout this time we have felt the appreciation and support of our congregations as we sought to find new ways of worshipping together, caring for each other pastorally and ways to move back safely to worship in our churches through the various stages Covid 19 restrictions.

As the parishes move into a new era, I hope and pray that they will soon find new incumbents and continue to grow in love for our Lord and each other. I hope to see many of you during the next few months as I provide cover for some services during the vacancy.

Once again, Many thanks for all your gifts, cards and good wishes.

Trish

Thank You

We have been quite overwhelmed by the number of cards, good wishes and generous gifts we have received from so many people on our retirement. We are very grateful to you all for your kindness and for the special occasions held to say farewell.

Although we have lived and worked among you for just over 12 years, it suddenly feels a much shorter time and, of course, we are sad to leave.

Work is progressing on our house and Philip is very much enjoying having a project to keep him busy.

With our very best wishes for the future.

Philip and Patricia

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St John's Church Ministry Report February 2022

Services

We aim to offer **two services of Holy Communion each month, one of Morning Worship and a two hour session of Cafe Church**, on the fourth Sunday. At the service of **Morning Worship on the first Sunday in February** we joyfully commemorated the Accession of Queen Elizabeth 70 years ago. This was followed by a special Union Jack cake made by Elaine and a glass of wine or “cuppa” to toast her majesty. The second and third Sundays were services of **Holy Communion** and the fourth Sunday was our relaunch of **Cafe Church**, enjoyed by all who attended. There were even seconds of “bacon baps” for some.

A service of **Evening Worship** was held each **Thursday evening at 7pm**. These telephone services are interactive with the congregation leading on different aspects of the worship. This service has been particularly valued by members of our church family who are not able to get to church at present and also for people who live alone. **All are welcome.**

Celtic Morning Prayer took place each Wednesday morning at 9am in the church room.

Outreach

1. The prayer chain

We have a prayer chain of sixteen volunteers from five different churches. During February we responded in prayer to requests for both physical and mental healing and for bereavement. To make a prayer request see below. We use only someone's Christian name and as a group have agreed to keep requests confidential. Contact Chris at: **stanbess2003@yahoo.co.uk** or **phone 07918 981723** to make a request.

2. The Hope Centre in Partington

Chris and Trish visited the Centre on February 23rd and met Phil Savage our church link person for an update about the work of the Centre. It is a wonderful Christian Centre that opened in June 2021, offering donated food, clothes (mainly school uniform), toiletries, advice and a listening ear, to some of the most needy people of

Partington. Plans are in place to extend their clothing section.

Four hundred and fifty people are currently registered with the Centre, and by using vouchers can collect the items they need each week. We delivered a car full of groceries donated by our church, for which the Centre was very grateful. Our

collections will continue with an added focus for Easter. I said that I would set our church a target to donate four hundred Easter eggs, to be delivered by Palm Sunday, in readiness for distribution. **So, watch this space!**



Spiritual growth

“Living in Love and Faith”

This five week course open to everyone began on Wednesday February 15th and was led by Nick and Liz. It covers Christian teaching and learning about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. Its aims are to think more deeply about what it means to be human and about how to live in love and faith.

Compiled by Chris - Reader



<http://www.highlegh-communityobservatory.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/highleghlco/>

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!

Sunday Services at 10.00 am

3rd April, Passion Sunday Holy Communion
10th April, Palm Sunday Holy Communion
14th April, Maunday Thursday,
7.30pm: Holy Communion
15th April, Good Friday, 2pm
17th April, Easter Sunday, Holy Communion
Sunday 24th April,
10.00am Cafe Church in the Church Room

Sunday 1st May Holy Communion
Sunday 8th May Holy Communion
Sunday 15th May Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd May Cafe Church
Sunday 29th May Family/Songs of Praise

High Legh Diary for April / May 2022

All meeting in the Church Rooms (unless otherwise stated)

Every Monday	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	We're Hooked
Every Tuesday	9.30 am – 12 noon	Little Acorns
Every Wednesday	9.00 am	Prayers
Tuesday 5th April	2.30 pm	Mother's Union
Tuesday 12th April	2.00 pm	Coffee, Create & Chat
Thursday 14th April	7.30 pm	High Legh Community Observatory
Wednesday 20th April	12.30 pm	Community Lunch (Please book with Elaine Jones)
Tuesday 3rd May	2.30 pm	Mother's Union
Tuesday 10th May	2.00 pm	Coffee, Create & Chat
Thursday 12th May	7.30 pm	High Legh Community Observatory
Saturday 14th May	5.00 pm	Beer, Bangers & Bonfire
Wednesday 18th May	12.30 pm	Community Lunch (Please book with Elaine Jones)
Sunday 22nd May	1.00 pm	Village Hall Teas in the Church Rooms
Saturday 28th May	6.00 pm	Quiz plus meal

Afternoon Tea

On Saturday 5th March 2022 St Johns hosted one of its long awaited afternoon teas.

There was a lot of interest in the event as we had Irene Thomson from Lowton Hedgehog Rescue come at long last to speak to us about her work rescuing and caring for hedgehogs. She was booked in for March 2020, then lockdown prevented it from happening.

Over the last 2 years I have kept in touch with her, and then the date was finally booked in.

Irene talked about her selfless devotion to the care of hedgehogs, sometimes needing 2 hourly care and feeding, her various areas within her garden, where she cares for them and sometimes hoglets, hedgehog babies, are kept in her bedroom so she can keep a watchful eye on them.

She talked about how we, as gardeners, should think about our garden husbandry, making sure there are holes in fences to allow them to wander, taking extra care when spreading a compost heap and checking under bonfires before lighting. If you have ever wondered what to feed them, they are partial to cat food but definitely not bread and milk! In the wild their staple diet is worms, bugs, insects and young mice

The afternoon tea was as usual a delight and for what St Johns is renowned, with sandwiches and cakes in abundance, washed down with prosecco or elderflower presse, teas and coffee.

We had a raffle, as always, which helped raise much needed funds for the church.

There was a donation pot passed round that raised £144 for the rescue which Irene was more than delighted with, she also received a tub of spring flowering plants as a thank you.

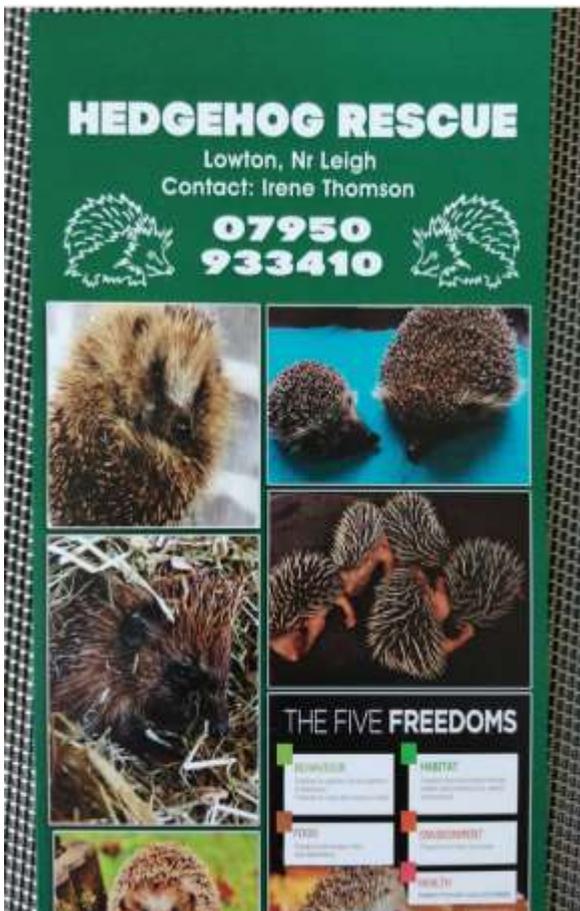
All in all it was a successful event, bringing the community together, for an enjoyable afternoon.

Elaine, Marilyn and myself once again did the catering. Margaret Green made the flower centre pieces on the tables and the shortbread and Crid for the Scones. A big thanks to everyone.

We have a number of varied events planned through the year and I hope you will all continue to support us and also let us know what else we should consider.

Follow us on FB St Johns High Legh or our website.

Liz Whimpany



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Banger's and Beer BBQ



The return of our Banger's and Beer BBQ. Saturday May 14th at 5.00 pm. Tickets are £9.00 for adults and £2.00 for children and can be booked from Nick Whimpany on 07554 343133 or Elaine Jones on 01925 753111. *We are also hoping to do a Family BBQ on the afternoon of 4th June at 2pm with plenty for children to do. Tickets will be £9.00 for adults and £2.00 for children.*

High Legh Prayers

Every Wednesday morning 9-10am in the Church Hall

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.



Community Lunch As usual this is on the 3rd Wednesday each month. Numbers are slowly getting back to normal levels, as peoples confidence increases. It is always very enjoyable, as can be seen by the level of chatting and laughter!! April brings **the change from soup lunches to the summer ones of Arthur's** delicious ham and salads, still served with copious amounts of cake, coffee and tea. It is open to anybody in the community and their friends, but we ask you to book in in advance for catering reasons, either with Elaine on 01925 753111 or Arthur on 01925 752481. Come and join us. You will be made very welcome.

Village Hall Teas on Sundays 1.00—4.30 pm

As Village Hall Teas return, St. John's Church will host them

on 22nd May, The Alder Hey Charity Tea **on 3rd July, and the Children's Ministry Tea**

on 21st August. Any help with the making of sandwiches, baking, serving teas, and the setting up of the tables and chairs,



both before and after the teas, would be greatly appreciated. It will be a big learning curve for everyone after the past two years, but it will be good to see, hopefully, the return of all the regular faces we have all missed, and to welcome all the newcomers. Let us hope for bright, sunny days for the return of the High Legh Teas.

Sunday Services at 10 am

Everyone is welcome

St Johns is very much still open & growing in

Faith & community involvement.

[Holy Communion 10am 2nd & 3rd Sundays](#)

Morning prayer 1st Sunday 10am

CAFÉ CHURCH 4TH SUNDAY chat & bacon barm
10am

TELEPHONE SERVICE THURSDAY 7PM

Crochet group every Monday 2-4pm

Little Acorns every Tuesday 9.30-11.30

Celtic prayers every Wednesday 9 am

Community Lunch every 3rd Wednesday 12.30

Coffee chat & create 2nd Tuesday 2-4pm

Mothers' union 1st Tuesday 2-4pm

Follow us on [FB STJOHN'S HIGH LEGH](#) & our
website



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 or visit and take communion to individuals.

Please contact:

Chris on 01925 755559 or

Stuart on 07835 249835

Regular happenings in the Church Rooms

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.

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We're Hooked

We are still meeting every Monday afternoon at 2pm with numbers growing. Confidence is beginning to grow too. **There are various items being created and it's interesting to see the finished items.** Nicola provides teaching and encouragement to all who come, whether they are raw beginners or beginning to understand what it's all about! Everyone is welcome to join us, and enjoy a relaxing, friendly afternoon.

Come and meet people and learn or improve your crochet.
Contact Liz to ask for more details 07905 741969

Coffee, Chat and Create

We meet on the second Tuesday each month at 2pm. It is a small group but we hope that more people will join us as confidence in life **returning to "normal" grows.** People bring all sorts of projects, which are always interesting to see, or you can just come for the Coffee and Chat. You will always be made very welcome. Hopefully we will get the Jigsaw table back in action too. We pay 2.00 to cover refreshments and heating the church room. Do come and join us.

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

7.00pm on THURSDAY evenings
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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.

Rotas

Sidespersons

3rd April	Nick
10th April	Arthur
17th April	Marilyn
24th April	Café Church
1st May	Les
8th May	Arthur
15th May	Brian
22nd May	Cafe Church
29th May	Nick

Cleaning

April	Elaine & Pauline
May	Trish & Mary (S)

The AGM on 1st February was well attended and Mari lyn Ridler was enrolled as a new member, with our thanks to Revd. Trish who took the service.

£200 has been sent to the "Make a Mothers' Day" fund. Following business we all enjoyed a game of Bingo at the meeting on 1st March.

On Tuesday 5th April we'll be celebrating **100 years as a branch** and also the **Queen's (our patron) Platinum Jubilee**.

The meeting in May will be on Tuesday 3rd May.



QUIZ NIGHT

6.30 pm

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