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A letter from our Vicar, Revd Phillip Johnson

Now that Easter has been and gone and the days are getting longer and brighter our thoughts can begin to turn to the possibility of Summer. May is my favourite month of the year and not just because my birthday happens to be in it. I like it as we tend to have "Goldilocks" weather – it's not too hot and it's not too cold. It also usually marked my favourite term at school when everyone seemed a bit more cheerful and (I'm aware this is going to sound odd) the fact that I really enjoyed doing examinations.

The reason I liked doing exams is because there was a possibility of getting things right if you knew the answers. This isn't really how real life works – you can't really know the answers to love, relationships, families etc. They're much more complicated and so when I was younger I liked the safety of exams and the certainty that they brought. I'm aware that most of my colleagues hated examinations and did everything they could to avoid them, whereas I just thought they were way better than trying to navigate the uncertainty of school, life, home etc.

As I've got older I've become less interested in certainty. I'm now aware that a lot of life lives in the grey areas and that the really interesting things in life are the bits that are mysterious. I watched a documentary about Douglas Adams a few weeks ago and Stephen Fry remarked that the reason he was an atheist was because it didn't mean he had to settle for everything being answered by God. Whereas I look at faith and my relationship with God as being more and more mysterious the older I get. May we enjoy the uncertainty and use our faith as a way of navigating that uncertainty.

God Bless, Revd Phillip

A thought - with Ascension Day (29th May) in mind:

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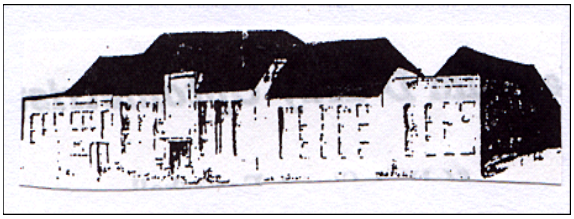
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Prayer for the Month



Eternal God, source of all beauty and harmony,
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For the inspiration given to those who compose it,
For the skill and devotion of those who perform it,
For the faculties and powers which enable us to enjoy it.
And we pray that you will sanctify and accept the music
to be rendered in this Church (today)
and make it an offering of praise to the glory of your Holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Frank Colquhoun. (Contemporary Parish Prayers)

This month's prayer is one of thanksgiving rather than asking for anything. Music is something universally enjoyed. It also plays a special part in much of our worship. Life would be considerably impoverished without music. So the prayer suggests that we thank God for the enrichment and pleasure it gives us.

It uses the word "inspiration" to signify its origin. Think about that. The word "inspire" means literally "breathed into". God is traditionally known to be the source of all beauty, truth and goodness. He inspires in us whatever talents and creativity we are blessed with. The prayer gives thanks for this inspiration and goes on to think of the musicians who perform our music. Whether it is classical, pop or jazz, to be an accomplished musician requires time and dedication. We are giving thanks for that commitment which results in whatever music we happen to appreciate. It then expresses our gratitude for our "faculties and powers" by means of which we appreciate and enjoy music. The fact that we can gain pleasure from our music is a cause for much gratitude.

Finally the prayer asks that music in Church will enhance our worship and become itself part of our praise offered to God. As we sing the hymns and chant the liturgy (whether tunefully or otherwise!) our hearts can be lifted up with increased devotion. Let's thank God for the musicians, organists and choirs who help us to do this.

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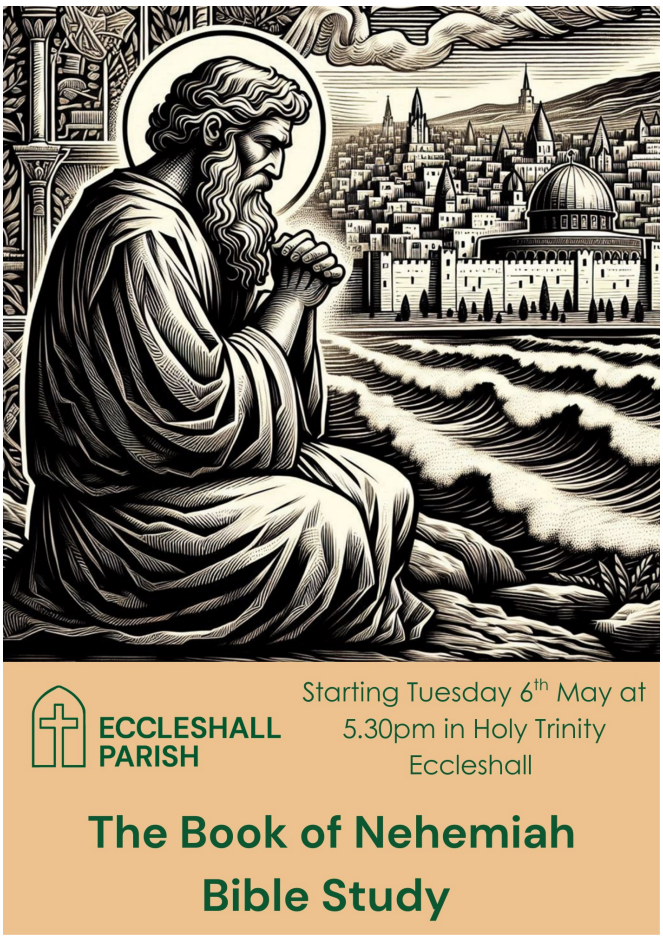
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5.30 - 6.30 pm on Tuesday evenings have become regular dates in the diaries of a good number of folk as Revd Phillip has lead a number of Bible Study courses over the time since he has been our Vicar. The sessions are relaxed and inclusive and well worth attending!
The recent Tuesday evening Lent Group saw around thirty people in attendance each week with small group discussions and reflection.
For five weeks from 6th May the Book of Nehemiah is the Bible book which will be discussed.
All welcome!





Fun Arts and Crafts for Children

Sarah Cartwright, our Arts and Faith Co-ordinator, is a very busy lady! Apart from organising other big events "Saddle Up", with a Wild West twist, will be the third fun arts and crafts event for children aged 4 - 9 years that Sarah has put on since she joined us in January. Around fifty children have joined in the fun at previous events and had a great time. Be sure to reserve your places as they are limited!

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The churchwardens and members of the P.C.C. would be happy to chat with you about the roles they fulfil and how you might be able to help.

At the APCM we will elect our Wardens and Parochial Church Council (PCC) vacant posts. These are important and key volunteer posts within the Parish. Now is the time to start prayerfully reflecting on whether **you** might feel God's nudge to these roles.

Church Wardens serve for 12 months. We appoint four wardens each year. One warden is dedicated to St Chad's and three to Holy Trinity although the wardens work together as a team across the Parish. PCC membership is for a 3-year term. Churchwardens & PCC members must be members of the Electoral Roll.

Please do pray about these opportunities and consider if you could step forward and stand for one of the positions. We are happy to discuss the roles if you would like further information. Nomination Forms for the positions of Church Warden or PCC Member are available in church or from the Parish Office Manager Michelle Hardy

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St Chad's News



Mothering Sunday

Many thanks to Revd Phillip Johnson who took the Mothering Sunday service at St Chad's on 30th March, assisted by Revd Stephen Habgood. Revd Phillip pointed out that Mothering Sunday is also known as Mother's Day or the fourth Sunday of Lent, any of which are appropriate. Tradition has it that servants would return to their mother church for consolation. Phillip linked this to the Gospel reading - 2 Corinthians 1 3-7.

St Chad's Ensemble played some splendid music, thank you to all the performers. At the conclusion of the service, potted primula plants were distributed amongst the congregation. *Sue Marsh*





Beautiful primula plants for members of the congregation

St Chad's AGM

A group of parishioners gathered together in church on a mild sunny evening, Tuesday 8th April, for St Chad's AGM. Opening prayers were given by Revd Phillip Johnson who chaired the meeting.

A very warm thank you from all to John Leather who has stepped down as Treasurer after 15 years, having spent 30 years as Secretary prior to that. Sue Bramall has now taken over the post from 1st January. Church Warden, John Treanor, stated that he will be retiring in 2026 when he will be 80. He

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has been re-elected for one more year. Sue Marsh was re-elected as Secretary.

It was agreed that the charities to be supported this year are Medic Malawi, SSAFA and Eccleshall Cancer Warriors.

Regarding fundraising an outdoor party will be held at Brockton Farm by kind permission of David and Claire Lockett on Saturday 5th July. Sue Bramall is also working on plans for a Silent Plant Auction which will be conducted online: see advertisement below. A repeat of last year's successful Harvest Supper and Quiz is planned for 26th September.

Projects for St Chad's were discussed including provision for wifi, erecting handrails on the porch steps, water connection to the churchyard, choosing contractors for exterior stonework and toilet and kitchen facilities when a new architect has been appointed. Also mentioned was the musical accompaniments which have been thoroughly enjoyed during the last year.

Special thanks were given to Revd Phillip for all the wonderful support he has given to our little church. Appreciation was also made of the Warden's weekly email of newsy Information Sheets.

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Early on Easter morning Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene who mistakes Him for the gardener. She had gone to the tomb earlier with other women and they were told by the angels that Christ had risen from the dead; so they went and told the Apostles. But Mary Magdalene returned and this is when Christ called her "Mary" and she said, "Rabbouni" (my master/ teacher). He told her not to cling to Him but to tell His brothers. On the same day Christ appeared to Simon Peter near Jerusalem. Although the Bible mentions this appearance we do not have the details of it. Next Christ appeared to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Then Christ appeared to all the Apostles, except Thomas, when they were gathered together in the upper room. He breathed on them that they might receive the Holy Spirit and gave them the authority to forgive sins.

On the following Sunday, which we call Low Sunday, Jesus appeared to the disciples again, with Thomas present this time; and Thomas placed his finger in Christ's side. Later Jesus appeared to seven of His Apostles while they were out fishing on the Sea of Galilee. This is when He told them to cast their net on the other side of the boat and they caught many fish and had breakfast together. It is then that Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?" Jesus appeared to his disciples on a mountain in Galilee where he gave them the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20). We know from 1 Corinthians 15:6 that Jesus appeared to over 500 disciples at once but we do not have the details of that event. Jesus also appeared to James at some point, which again, we only have a brief reference to. He appeared to His disciples when He ascended into Heaven, which may be the same as

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the account in which He gives the Great Commission. After having a meal with the Apostles and teaching them He instructed them "to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high" and He ascended into heaven.



So that is what we celebrate on Ascension Day, the lifting up of human nature into Heaven in the Person of Christ, by whom humanity and divinity are brought together. That was on the fortieth day of His resurrection and He tells His disciples to wait to receive the Holy Spirit. These days of waiting in between the Ascension and Pentecost are called Ascensiontide. During Ascensiontide, a period of nine days, the Apostles gathered together with many other disciples (120 persons, according to Acts) and during this time Matthias is chosen by lot to replace Judas as an Apostle. On the tenth day, the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the Apostles and they speak in tongues; and Peter preaches the sermon (Acts 2 v 14-36) explaining that Jesus was God's son, that He died, was raised and now sits at God's right hand.

Dorothy Kirkham for Eccleshall Churches Together

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Do you know of someone who is in need of prayer? There is a small group of people who pray for needs in the Parish. If you would like a prayer for yourself, a loved one or someone you know but are not sure who to turn to, please ring Kate Griffiths on 01785 850948 and we will ensure that you or they are prayed for.

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Christian Aid has developed a strong partnership with similar organisations all over the world, which means it can be rapidly effective whenever there is a major natural disaster such as earthquakes or major floods. It is very active in Gaza working with partners to provide water, food and shelter in this war-torn country. It is an important component of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) which is setting up an emergency fund for the Myanmar Earthquake Appeal where there has been so much loss of human life and severe damage to the infrastructure.

We are not having a special service this year, but **we will have a stall outside the Co-Op in Stafford Street from 9.30-12.30 on Saturday 10th May** where you will be most welcome.

Do have a look at the very informative website www.christianaid.org.uk. To read more about Christian Aid Week 2024 and to donate online go to https://giving.give-star.com/online/christian-aid/eccleshall-ca-group-christian-aid-week-2025-fundraiser or via the QR code below. We will also have a presence on social pages such as Facebook, which will be appearing shortly.

John Treanor Eccleshall Christian Aid Rep

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Sinfonia

Katharine House Hospice Support Group will be baking cakes and serving teas at Ashcroft, 1 Stafford Road, Eccleshall on Sunday 8th June 2pm - 5pm when Gill Bertram will be opening her garden for the National Garden Scheme. Admission £5. Proceeds from refreshments go to Katharine House Hospice.

Look out for information about the **Eccleshall Open Gardens Weekend** - 10am - 4pm on 21st and 22nd June (Tickets will be available from outside the library from 9.30am on both days)
And the **Eccleshall Festival** on Saturday 28th June



Historic Hatchment Restoration

Just inside the door of Holy Trinity is an extremely large banner hanging up near the ceiling. This banner is in fact the Royal Arms of Queen Anne (1702-1714) and it dates from 1702. However the wooden batten that it hangs on is from an earlier period and is dated 1687.

The Royal Arms were once a common feature of Parish churches and were compulsory from Henry VIII through to Queen Anne. Some churches would have got away with not having them but, with Holy Trinity functioning as the de facto cathedral for Lichfield for many years as the Bishops lived next door, there would be no question of it not being there. The size of the banner (or more technically Hatchment) is unusual though and suggests a very wealthy and important parish in the early 18th century.



The Hatchment is in an extremely poor condition which is why the PCC have decided to commission its restoration and so, on the 9th May this year, the Hatchment will be removed and sent to workshops in Bristol where it will be lovingly restored. You can follow the progress of this project on our website and on our social media pages.

Revd Phillip

Trinity Men's Fellowship - March meeting

It was an "all in Eccleshall" event on Friday March 28th 2025. The long walk was over to the north of Eccleshall and the short walk was on footpaths and tarmac roads in the Eccleshall area. The reason I am so vague is that I could not attend either. However I returned to Eccleshall in good time to go to the lunch at the Royal Oak. When I arrived there was a good number of members already seated, enjoying a drink and a chat. Gradually we were joined by the walkers and the meal was served. John, our

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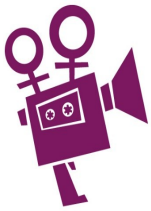
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17th July	***Wicked***

Tickets (still only £5.00) are available from The Royal Oak, Eccleshall Library and James du Pavey. We look forward to seeing you.



It is Eccleshall Community Cinema's 10th Birthday this year!



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Chairman introduced a new member. What delicious food we had! I had excellent sausage and mash, others had cheese burger and chips and some had the curry. All commented on how much they had enjoyed the meal. Some even had room for the puddings!



We were especially pleased to be able to sing "Happy Birthday" to our President David who had reached the magnificent age of 90 a few days earlier! But there was also another youngster in the TMF who had reached 90 within a few days of David. It was our own Stephen Cooke. It was when Stephen was the Vicar at Holy Trinity that he suggested the formation of a walking and lunching group for the retired gentlemen of the village. What a success it has been!

For our next activity we will be travelling as far afield as Norbury Junction, one of our favourite locations both for the location and the food.

Your Junior Correspondent (David S.)

Life With Eccleshall Women's Institute

Eccleshall WI members have nearly completed another year.

We have had some excellent speakers starting in May 2024 with Quirky Flowers. This unusual flower arranging demonstration, using only flowers grown in the Demonstrators garden, encouraged members to try their hand with their own garden flowers. This was followed in June with something completely different - Line Dancing! We learnt about the origins and then had a go ourselves. At least some of us did.

In July and August we learnt about our local history with presentations on Stone and Middleport Pottery, which made us realise how much of our local history we take for granted.

A complete change of subject in September found us following the life of bees and their heroic efforts when making honey. We also learnt to look at

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the labelling on jars of honey to identify what we were eating.

Believe it not we began thinking about Christmas in October, when we made decorations for our Christmas Tree at the Church's Christmas Tree Festival. Some might have needed a little expert tweaking before they were deemed ready for public display but the tree looked very elegant with everyone's handmade ornaments.

In November, December and February we concentrated on food and drink with a wine tasting evening, our Christmas lunch and learning about a local business which started making and selling gingerbread from the speakers kitchen to what it is today. It is now a business supplying gingerbread to many well-known stores in the UK and further afield - still made locally to the same recipe but in a much bigger premises.

In January we had decided not to meet due to some very cold and slippery weather conditions but in March we had an entertaining and informative evening learning about sign language whilst singing and signing to 'It's a wonderful world.'

We also have several specialist groups which meet in between monthly Meetings. There are two craft groups, a book group, a lunch group, a painting group and a walking group. In the summer we visit as many gardens as we can fit in.

We make the most of our WI by having a full and varied programme. We allow plenty of time for a drink and biscuit and a chat with friends. We are a friendly bunch and welcome visitors to our meetings so why not come along to see what we are up to?

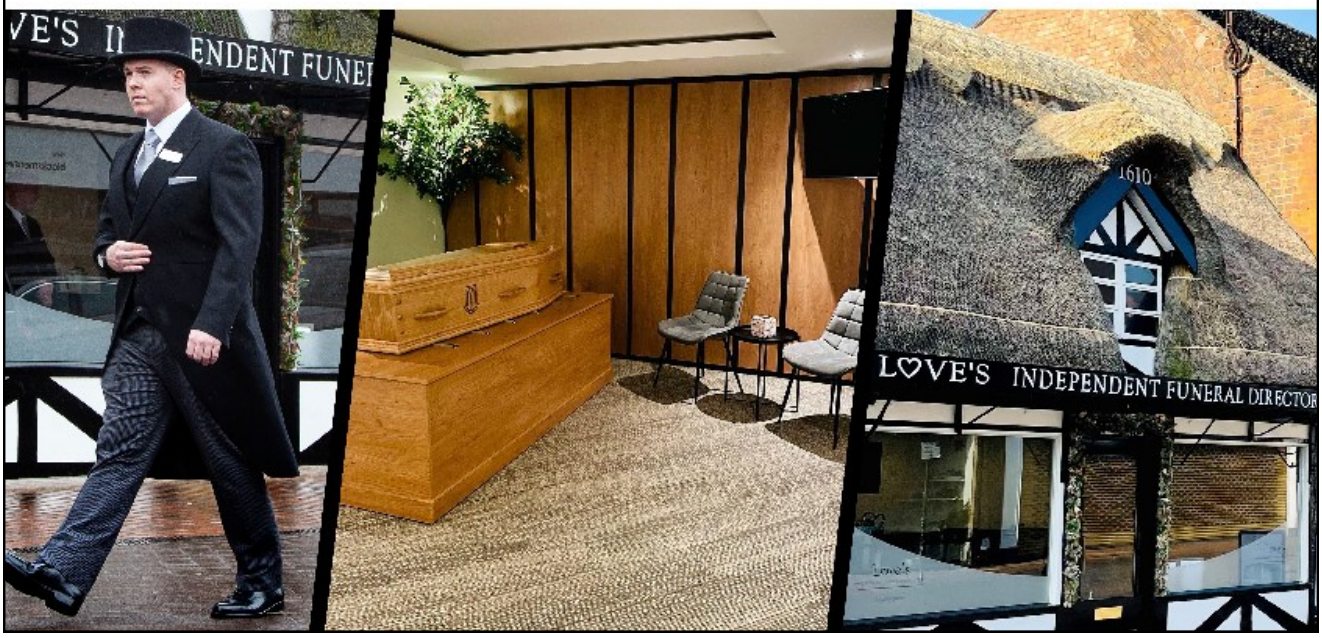
We meet in Eccleshall Parish Room on the second Thursday in each month at 7.30pm

Joan Davies

Did you know that……This month, 1700 years ago, one of the most important meetings in the history of the Christian Church began in the Bithynian city of Nicaea. It began in May 325 and went on until the end of July 325. After those three months of hard work the bishops at Nicaea had prayerfully and carefully written down as exactly as they could the core beliefs of Christianity. It became known as the Nicene Creed and it has been the bedrock of orthodox Christianity ever since.

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The Latest Buzz

Not surprisingly the bees are buzzing in the lovely weather we have had at the start of spring. Once again nature reminds us how glorious it can be in UK at this time of year. But bees seem beyond glorious. I think they are magic. How can they make those amazing equal hexagonal honey storage spaces they store their honey in? They don't have rulers or protractors and they can't count. ……. OR can they…….

(With apologies to those of you who read this article in the business section of The Times last week - it was actually an article about pricing in Asda, by Harry Wallop consumer journalist and broadcaster.)

'Are humans more intelligent than insects? Yes, we can split the atom and land on the moon but sometimes - when deciphering emojis….- I wonder if we are that bright.

Both ants and honey bees can count. Ants of the Tunisian desert navigate their way home by counting footsteps and calculating the angle of their path relative to the position of the Sun- the same trigonometry that you find in a GSCE exam, failed by 40.5% of pupils in England last year.

Honey bees have recently been shown to count accurately up to five, understand the concept of zero and also order groups of objects left to right.Scientists call this the 'mental number line' - whereby you start on the left with a small number and count up to the right towards a big number. Some believe this to be a cultural concept , something learnt from our elders, but an increasing number of studies show primates , birds and now insects instinctively start on the left' (Harry Wallop in The Times, Friday 25th March, 2025.)

So bees are not magic just clever. Or a bit of both.



Eccleshall Bees

Notes from Trinity Magazine Team

Thank you to all our contributors, deliverers and readers . We do appreciate everyone's help and support!

Have you got any community news or information that you would like to share in this magazine? Do get in touch if you would like to find out about getting things to us.

Please send articles or forthcoming events for the June 2025 issue of TRINITY by 7th May to Hazel Email: parishmag.eccleshall@gmail.com

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Remembering VE Day – 80 Years On

80 years ago, on 8th May 1945, VE Day took place – marking Victory in Europe at the end of World War 2. It was celebrated as a public holiday and came exactly a week after German radio announced the death in action of Adolf Hitler.

In reality Hitler had committed suicide on 30th April. His successor, Grand Admiral Karl Dönitz, quickly negotiated an end to the war with the Allies – at the same time trying with some success to prevent as many Germans as possible from falling into Soviet hands.

Field Marshal Montgomery accepted the unconditional surrender of German forces in the Netherlands, north-west Germany and Denmark at a ceremony near Hamburg on 4th May. All German forces then surrendered to Supreme Allied Commander General Eisenhower on 7th May at Reims, France. Soviet leader Josef Stalin had his own ceremony in Berlin.

The announcement that the war had ended in Europe was broadcast to the British people by the BBC late on 7th May. It was decreed that there would be a national holiday the next day and the stage was set for huge celebrations. Prime Minister Churchill had been assured that there was enough beer in the capital and commemorative items, including VE Day mugs, were quickly produced.

St Paul's Cathedral held ten consecutive services giving thanks for peace, each one attended by thousands of people and churches throughout the country rang their bells. The Royal Family played a central role, appearing eight times on the balcony of Buckingham Palace while huge numbers of people flocked down The Mall.

In the United States VE Day coincided with President Harry S Truman's 61st birthday: he dedicated the victory to the memory of his predecessor, Franklin D Roosevelt, who had died of a stroke less than a month earlier. But both Truman and Churchill pointed out that the war against Japan had not yet been won. That final victory was still more than three months away.

Of course the end of a war could never be neat. In Europe the last known shots on the Eastern Front were actually fired on 11th May and on 25th May the battle of Odžak ended in a Yugoslav Partisan victory. Tragically, in French Algeria, Muslims celebrating the end of the war (some also peacefully protesting for independence) were "inexcusably" massacred by colonial authorities and militias – leading eventually to the Algerian War nine years later.

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Eccleshall Poetry Group

The recent sunshine and warm temperatures have been most welcome after the grey skies we've been under and it seems that everyone smiles more when the sun shines.

In our busy day-to-day world life seems to rush onwards and it can be hard to stop for a moment and just sit and enjoy a moment or two of relative peace and calm. But it's worth making time to stop! Welsh poet William Henry Davies (1871-1940) knew the value of pausing for a while. Today we may think of it as helping our mental health. Generations before us knew that occasionally pausing in our busy lives was beneficial and we should stop now and again to look and listen to our surroundings and find the peace in nature.

Leisure by William Henry Davies

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

*Bonus points if you know that the poem is composed in iambic tetrameter.

If you're free on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, why not come along to Eccleshall Poetry Group's afternoon meetings and enjoy more poems. (We won't mention iambic tetrameter at all.)

You can bring your own to read, whether you've written them or simply chosen two or three to fit the day's theme. Alternately, you can come and simply listen if you'd prefer.

Lesley Mackness

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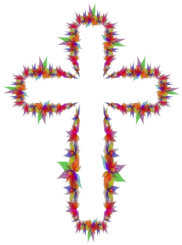
24th March 2025 Robert Cartmail
Memorial Service at Holy Trinity

27th March 2025 Dianne Maxfield
Funeral Service & Burial at Holy Trinity

4th April 2025 Ida Plant
Funeral Service & Committal at Stafford Crematorium

7th April 2025 Barbara Marshall
Burial of Ashes at Holy Trinity

8th April 2025 John Perry
Funeral Service & Burial at Holy Trinity



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Sunday 4th May

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Sunday 6th July

'Much ado about Jazz'. Chris Gumbley and Al Gurr

Sunday 7th September

Keyboard Trust. Julia Contaldo

Sunday 2nd November

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Looking forward to welcoming you to the concerts!

Forthcoming Events

MAY 2025

Mondays 5.30 - 6.30pm
Living Faith course continues in the Parish Room.

Tuesdays (term-time) 10 - 11.30am
Trinity Tots in Holy Trinity Parish Room - p.4

Tuesdays 6th May for 5 weeks 5.30 - 6.30pm
Bible Study on Nehemiah in Holy Trinity Church - p. 9

Thursday 1st 2 - 4pm
Eccleshall Poetry Group members only - different venue **'The Past and The Future'**

Sunday 4th 5.30 pm
Adbaston Community Concert Society at Adbaston Church **-** Manchester Camerata. For further details see p. 34

Wednesdays 14th & 28th 10 -12
Trinity Coffee and Cake in Holy Trinity Parish Room - p. 19

Wednesdays 7th, 14th & 21st
Tooty Flooty (7-8pm) ***and Eccleshall Community Band*** (8-9pm) rehearse in Holy Trinity Church

Thursday 8th 7.30pm
Eccleshall WI in Holy Trinity Parish Room "Seated Pilates and Dance" Helen Yeomans

Monday 12th 7.30pm
Eccleshall Historical Talks Society in Holy Trinity Parish Room "Bringing up baby in the '50s & '60s " - speaker Kath Reynolds

Thursday 15th 2 -4pm
Eccleshall Poetry Group in Eccleshall Methodist Hall **'Communication & Hidden Messages'**

Sunday 18th 4pm
Choral Evensong in Holy Trinity Church

Friday 23rd May
Deadline for bids in ***St Chad's Silent Auction of Plants*** - p. 15

Saturday 24th 10am
Annual Parochial Church Meeting in Holy Trinity Church - p.15

Wednesday 28th 10am - 1pm
Saddle Up - Fun Arts and Crafts for Children in Holy Trinity Church - p. 9 (May cont'd…..)

(May cont'd….)

Friday 30th 10am
TMF Walk in the Swynnerton area followed by lunch at The Fitzherbert, Swynnerton

JUNE 2025

Mondays 5.30 - 6.30pm
Living Faith course continues in the Parish Room.

Tuesdays (term-time) 10 - 11.30am
Trinity Tots in Holy Trinity Parish Room - p.4

Tuesday 3rd 5.30 - 6.30pm
Final week of ***Bible Study on Nehemiah*** in Holy Trinity Church - p. 9

Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th
Tooty Flooty (7-8pm) ***and Eccleshall Community Band*** (8-9pm) rehearse in Holy Trinity Church

Thursday 5th 2 - 4pm
Eccleshall Poetry Group in Eccleshall Methodist Hall **'Poems for a Rainy Day'**

Sunday 8th 2 - 5pm
NGS Open Garden at Ashcroft, Stafford Road, Eccleshall with cakes and teas - p. 20

Wednesdays 11th & 25th 10 -12
Trinity Coffee and Cake in Holy Trinity Parish Room - p. 19

Thursday 12th 7.30pm
Eccleshall WI in Holy Trinity Parish Room "Curious Discoveries on the Staffordshire Map" Shaun Farrelly

Sunday 15th 3pm
Stafford Sinfonia Summer Concert at Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall - p. 20

Thursday 19th 2 -4pm
Eccleshall Poetry Group in Eccleshall Methodist Hall **'Children'**

Saturday 21st + Sunday 22nd 10am - 4pm
Eccleshall Open Gardens - Tickets £5 from outside Eclleshall Library on both days

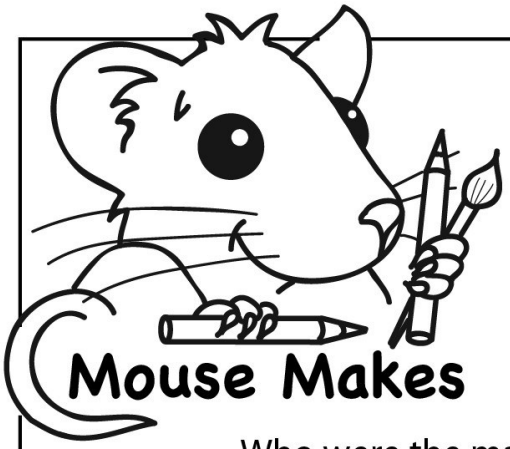
Saturday 21st - Saturday 28th
Eccleshall Arts Festival - p.20

Friday 27th 10am
TMF Walk in the Eccleshall area followed by lunch at The Royal Oak, Eccleshall

Contact details for events can be found on pages 38 and 39.

If you would like to give notice of forthcoming events for June and July 2025 please let us know by 7th May 2025 at the latest (details on page 39).

Children's Page



MIRACLES OF PETER



At which temple gate
did the crippled man lay?

__ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

Acts 3:1-10



Who were the man and wife
who lied to God?

__ __ __ __ __ __ __

and

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Acts 5:1-11

People carried the sick into the streets so that when Peter came by at least his

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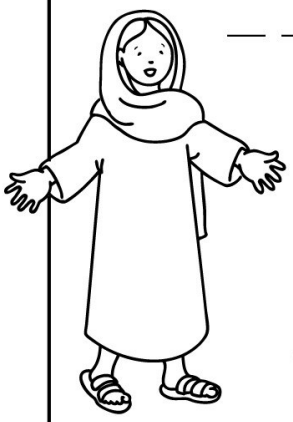
might fall on them.

Acts 5:12-16

How long had Aeneas been paralysed for?

__ __ __ __ __ years

Acts 9:32-35



Where had Tabitha's body been laid?

in the __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

Acts 9:36-42

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"And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly."
Acts 6:7

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Find the words from the questions too!

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Church Service Rotas for May

Date	4th May The Third Sunday of Easter	11th May The Fourth Sunday of Easter	18th May The Fifth Sunday of Easter	25th May The Sixth Sunday of Easter
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Reading 1	**Acts 9: 1-6 (7-20)** B Braithwaite	**Acts 9: 36-43** J Roberts	**Acts 11: 1-18** N Reynolds	**Acts 16: 9-15** P Stewart
Reading 2	**Revelation 5: 11-14** B Johnson	**Revelation 7:9-end** J Turnock	**Revelation 21: 1-6** C Reynolds	**Revelation 21: 10,22-22.5** E Sohnrey
St Chad's 11.30am	**Said Eucharist**	**Said Eucharist**	**Said Eucharist**	**Said Eucharist Rogation**
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Mondays ~ 5.30 - 6.30pm ~ Living Faith course - one year introduction to the Christian Faith - in the Parish Room

Tuesday 6th May ~ 5.30-6.30pm ~ Bible Study Course begins (5 week course) The Book of Nehemiah (See p. 7)

Wednesday 7th May ~ 11am ~ BCP Said Eucharist - in Holy Trinity

Sunday 18th May ~ 4pm ~ Choral Evensong ~ - in Holy Trinity

Wednesday 28th May ~ 10am -1pm ~ Children's Art Activity in Church (See p.9)

Thursday 29th May ~ 11am ~ Sung Eucharist for Ascension Day

Videos of 10am services held at Holy Trinity Church can usually be seen from shortly after the end of the service (at around 11.15am) on the Facebook page of Holy Trinity Parish Church, Eccleshall and will be uploaded to YouTube early the following week.

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at Holy Trinity, Eccleshall & St. Chad's, Slindon

4th May, The Third Sunday of Easter

10am - 11am Holy Trinity - Service in Celebration of Grandparents & Godparents

11.30am - 12.30pm St Chad's - Said Eucharist

7th May, Wednesday Service

11am Holy Trinity - BCP Said Eucharist

11th May, The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10am - 11am Holy Trinity - Sung Eucharist

11.30am - 12.30pm St Chad's - Said Eucharist

18th May, The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10am - 11am Holy Trinity - Sung Eucharist

11.30am - 12.30pm St Chad's - Said Eucharist

4pm Holy Trinity- Choral Evensong

25th May, The Sixth Sunday of Easter

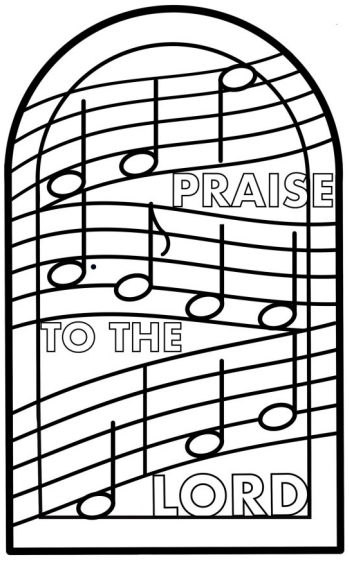
10am - 11am Holy Trinity - Sung Eucharist

11.30am - 12.30pm St Chad's - Said Eucharist and Rogation

29th May (Thursday) Ascension Day

11am Holy Trinity - Sung Eucharist for Ascension Day

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