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| July | 22 | Trevor Starling Worship Team Circuit Service Lanesfield MC | 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm |
| | 29 | Rev Andrew Roberts Rev Andrew Roberts Holy Communion Phill Bridgwater | 9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm |
| | 31 | Summer Holiday Camp | 10.00am |
| Aug | 1 2 | Summer Holiday Camp Summer Holiday Camp | 10.00am 10.00am |
| | 31 | Circuit Welcome Event Fallings Park MC | 7.00pm |

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MESSAGE FROM THE MANSE

Acts 2: 42-47

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

What a vision of church life this is! A place of radical hospitality, inclusion, miracles, energy, debate, discussion and passionate worship! And the result – a vibrant community to which others wanted to join, and become infected by. What a place to think and imagine could be our reality here in our (now endlessly green) part of South Staffordshire.

Over the next few months there will be a number of opportunities to engage with these dimensions of being a church together – including bible studies, sermon series and different ways of worshipping together, led by Rev. Andrew Roberts, as he ministers amongst us for a couple of days a week.

Church is not always like this initial vision of community. Church can be a place where people feel judged; where children running around are stared at rather than cheered on; a place where those who are less mobile feel conspicuous in their right for dignity and independence; a place where gossip and straight talking seeks to hold onto power and to undermine initiative; a place where expectations are high, but where volunteer energy is low; a place where arguments are never brought to forgiveness; a place where we meet our friends rather than be open-hearted to those who don't yet know Jesus.

Pentecost reminds us that this is not the end of the story. That there is a redemptive and sacrificial power that fuels the whole of God's story – and that with the Spirit in our midst, then all things are possible. The Spirit of God is bringing into life communities and churches where people like each other. Where their behaviour is marked by grace and acceptance, love, creativity, innovation, dignity, freedom, powerlessness and healing. A place where all people have a part to play. Now that's a church of which I'd love to be a part – for myself and for the countless thousands of people in Codsall who need to know something of this Good News for themselves.

As my parental leave beckons us as a family into a new way of being, our hope and prayer is that we are able to continue to work out what it means for us to be a family community marked out by those values of grace, love, acceptance, creativity, innovation, dignity, freedom, healing and Good News. My parting prayer for this pause in my worship with you all is that you, too, begin to take up the renewed challenge of working out the benefit and cost of this for us as a Chapel.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Meetings on Mondays - 2.00pm for 2.15pm

- July 2 Members' Day and Raffle
- 9 Holy Communion
- 16 Summer Tea
- Aug No Meetings
- Sept tbc

TUESDAY CLUB

Meetings on alternate Tuesdays - 8.00pm

- July 10 Summer Outing
- Aug No Meetings
- Sept 4 Garth - Gideons' Work and Changes
- 18 Neil Maddox - Supermarket Management

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Meetings on alternate Tuesdays - 8.00pm

- Aug No Meetings
- Sept 11 tbc
- 25 tbc

LIFEGROUPS

Meetings on alternate Wednesdays - normally

- July 11 Joint Groups - evening meal
- Aug 8 Joint Groups - lunch
- Sept 5 Joint Groups - creative evening with Pearl
- 19 Individual Groups: Series tbc - session 1

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| July | 1 | Rosie Bryant Dr Janet Anderson Worship Team | 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm |
| July | 8 | Worship Leaders in training Phill Bridgwater Rev Andrew Roberts | 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm |
| July | 15 | Allan Christie David Gee Wendy Gould | 9.30am 11.00am 6.00pm |

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our Women's Fellowship has been meeting at Trinity since 1920. At one time there were 100+ names on the register. Unfortunately those days are long gone as we live in an ever-changing world.

We meet weekly on Mondays, with a packed programme of events. This year's programme has included speakers sharing their faith, their interests, passions and holidays, together with devotionals, communion, flower-arranging, craft-making, entertainment, talks from our minister, lunches, meals out, and monthly members' days. Each week includes hymns and prayers to start us off.

We cordially invite new members from Codsall, Brewood and Coven churches to join us. Transport is available (via South Staffs Village Transport), and pick up points in Codsall, Brewood and Coven can be arranged.

We will be planning some special events to celebrate our centenary in 2020, and would dearly love to have you join us to help us celebrate.

Please, ladies at Codsall, Brewood and Coven, come and give us your support on a Monday afternoon at 2.15pm - (there will be a break after 16 July until we restart in September)

Further information can be obtained from:

Sue

and any of our members, including

Olwyn (transport)

and Avis

In a now infamous sermon, Bishop Michael Curry asked his two billion listeners around the world to think and imagine a place, a church, God's kingdom perhaps:

"The way of unselfish, sacrificial, redemptive love changes lives. And it can change this world. If you don't believe me, just stop and think and imagine. Think and imagine, well? Think and imagine a world where love is the way. Imagine our homes and families when love is the way. Imagine neighbourhoods and communities where love is the way. Imagine governments and nations where love is the way. Imagine business and commerce when love is the way. Imagine this tired old world when love is the way.

When love is the way -- unselfish, sacrificial, redemptive, when love is the way. Then no child would go to bed hungry in this world ever again. When love is the way. We will let justice roll down like a mighty stream and righteousness like an ever-flowing brook. When love is the way poverty will become history. When love is the way the earth will become a sanctuary. When love is the way we will lay down our swords and shields by the riverside to study war no more. When love is the way there's plenty good room, plenty good room for all of God's children."

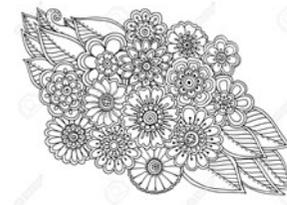
May love get in our way.

May we say sorry more times than we get cross with each other.

May we lay down our swords and shields, and risk letting go of our power a little bit.

And may we become a place where love gets in our way.

Yours in Christ - Joanne



PRAYERS

Please pray for those who are housebound or in residential care, including:

Marjorie: June: Clara: Daphne: Pat: Frances: Marjorie: Pat:
Vera: Joyce: Pat: Eileen: Jean

Please pray for those who are not well, and their carers, including:

David: Marion: John: Pam: Olive: Joyce: Ewan: Dorothy: Judy

Please pray for those who have lost a loved one recently, including

The family and friends of Charles
The family and friends of Chris

THANK YOU

Olive

I would just like to thank the ladies and the two gentlemen who kindly brought me flowers after my stay in hospital. Also, the prayers and phone calls were very much appreciated. God bless.

Judy

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, love, support and cards that I have received regarding my recent operation, and stay in hospital. I have been completely overwhelmed by such kindness. I am glad to say that I am now home and recuperating slowly.

People's needs vary; we have some complete beginners, some terrified, and some who have more knowledge and confidence. People come with laptops, ipads, tablets and phones. With a regular team of five very competent volunteers helping our paid leader deliver the sessions, we give 1:1 support as needed, with helpers getting to know the individual needs of all of our members. We also have a volunteer providing refreshments, and a group member who donates a range of home-made cakes each week, which are always extremely popular – especially her Eccles cakes!

Many have now moved on, feeling much more confident in what they can do, and we can always accommodate new members. If you can't make it on Wednesdays, please still let me know, as I have a list of "interested" people and it all helps to show the need when applying for funds. Also we can let you know if we put on an extra session or have to change the current one.

EVERY WEDNESDAY: 3.30pm - 5.30pm
meet in the Coffee Bar
£2.00 includes refreshments
We look forward to seeing you! Sue

Newport Male Voice Choir, Shropshire, and The Codsall Singers

Saturday 13 October 2018 - 7.30pm
Trinity Methodist Church

A varied programme of entertainment is assured from musicals, songs through the decades and gospels. In addition, they will be welcoming 12 year old, Holly Beason, an aspiring singer, who will be performing solos.

For further information, contact Jan or Eileen, both members of Codsall Singers and of Trinity. Tickets available from September, and proceeds in aid of Church funds.

where we are free to worship God, experiment in noticing the work of the Holy Spirit, pray with each other, and find ways to be resourced together for the coming week

These are exciting times, and we are all learning together in our ability to take risks and to be courageous. Some of these ideas will work, some will need tweaking. All of these come with an invitation to join in, to participate together and to be challenged in the way that we worship together as family.

FLOWER ROTA

Flowers for July - September will be donated by the following people



July

Keith & Mavis
Steve & Sue

August

Pat
Dorothy

September

Arthur
Joanne
Val

Pat
Ann

Iris
Jean

David
Marjorie

CALLING ALL (WOULD BE) SENIOR SURFERS:

Our successful **COMPUTERS, CAKE AND COMPANY** group has now been running for over 18 months. Over 50 people have come through our doors, and with our unique Drop-In arrangement, we have a very flexible and informal way of working with people.

Joyce

I would like to thank everyone who said prayers, sent cards and flowers during my recent illness. They really lifted me up and made me realise how much the church (all of you and my faith) meant to me and helped me to recover from the operation. Thanks to my wonderful daughter's surgeon and nurses I am now on the road to recovery and have been given the 'all clear'.

God bless you - With love

Lisa, Nick, Thomas and Christopher

We would like to thank everyone who joined us on Sunday 6 May for the celebration of Christopher's Baptism.

We all had an enjoyable day, and as a family we were blessed with family, friends, and our Church family being there at the baptism to support us.

We would like to thank Rev Dr Joanne Cox-Darling for a lovely service, which all our friends and family enjoyed; to One Voice for singing; and for the prayers that were written for Christopher for his journey in his Christian life.

Thank you all for being part of our day, and we, with the monetary gifts, have purchased 'must have gifts' from World Vision.

Thank you again.

Howard Obituary

Please find below the link to an obituary for Howard, which was put into The Guardian by his wife, Naomi. Some people at Trinity will remember Howard, and the church was represented at the Thanksgiving Service by Peter and Janet, Jean and Avis Gary and Caroline were also present.

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2018/may/28/howard-hutchings-obituary>

Royal Wedding

With bunting flapping, balloons jingling, mocktails juggled, social justice and mental health squarely on the agenda, and the Royal Wedding screened in Church and in the Hall – 19 May was a day to remember!

The Church hosted displays of wedding dresses and photo albums.

The Hall became a child-friendly fiesta of crafts and interactive wedding-related celebrations.

And the cupcakes towered high.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the event a success.

With a generous grant anticipated from the District, this community event has just about broken even financially. In terms of our impact, we hosted people from around Codsall and the wider Methodist District. We worked ecumenically (on a day when there were several other competing non-wedding alternatives).

Most importantly, we joined in with a global party - initial official figures suggesting over 2 billion people watched the wedding.

will be ideas and activities within them for children, carers – and an open invitation for anyone at Mosaic to support families in their learning and discipleship together. If you would like to financially contribute to the ongoing cost of provision of these, please see Emily in the first instance.

This means that the boxes of toys and books will be sorted and developed into a more meaningful and spiritual space for children and families to worship together. They will be near the front, so that they can participate in sung worship, and there will be space for anyone to wriggle and fidget around. These might not always be completely tidy for the 11am service – but perhaps we shouldn't always expect worship to be neat?

This means that all of our morning congregations will be invited to journey towards being a welcoming place for wriggly humans. Not all of our services have children present. But those that do – the children are there to worship and to enable our spiritual growth as well as their own. We are not always going to get this right – but our aim is to be family for our families. We want to be a place which welcomes young families just as they are. If someone is wriggly around you – please get involved and join in the activities, rather than stare and scare our parents into not wanting to participate in worship. Let's take the anxiety out of worship and think and imagine the kingdom of God which invites all ages to learn and worship together.

Praise party – every month, there will be a 'local arrangement' on the plan, which is an opportunity for a less formal act of worship. (It needs a much zippier title!) This will include more worship led by One Voice, and the possibility of more contributions and stories from within our community. Our hope is that this becomes a place



As part of the ongoing work of the Away Day strategy, the Mosaic Development Group have begun to experiment with a few changes to the format. Mosaic's intention is to provide a place for creative and informal worship and discussion, with the aim of enabling people of no or nominal religious affiliation to get to know Jesus.

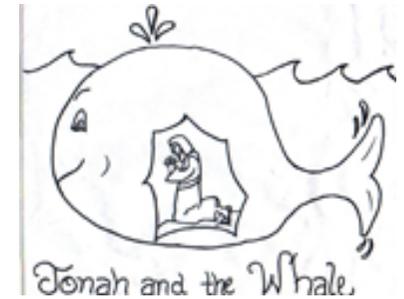
Some of the changes and experiments that you may notice over the coming months include:

August theme – 'Easy like a Sunday Morning' – a more informal setting for the Summer months, where our training Worship Leaders will be able to lead the services. Expect this to be creative, chilled out – and probably served with coffee!

Family worship area – One of the key provisions for Mosaic is enabling our families to worship together, inter-generationally. The most recent research into family faith formation suggests that enabling people to worship together has a more long-term, lasting benefit to faith formation of children and adults, than segregated learning. Our gift is that we have a number of families with young children; and these children are showing us how to worship and respond to God (often despite the mutterings of those of us who have been brought up to expect children to be seen and not heard). In order to resource families to worship together in Mosaic; to help Mosaic members to be the Village who Raise a Child; and to enable discipleship practices outside of a Sunday morning – we will intentionally be providing space and activities to support the theme of the service.

This means that the worship sacks which are provided for Baptism services will be available every week, and that there baptism services will be available every week, and that there

NEWS FROM OUR FAMILIES AND YOUTH WORKER



Our next **Messy Church** is going to be held at Trinity
Saturday 30 June from 10.00am - 12.00noon
Come along and learn about the story of
Jonah and the Whale
through crafts, games, cooking, songs etc!
Free fun for the whole family.

If you can volunteer in any way, please contact Emily

Summer Holiday Club

We are planning on having a summer holiday club at Trinity

Tuesday 31 July
Wednesday 1 & Thursday 2 August
10.00am - 2.00pm

This will be open to all children aged between 5-11years. The theme for the holiday club will be **'the parable of the talents'**

We will be organising this in partnership with St Nicholas Church. If you can help in any way with refreshments, crafts, registration etc, please contact Emily

Every Link there will be information about different Christian organisations



Open Doors

60 years of serving persecuted Christians

Open Doors supports persecuted Christians with Bibles, Christian materials, training, livelihood skills, advocacy - and in a whole host of other ways - so that they know they are not forgotten and can stand strong to serve their communities. So that they can give life.

The organisation also seeks to mobilise the church in the UK and Ireland, not only to serve Christians living under religious persecution, but also to learn from them what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

Open Doors originated over sixty years ago, in 1955, when a young Dutchman started smuggling Bibles to the persecuted church in Communist Europe. He became known as Brother Andrew, and his work led to sixty years of support for the persecuted church

The Open Doors World Watch List is an in-depth record of the 50 countries where it is most difficult to live as a Christian. These are the places where followers of Christ must keep their beliefs hidden, and where living the gospel means facing beatings, imprisonment, discrimination and abuse.

For the fifth year in a row, the level of overall persecution has risen. North Korea remains number one on the list – but only just. Afghanistan is only one point below it. India – the world's largest democracy – has risen to its highest ever position of 11,

Hillsong wins first Grammy

Hillsong Worship has been awarded a Grammy in the Best Contemporary Christian Music Performance/Song category for Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood's song

'What a beautiful name'

Accepting the award at the event at Madison Square

Gardens in New York, Fielding thanked his family and God. He added *'No matter how far or how close you feel to God, no matter how great the distance, his love is greater, his name is more powerful, more wonderful, more beautiful than any other.*

May this song glorify the name above every other name, the name of Jesus'

(Premier's **'Christianity'** magazine)

Train to be named after John Wesley

A new train on the Great Western Railway is to be named after John Wesley. The announcement comes following a competition to find the '100 Greatest Westerners of all Time', by the Bristol Post and the Great Western Railway.

David Worthington, manager of The New Room, Bristol, suggested 'Wesley'.

(Premier's **'Christianity'** magazine)

The Bill

Some years ago, an artist was commissioned to restore a mural in a Yorkshire Church. He did the work and submitted a bill, but the authorities refused to pay until they had specific details of the work done, so another bill was submitted, and this is how it read

- (i) **Washing High Priest's Servants**
10 shillings and sixpence
- (ii) **Cleaning out St. David's ears**
2 shillings
- (iii) **Polishing up Pontius Pilate and putting new ribbons in his hat**
8 shillings
- (iv) **Renewing Heaven, adjusting the stars and cleaning the moon**
7 shillings
- (v) **Brightening up the flames of hell, putting a new tail on the devil and doing odd jobs for the damned**
£1.11shillings and one penny
- (vi) **Touching up purgatory and restoring four lost souls**
7 shillings
- (vii) **Improving appearance of Pharaoh's daughter**
2 shillings
- (viii) **Mending shirt of Prodigal Son**
2 shillings

The bill was paid without comment.

(Parish Pump)

We have appointed and commissioned a new pastoral care group, and each named visitor has the details of those under their oversight.

The pastoral visitors have agreed that in principle 'regular' pastoral contact will mean: 'some form of one-to-one contact with the named representative from the chapel (email, phone, conversation, coffee – outside of a Sunday service) at least every eight weeks.' This is a new expectation that the pastoral visitors have designed themselves, and will take some time to be put in action.

If you are not a member of the chapel, don't worry! We had to start a system from somewhere – and our membership list was a good place to begin! Our hope is that many of our regular attendees are also part of fellowship groups, and thus your pastoral care will fall within the care already given by your friends alongside you. This is no change to what already happens.

Should you be taken into hospital for any reason, referrals will be made to the hospital chaplaincy department.

In the coming months, the pastoral visitors will be given an identity card, so you know who they are, and visiting cards which they will leave with you when they've seen you. In addition, we are seeking to resource visitors with tools to aid your conversations together. Our hope and prayer is that you find these helpful to you as and when you receive them.

If you have difficulty attending church services, Holy Communion is available in your home if you would like it. Please contact Helen in the office who will then arrange this for you.

Please let your pastoral visitor pray for you and with you, as we journey together in faith.

as Hindu nationalists continue to attack other religious minorities. Islamic extremism continues to strangle the expression of the Christian faith, fuelling persecution in eight out of the top ten countries.

As persecution increases, so do the needs of our brothers and sisters. In over 50 countries around the world, Open Doors' underground networks are providing persecuted believers with Bibles and Christian literature, theological training, emergency relief, livelihood training, trauma care and advocacy support. But none of this work would be possible without the generosity and commitment of our supporters.

Open Doors understands persecution as 'any hostility experienced as a result of one's identification with Christ'

Hostility, of course, takes many forms, from insults and abuse, to discrimination in education and the workplace, to outright violence. Open Doors researchers characterise the different types as 'smash' and 'squeeze'. When it comes to killing off people's faith, we might say it's the difference between being beaten to death and being suffocated.

Christians are 'smashed' through violence or aggression – rapes, kidnappings, forcible evictions, killings and church burnings. This kind of persecution is most visible to the outside world.

But the majority of persecuted Christians are being 'squeezed' to death. They live in societies where everything is against them: – the law, the government, the media, even their own families.

To learn more about 'Open Doors' -
<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/>

Prayer book



Praying for people is a crucial part of our worship, and is a vital work of our community life together. Over the last few years, the prayer book has been one way of recognising the vast need within our community, and offers us space to place into God's hands people that we love and care about.

In the next few months, we are going to experiment with a slightly different way of engaging with how we record the people we are praying for as a community. This is largely because of the changes in the way we use people's data – including their names and diagnoses. We are absolutely committed to praying for people in our community and our networks, and we want to be more intentional about the way in which we resource this.

Over the summer, the prayer book itself will be replaced by prayer cards. You are invited to write the names of those you are concerned about on the cards, and to leave them in the basket. The basket will be brought forward in worship in the same way as the book has been. These will then be locked away securely, and will only be used for acts of worship, the flower rota, and for the pastoral care team where appropriate.

In order to meet our obligations about the information we are sharing, and recognising that God knows the situations we are praying into in ways we can only imagine are possible, it would be really helpful if you could help us implement two tweaks to our system.

Firstly – please can you put your name on the card too, so that if there is more information needed, the minister or pastoral care team have a way of following up with you. Secondly, please remember to only put the first name of the person on the prayer

Seen this best-watched film?

If your recent experiences with social media have left your nerves feeling jangled, then leave it alone this coming weekend. Instead, why not try for an up-building exercise which will boost your mood and leave you feeling calm. TRY A FILM! Send for the DVD of the film that the Guinness Book of Records declares as the most watched film – secular or religious – in the whole of history. Forget The Titanic. It is 'The Jesus Film' – watched over 6 billion times and translated into 1,200 languages. Some 200 million people world-wide have declared themselves to have found personal faith and meaning in life, through watching it. Just google www.agape.org.uk

Then share it with friends....

Pastoral Care update

The following excerpts come from the recent letter regarding the changes to our pastoral care systems:

As you are aware, the pastoral oversight group has been working hard on the ongoing developments of pastoral care within our chapel. This introduces a couple of new processes that the pastoral team have developed over the last few months. This has been very much a team effort and approach, and I am grateful for the time and energy that colleagues and volunteers have already put into making sure that this next phase of our life together is marked by being both a caring and a radically hospitable environment for us all.

Hopefully, all members will now have been contacted by their named pastoral visitor. This is the person who will have primary (not sole) responsibility in your pastoral and spiritual care. If this has not happened, please can you let Helen Share know and we will follow this up.



The Lord's Prayer - New Zealand version

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver
Source of all that is and all that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God who is in heaven:

The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by people of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our
hope and come on earth.

With bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever.
May it be so. Amen.

Thirsty Summer Mice For colouring in for ALL ages! *(Parish Pump)*



card, (this point is still under discussion) with very limited details about what is happening. (This means that specific details should not be shared publicly. For example, you could say 'in hospital', but not which ward and the diagnosis)

We take our prayer ministry very seriously, and want to encourage more people to offer prayers and to raise up those about whom they are concerned. This is one way we are seeking to help us be a more transparent and prayerful community, whilst at the same time connecting some of our systems behind the scenes together.

Let us pray!



SPRING HARVEST LOCAL EVENT Thursday 27 September 2018 7.30pm

Trinity is one of 9 different locations across the UK for events which will explore the Spring Harvest 2019 theme on prayer.

Even if you have never attended Spring Harvest, or intend to go to the 2019 event, please do join us on this evening. Speakers from all round the UK, from various denominations who speak at Spring Harvest, will take part in the event.

Tickets from Helen: £8.00 Adult: Concessions £6.00

(Spring Harvest is 40 years old in 2019! Over a million guests have attended Spring Harvest during this time and there are countless stories of people encountering God, being inspired through teaching and worship, and of lives being transformed.

Spring Harvest has given space for people to spend time in God's presence, helped to start several charities, raised millions for Christian causes through the offerings to disperse around the globe, in the hope of enhancing the Kingdom of God, as well as tackling major national subjects)

Volunteering and Vocation

When it comes to thinking and imagining the sort of place that God is calling his Church worldwide to be, the skills and vocations required can seem rather overwhelming. At the same time, as a local church congregation, we are all getting older, and many of us consider that it is either time for others to take over, or that we have passed out best before date.

The consequence of this, however, is that we are being spread more and more thinly in terms of our volunteer hours and thus our capacity to service the ministries towards which we have a legacy. That's before new ideas or leadership creativity call for additional help. Although not a crisis (yet), there are a number of areas in the church's life and ministry where we are substantially under-resourced. We have been proactive in recognising that we do not want to sub-contract our ministries to employees – and our new pastoral care system is an example of where we have been courageous and begun to develop a pastoral community of care from within ourselves.

In order for us to continue our good work and worship, we need more people to volunteer in a range of areas. Some of this will be more ad hoc (we don't expect another royal wedding anytime soon, but there's the Christmas Fayre in the village coming up soon...), but there is also a significant gap in our resourcing of worship and leadership.

- One Voice need more musicians, especially a drummer.
- The organists would like more colleagues to play.
- The stewards critically need more people who are willing to both service our worship, but also to act as the leadership and strategy team of the church.
- The property groups need people who are willing to follow up on the ideas and plans for medium term refurbishment of our building.
- The sound desk needs people who are willing to learn the basics of sound projection to aid our worship. Without this,

people will not be able to access our worship

- Busy Bees needs people willing to provide refreshments for parents/carers and children.
- Messy Church developments will need people to help disciple those who attend, and to provide food and hospitality to those who we may never see on a Sunday.
- The Daycare is desperately in need of people to help lead the Tuesday activities and meals for our users. Without these, the Daycare is likely to cease operation.
- We also know that although we rely heavily on exceptional volunteers for our finance and property matters, we do need to have a succession plan in place for room bookings, caretaking, and treasurer...
- The rota for hospitality after the service is always in need of people able to make a brew.
- The dementia team, welcome team, and assistant stewards, are always welcoming of more people to join the party!

Throughout the Bible, we see instances where God's purposes are fulfilled, and personal faith grows, when people step up and show up. Where people travel to meet with Jesus, they see miracles. Where people are faithful to God's calling to lead them onwards, the Spirit of God is full of surprises. Where people are faithful in their devotion (like Anna in the temple), they get to see Jesus.

Even with tired bones and a deep sense of our own mortality, where is God inviting us to step up and risk noticing Jesus? And perhaps a little more candidly, what is God calling us to let go of, so that we can do the one thing well, rather than lots of things exhaustedly.

If you are interested in finding out more about any of the roles above, please speak to Helen who will put you in contact with the relevant people.