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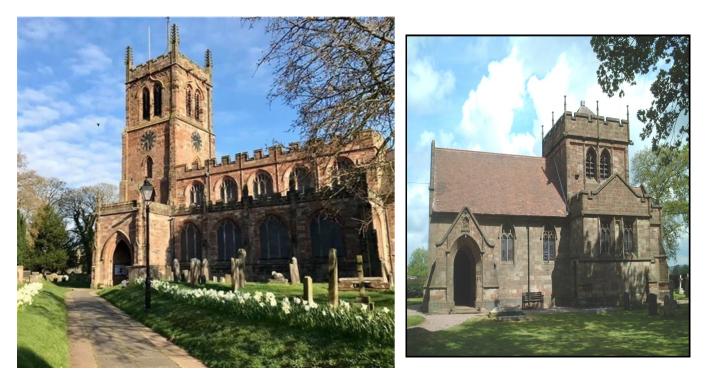
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You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops. Ps 65:10

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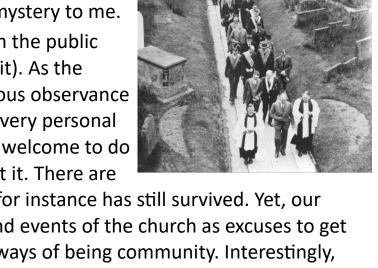
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# Holy Trinity & St. Chad's Celebrating Christ Proclaiming Christ Growing in Christ A letter from on Vicar, Revd Phillip Johnson

I'm currently writing this as we begin our final preparations for Holy Week this year. Hopefully everything will go off without a hitch and people will get to experience the full spectrum of emotions during this major festival. Our attention now turns to the season of Eastertide culminating in

Ascension Day and Pentecost, and setting us up nicely for Trinity Sunday. In years gone by there was a procession on Trinity Sunday through the village (they did like a procession...) and I found last week a magnificent photograph of one in the 1950s. How anyone was able to see anything in church with all those hats is a mystery to me. It did though lead me to reflect on the public nature of our faith (or the lack of it). As the twentieth century went on, religious observance started to retreat into something very personal and private. Something you were welcome to do as long as no one else knew about it. There are



exceptions to this – carol singing for instance has still survived. Yet, our predecessors used the seasons and events of the church as excuses to get together, to have parties, to find ways of being community. Interestingly, whenever there are events like this (the D Day remembrance on 6th June springs to mind), people always remark afterwards that they really enjoyed coming together and that they really valued being with other members of the community. Many people remark that Eccleshall and Slindon are lovely places to live, and that is in part, because of the deep connections between people who live here.

Public events aren't a test or show of faith. There's no exam to check that your belief is sufficiently robust. They are an ancient way of showing solidarity or being present with others. I hope that in the next few years we provide more ways for members of the parish to come together for a variety of reasons – both faith based and community focused.

God Bless, Revd Phillip



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# Prayer for the Month

Praise be to the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ!



In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade

- kept in heaven for you.

## Holy Bible New International Version.

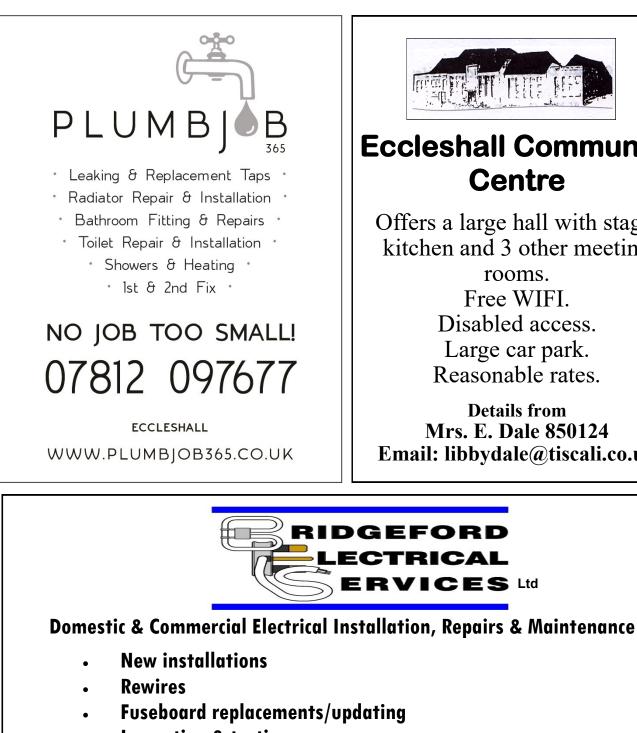
This prayer forms part of the opening of St. Peter's first Epistle in the New Testament. He is offering his praise to God for the great miracle of Easter Day – Jesus rising from the dead to offer us "a living Hope … kept in heaven for you". He invites us to share in that praise and in that great Christion hope which Easter promises us.

As an experiment, and with "Prayer for the Month" in mind, I asked my computer – the A.I. part called Copilot - to write me a prayer for Easter. Quick as a flash it produced a prayer saying all the right things, including a thanksgiving for the hope of new life that St. Peter expresses. It describes its words as "a prayer from the heart". But ... from the heart? I don't think my computer has a heart, nor does Artificial Intelligence in general. They can produce clever and original material, but they do not contain human emotions or personal faith. This is just something to bear in mind in the endless discussions we shall be having about A.I. in the coming years.

True prayer comes from the heart. It is never just an intellectual exercise. The Easter prayer quoted above comes from the heart of St. Peter. He is expressing his heartfelt joy at the blessings that Easter brings: the sure knowledge that Jesus, put to death on the Cross, is now gloriously alive. He rejoices in what this resurrection life has achieved for us – the assurance of the eternal life which begins here and now and is "an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for you".

I hope that your prayers and mine this Eastertide will reflect that joy. The Easter message lies right at the heart of our Christian faith. My wish for you today is that you will all have a truly happy Easter.

Revd Stephen Cooke



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# <u>St Chad's News</u>

A poem I mentioned some time ago in the Trinity Magazine was brought to mind recently with the wild wet weather this winter:-

"No land" said Noah,

" There is not any land.

Oh Rabbit, Rabbit, can't you understand?"

But Rabbit shook his head:

" Say it again" he said.

These are the opening lines of a poem by Hugh Chesterman I love and learnt as a child for verse-speaking exams at school. Although we don't quite need a Noah's ark to save us from drowning these lines come back to me as I drive the short distance to St Chad's. There are floods as deep as fords across the lanes, the ditches are overflowing and the surrounding fields have lying water looking like mini wetlands for wildlife. The church thankfully seems safe from all this; no water lingering on the paths, no splashy puddles and daffodils happily nodding knowing that spring is just round the corner. Here Mother Nature seems unaffected by excess rainwater!

A small alabaster statue was witness to a special service at St Chad's in early March. This was of our patron saint St Chad whose feast day on 2nd March is remembered annually by Slindon parishioners on the nearest Sunday. Each year during the service the little figure, normally on a shelf in the vestry, is given a special place of honour on a stand near the pulpit as a poignant reminder of this saint. St Chad spent a lifetime of prayer and religious studies and was loved by everyone for his great humility, kindness and piety. Eventually he became first Bishop of Lichfield and died on



2nd March 672AD. The magnificent reredos above the altar includes a figure of St Chad and he is depicted in the east window. A life-size statue also stands in an external alcove on the south east wall of the church.



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The closing lines of Chesterman's poem give a hint of hope to us all.

"Or will there come a day

When the green earth will call me back to play?"

Noah bowed his head:

"Some day.....,"he said.

Diary dates:

Sunday 21st April St Chad's AGM 12.30pm

Sunday 5th May Rogation Service at Brockton Farm 11.30am

Anthea Treanor



<u>HOLY DAYS - 9<sup>th</sup> Apríl - Díetrích Bonhoeffer,</u> Lutheran pastor and martyr

Standing up to tyrants, no matter what the cost. That kind of courage has been in the headlines since the war in Ukraine began, as many brave people have defied Putin's oppression.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer did not have Putin to contend with, but Hitler. Bonhoeffer did not back down either, when the time came.

Bonhoeffer grew up with no thought of ever defying the leader of Germany. Nothing could have been further from his mind or background. Born at Breslau in Silesia (now the Polish city of Wroclaw) in 1906, Bonhoeffer was the son of an academic. In 1912, his father was appointed to be Professor of Psychiatry and Neurology at Berlin university and so the family moved to Berlin.

Bonhoeffer never even considered going into politics. Instead, he studied theology in Tubingen, Berlin and New York, before returning to Berlin as a lecturer in theology in 1931.

But though Bonhoeffer did not chase political trouble, it soon came to him. For on 30<sup>th</sup> January 1933 Adolf Hitler, leader of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, had come to power. His totalitarian approach left no room for anyone in public life to disagree with him. Including anyone in the two major churches - Lutheran and Catholic.

But Bonhoeffer refused to be compliant and joined the Confessing Church,

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which had formed in opposition to the takeover of the Lutheran Church. The Confessing Church also opposed Hitler's attempts to force antisemitism on the church and society.

Bonhoeffer was in America when war broke out in 1939, but he returned to Germany. He said: "I shall have no right to participate in the reconstruction of Christian life in Germany after the war, if I do not share the trials of this time with my people."

Back in Germany he joined the underground anti-Nazi opposition and worked hard to oppose Hitler. In 1943 he was arrested and imprisoned at Tegel prison in Berlin. The involvement of many of his contacts in the July 1944 plot to kill Hitler may well have sealed his fate. He was finally moved on to Flossenberg concentration camp.

In April 1945, as American troops were approaching the camp, Bonhoeffer was hanged. The last words of this brilliant and courageous 39-year-old opponent of Nazism were: "This is the end - for me, the beginning of life."

Bonhoeffer left a great legacy behind him. His writings, and especially his *Letters and Papers from Prison*, have inspired many trying to make sense of persecution and needless suffering. His 1937 book *The Cost of Discipleship* is described as a modern classic.

# <u>Quotes - With the Easter season in mind...</u>

Of all the things that will surprise us in the Resurrection morning, this I believe, will surprise us most: that we did not love Christ more before we died. - J C Ryle

God fits our souls here to possess a glorious body after; and He will fit the body for a glorious soul. - R Sibbes

Man's way leads to a hopeless end - God's way leads to an endless hope. - Anon

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# Stained glass condition survey at Holy Trinity

A full condition survey of the stained and leaded glass at Holy Trinity Church was undertaken on 5 March. The survey team, spearheaded by

Jamie Moore, Managing Director of Sandycroft - based Recclesia Stained Glass, spent an entire day meticulously examining and photographing all of the glasswork, inside and out.

Jamie will tell you that it is vital to thoroughly understand the condition of a window before attempting a scheme of conservation treatment. With the help of a portable digital microscope, the team discovered that several north elevation windows show signs of organic growth which is invisible to the naked eye.



Organic growths are not a good thing; they can trap moisture and corrode the glass if left to fester, so early detection and intervention is essential.

Fortunately for Holy Trinity's beautiful Victorian glass, Recclesia Stained Glass is a specialist company in the conservation and repair of historic stained and leaded glass. Their parent company, Recclesia Ltd., specialises in stone and metal conservation; relevant skills, as restoring stained glass windows often involves repairs to the surrounding stonework and the metal tie bars which hold the glass panels in place. Recclesia has done extensive work throughout the UK and abroad. Its client list includes Historic England, National Trust, Cadw, Birmingham Cathedral, Chester Cathedral and Coventry Cathedral.

We look forward to receiving the survey results soon, so that a comprehensive plan of conservation works can be enacted to preserve Holy Trinity's glass heritage for future generations. More news to come! *Barb Johnson* 

Image: Jamie Moore and Carlotta Cammelli examine Holy Trinity's stained glass using a digital microscope attached to a laptop.

Do you have a favourite? We'd love to see a photo of your favourite window in Holy Trinity or St Chad's with your reason for why you like that particular window! (Email us at parishmag.eccleshall@gail.com)





# Trinity Men's Fellowship Update

There has been great activity in the TMF over the last few months. During the winter months we do not have our walks and lunches but instead we have monthly evening meetings in the

Parish Room. We also participated in the Christmas Tree Festival at Holy Trinity by running the Tombola stall, acting as stewards, welcoming visitors at the door and we had our Christmas tree on display. The tombola raised £925 towards the church funds.

In January we had our traditional "Not the Christmas Lunch" which was really well attended by members and their partners. The food and service at the Cock Inn at Woodseaves was excellent. We held a raffle at the function and this raised another £121 to give an overall total of £1046 towards Holy Trinity funds.

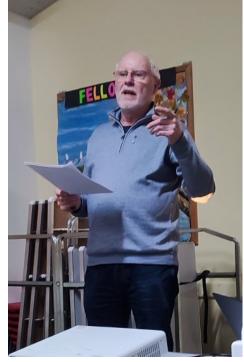
At the end of January we held our AGM at the Parish room. This was well attended and started with coffee/tea and biscuits provided, prepared and served by our Chai Wallahs. They look after us SO well at all functions in

the Parish room. At the AGM, after the TMF Grace, we had reports from the Chairman and Treasurer, the Committee were re-elected and TMF members agreed to increase our charitable donations. The programme

for 2024 was outlined and we looked forward to starting the year with a talk in the Parish Room by our Chairman, John, on "The History of Glass Making in Eccleshall".

John's talk was excellent, concentrating of the manufacture of glass in this area. The first glass production in the Eccleshall area was as a result of Bishop Overton who encouraged several glass producing families to come and set up furnaces in Bishops Wood in 1580. These were very productive as the wood for heating and sand for the production of the glass were abundant. The Bishops Wood craftsmen produced glass bottles and similar

containers. However, in 1615, the Government banned the use of wood as fuel for glass production so the glass production moved away and was relocated around the Newcastle upon Tyne area using the coal from that area as fuel. John also told us about three main types of glass including the Quartz glass with which he worked during his time at Quickfit and Quartz in Stone. He later worked with the very high melting point Silica Glass making very specialist objects.





The remains of a wood-burning glass furnace in Bishop's Wood

The first walk for this year will be at Norbury Junction when, after the walk, we will meet up with members not participating in the strenuous activity (amble) at the Junction Inn for lunch.

Your Junior Correspondent (David S.)

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# The Latest Buzz

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We had never been before. The Beekeeping Show is the premier UK beekeeping trade show and the second one held in Telford. It was a quiet pleasant surprise. We left home around 8.30 am and were amazed that by the time we arrived the large number one car park was full. Beekeepers are apparently a keen lot.

As we got to the show people were already leaving with trolleys/carts and bags packed with hives, frames and everything a beekeeper might want. It was amazing how many different accents we could hear – people from round the UK were here – although the Yorkshire accent was loudest.

Inside there were suppliers, exhibitors and UK manufacturers as well as those from Europe and Worldwide. The show was for beekeepers of all types, scales and experience. The first stand we saw had the most fantastic display of bee suits – ranging from £245+!!! However the show did cater for all budgets. This beekeeper will be washing her suit and hoping it lasts another year.

Keith and I decided our first bee keeping show would be largely a reconnaissance trip. However we did buy one experiment - for one of our hives we bought plastic super frames which are meant to last about 3 times as long as regular super frames (a super is the box on each hive containing 12 frames from which we harvest honey). We will see how this works and if it's as environmentally friendly as it claims to be. I'll let you know at the end of the year.

There were lots of the seminars and demonstrations. More of that in a future 'The Latest Buzz'.

Most importantly the coffee and bacon sandwiches were great. Hope your Valentine was equally as good.



Eccleshall Bees

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### **Our Community in Focus**

Each month we shine a light on a local community group or charity. If you would like your group to be featured in a future edition, email parishmag.eccleshall@gmail.com

# Suícíde support and prevention

If you have attended Holy Trinity or St Chads, then you may well have heard Revd Stephen Habgood mention the suicide of his son Christopher, who died on 2nd March 2009, or his work with a couple of suicide support and prevention charities – PAPYRUS and Making Families Count.

We asked Stephen if he could share a bit more about his personal experience and to tell us about the work of these two organisations.

'At the time my son died I was a prison governor working in London when Chris sent me a text message which said. "I'm sorry. I love you. Goodbye". I later realised that was the moment when he had taken his own life. He was 26 years old and my only child.

I struggled to come to terms with this unimaginable loss and when I returned to work I was given a new role identifying prisons for closure and then closing seven prisons. The prison service then pressed me to take early retirement and that gave me an opportunity to take on the role of Chairman of PAPYRUS.'

The charity PAPYRUS was founded by parents who had lost children to



YRUS suicide and wanted to prevent the same thing happening to other children and PREVENTION OF YOUNG SUICIDE families. The name PAPYRUS comes from

'parents association for the prevention of young suicide'. Central is the belief that suicide is preventable and we can support people through the suicidal feelings they are currently experiencing.

There were 5,642 suicides in 2022, around three-guarters were men. The highest rate of suicide is by men aged 50 to 54. And there are about 1,500 suicides of young people between the ages of 10 and 23, making it the single biggest cause of young deaths.

Recent evidence suggests suicide is also likely to be greatest amongst those with a diagnosis of autism or who have autistic traits. We know that autism is a lifelong neurodevelopmental condition consisting of difficulties in social communication, adapting to unexpected change, heightened

sensory sensitivity and restricted interests. It is hardly surprising that many who experience suicidal ideation, or who go on to take their own life, have a diagnosis of autism, or might have had if they had been assessed. Stephen says 'I do not believe there is just one reason why someone might take their own life. Many young people experience incidents of bullying, or relationship or financial difficulties, or fail examinations, or don't get the job they want, but they don't opt for ending their own life.

However, when a number of factors come together, it can lead some to lose

all hope and see suicide as an escape from the feelings they are experiencing. This is when the support of family or friends, or a suicide prevention charity, can help them to find a way through their difficulties.'

During Stephen's time as Chairman PAPYRUS grew from strength to strength, increasing income from a few hundred thousand pounds to over £5 million.

A number of regional offices were opened and the helpline service was

### Language and suicide

Nowadays, it is not considered appropriate to use the term 'committed suicide' since suicide is no longer a criminal offence and all the religions accept that it is also no longer a sin.

This recognises that if someone takes their own life, they do so because they are struggling with anxiety and depression or are seriously unwell.

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The 24-hour helpline is available to young people up to the age of 23 and to parents and professionals. It is staffed by mental health professionals who provide advice and support. Unlike other charities the advisors will contact the police if a caller is actively taking their own life, something which the Samaritans would not do for reasons of confidentiality. (<u>https://www.samaritans.org/</u>)

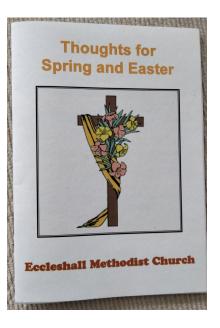
PAPYRUS has also campaigned to have action taken against online sites that encourage suicide and to change the way coroners reach a suicide verdict.

.. To be continued in the May edition, when we look at the work of Making Families Count.

# Hope Springs Eternal

During the COVID lockdowns Eccleshall Methodist chapel produced three booklets of thoughts and prayers, submitted by various members. Here follows some edited extracts from the Spring booklet for you to enjoy and ponder without further explanation.

\*\*\* "The first word that comes to mind when I think of spring is '<u>hope'</u>. A time when the days become longer and our gardens and countryside begin to burst into life. It is a time when we as



Christians celebrate that God has given us a new birth into a living <u>hope</u> through the resurrection of Jesus. Spring is such a significant time of <u>hope</u> for everyone when we move from the cooler dark winter gradually into brighter warmer summertime. We pray and <u>hope</u> that we can put some of our concerns and stresses of the past months behind us. We <u>hope</u> that as we move into spring we can see our friends and loved ones and meet as a church family for worship. This relationship between spring and <u>hope</u> has been summed up by a renowned philosopher (Bernard Williams):

'The day the Lord created <u>hope</u> was probably the same day he created Spring.'"

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### After the winter... God sends the Spring

Springtime is a season of Hope and Joy and Cheer, There's beauty all around us to see and touch and hear.... So, no matter how discouraged and disheartened we may be, New <u>hope</u> is born when we behold leaves budding on a tree... Or when we see a timid flower push through the frozen sod And open wide in glad surprise, it's petalled eyes to God... For this is just God saying, "lift up your eyes to Me, And the bleakness of your spirit, like the budding springtime tree, Will lose its wintry darkness and your heavy heart will sing" – For God never sends the Winter without the Joy of Spring.

Helen Steiner Rice

\*\*\* "For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations." (Isaiah 61:11\_ESV)

God, your seeds of righteousness and praise have been planted in the earth. May I be like a "sprout" in your garden, sprouting up in hope, as I grow in you. Fortify me with the strength as I "burst forth" into who I have been created to be in you.

\*\*\* "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." (Isaiah 43:18-19\_NIV) Father, thank you for the reminder of "renewal" that spring represents to us in the earth. I am excited and expectant of your goodness in this spring season. Prepare me for all the new and wonderful things you have for my life. Help me to keep "springing forward" in my journey with you!

\*\*\* Spring is an expression of Almighty God speaking through His magnificent creation. There is revelation of truth all around us.

Yes, God is good: in earth and sky, From ocean's depths and spreading wood, Ten thousand voices seem to cry, "God made us all, and God is good."

The merry birds prolong the strain, Their song with every spring renewed; And balmy air, and falling rain, Each softly whispers, "God is good."

John Gurney (1802-1862)

\*\*\* "Father, I thank you for the "March winds and April showers that bring May flowers." Father, You know what is necessary to prepare me for what You have in store for my life. Help me to receive what You have for me. Prepare me as You prepare the seeds. Grow me strong, nourish and protect me with Your truth so that I can break through the dirt, sprouting into a healthy "flower" that radiates Your glory in the earth."

Dorothy Kirkham, for Eccleshall Churches Together

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# Recycling

Where to start? It's such a big and confusing subject – there seem to be so many dos and don'ts. However, I'll start with a few facts and hopefully it will help to make things clearer.

Recycling is worthwhile because it saves resources, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, saves energy and saves money. For example making twenty aerosols from recycled materials uses the same energy as making one from scratch; making four plastic shampoo bottles from recycled materials uses the same energy as making one from scratch.

The four main materials that are recycled are:

Paper

Metal

Glass

Plastics



All these are collected from the kerbside and taken to the nearest MRF (materials recovery facility) where they are separated. There's not enough space here to describe how this is done but if you ever get a chance to look round an MRF do take it – it's fascinating.

Paper comes out in bundles which are then pulped in a tank containing water and certain chemicals which separate the fibres. The water is then removed by drying and rolling. Paper can be recycled up to four or five times and is generally used for newspapers, toilet rolls, kitchen towels and tissues. Recycling one tonne of paper saves seventeen trees and uses 70% less water and energy than making virgin paper.

Metals are separated into ferrous such as baked bean tins and non-ferrous such as aluminium drinks cans. Both types of metal can be recycled over and over again and generally use 90 to 95% less energy than using virgin metals which have to be mined.

Glass is separated into different colours in the MRF and crushed into pellets which are then melted. Making glass from scratch involves heating the raw materials to sixteen hundred degrees centigrade, whereas melting recycled glass can be done at much lower temperatures using 40% less energy, not to mention all the raw materials saved. As with metal glass can be recycled almost ad infinitum and glass was one of the first materials to be regularly collected and recycled in the UK.



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# Eccleshall Community Cinema

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**18th April – Oppenheimer** – to celebrate our return to The Royal Oak.

23rd May – The Holdovers (comedy/drama
27th June – One Life - true bio/drama of Sir Nicholas Winton (Anthony Hopkins)

**18th July – The Rocky Horror Show** – outdoor screening – come along, dress up AND sing!

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

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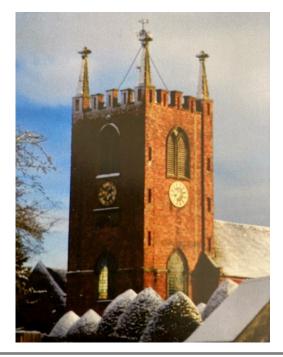
Plastic is the most problematic material when it comes to recycling, not least because there are so many different types, and it is important to make sure only the right type of plastic goes into the blue bin. Most plastic packaging these days comes with a little label saying either 'Recycle', 'Don't recycle at home – recycle in larger superstores', or 'Not yet recyclable', so it's always worth having a look for this before throwing the item away. Like paper plastic can only be recycled a few times as it reduces in value each time.

Am I supposed to leave you with some practical advice about recycling? Well the best advice I can give is "If in doubt, leave it out". If stuff that can't be recycled gets into the blue bin it can often mean a whole load is contaminated - at a considerable cost to the council. Recycle as much as you can and only what you can. You'll be doing the planet a huge favour.

> Amanda Graham Amanda volunteers with Waste-Savvy Staffs



# ECCLESHALL SINGERS - FUNDRAISING CONCERT In aid of Repointing the Pinnacles on the Tower of St Chad's Church, Seighford



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performing before you are in for a treat. <u>www.paulwalkermusic.co.uk</u> As well as being happy to stage a gig in their own village hall for a change from globe-trotting, Paul and Karen have very kindly offered to put this one on to help raise some funds for Broughton Tennis Club. The previously held annual fund-raising concerts staged through the Live & Local rural touring arts organisation appear to have come to an end.

There will be a bar on the night from 7 pm plus tea, coffee and biscuits in the interval. The performance starts at 7.30 pm and tickets priced at £10/ adults and £6/under-16s will be available from Judy Thompstone (01630 673104) and Louise Butter (01630 620479).

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# Adbaston Community Concert Society.

ACCS is excited to share details of the first two concerts in the 2024 season.

### Sunday 5th May Manchester Camerata

(Mozart - Flute Quartet, Britten - Phantasy Trio for Oboe and Strings,

Beach - Theme and Variations of Flute and Strings, Mozart - Oboe Quartet)

### Sunday 7th July Francaix Wind Trio

(Performers for concerts on Sunday 1st Sept and 3rd November to be confirmed )

All concerts are held at the Church of St Michael and all Angels,

Adbaston, ST200QE at 5.30pm.

Tickets are £10 in advance or on the door.

There is nearby free parking and, during the concert interval, light refreshments are served for which we ask for a donation.

www.adbastonccs.org.uk with Society details and contacts.

Looking forward to welcoming you to the concerts!





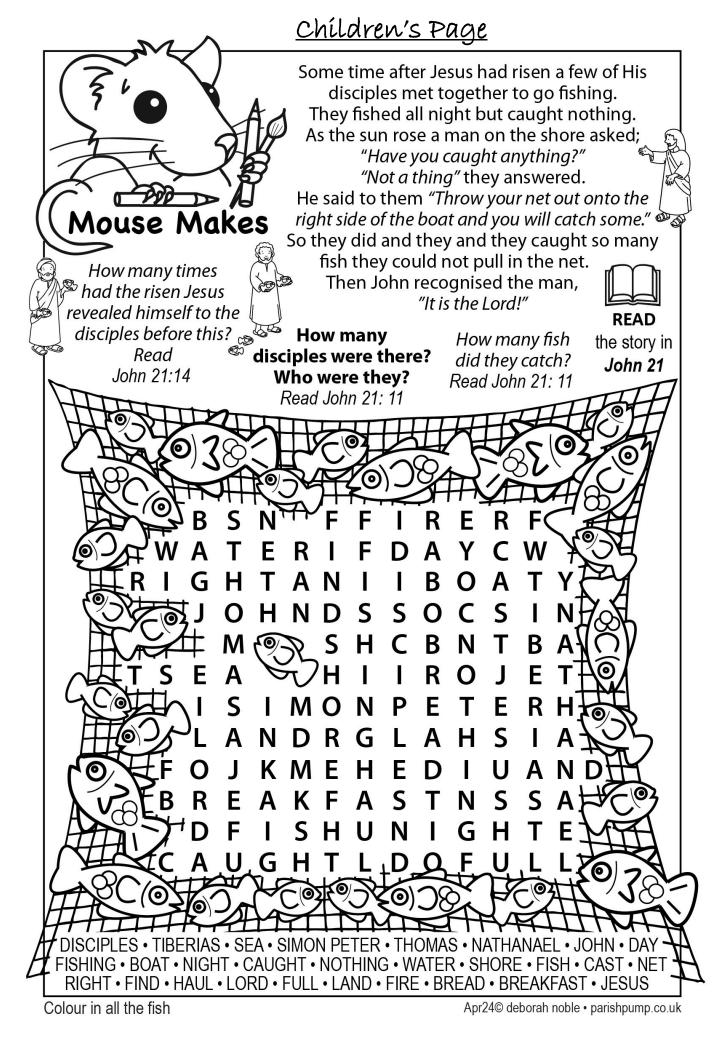
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# Poetry from the Poetry Group

### <u>April</u>

April brings us many things: lambs bounce around as if on springs, on the hedge a blackbird sings, around new blooms a bumblebee wings, here and there late snowfall clings and lovers dream of wedding rings. These are just some of the many things that April brings.

> Elizabeth Leaper (Eccleshall Poetry Group)

### Read any Poems recently?

Poetry? Did your willingness to even look at a poetry book die in your school days? It's not like that now!

"Poetry is life distilled" declared American poet Gwendolyn Brooks, and whether you've discovered poetry in later life, or you've always been a devotee of poetry, you'll find fellow poetry-lovers gathered together for a couple of hours in Eccleshall on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday afternoon of each month. There is a different theme for each meeting. (*Details on p. 39*)



# Transport help

We are very fortunate to have volunteer groups, within our own community and in Stafford, that help those in need to travel to places that they need to get to. Those groups both write here to tell us about what they offer and to invite people to join their organisations as volunteer drivers.

# Community Help

Since its inception in 2018 the **Eccleshall Voluntary Car Scheme** has been helping local people with transport to and from medical appointments with the help of local voluntary drivers.

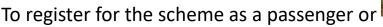
Since then over 100 local people have registered for the scheme and every week the scheme's drivers have been taking people to hospital



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appointments, doctors, opticians, chiropodists, dentists in fact anything medical.

The scheme was founded and is coordinated by Peter and Joy Jones since the Staffordshire County Council's Community Transport department provided assistance in its setting up and the scheme operates under SCC guidelines.





driver or simply to find out more information contact Peter and Joy on 01785 851381 / 07815 419166 or email peterwjones@btinternet.com. www.eccleshallvoluntarycarscheme.org.uk

# <u>Stafford Transport Charity Needs You!</u>

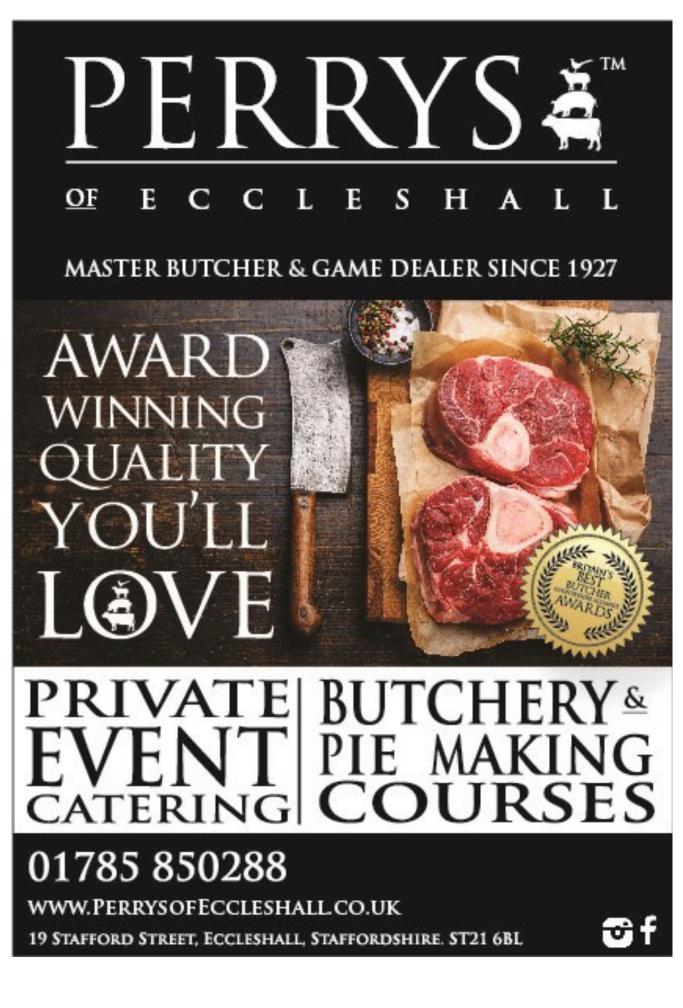
Community Link Stafford & District is sending out a rallying cry for volunteers after the start of 2024 saw a record number of new members.

The local charity, which has 5 wheelchair accessible vehicles and 36 minibuses, has been running for 21 years taking people who struggle to access public transport where they need to be. Whether it's to medical appointments, shopping, or socialising, Community Link strives to enhance the quality of life of their members. The increased requests from new and existing members are seeing their current volunteer team stretched thin.

Volunteer Manager Lauren Walker says: "Our volunteers are absolutely amazing and we're very proud of the service we offer to the community. January has been a really busy month and we desperately need more hands on deck to cope with our requests and help us grow throughout the coming year. Our aim is that no-one in the Stafford community feels isolated or lonely. Even a couple of hours a week would make a massive difference to our members."

*If you have accessibility needs it's good to know that Community Link covers Eccleshall too.* 

If you can help, or if you know someone who would benefit from Community Link's services, contact Lauren on 01785 252050, email <u>info@communitylinkstafford.co.uk</u>, or visit their website at <u>www.communitylinkstafford.co.uk</u>



# THE PARISH REGISTERS

# FUNERALS & INTERMENTS

17 February 2024	James Sharratt Burial of Ashes at St Chad's, Slindon
22 February 2024	Anne Baines Funeral Service at Holy Trinity following Committal at Stafford Crematorium

## SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO ALL WHO MOURN



# Prayer Support

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 you or they are prayed for.

Kathleen Stevenson passed away peacefully in her sleep on Mother's Day, 10th March, aged 89.

Kathleen will be fondly remembered as Mrs Kath from Southwell House Nursery School.

Kath and Paul Stevenson did everything together. In their 65th year of marriage they could not be apart so Paul followed and passed away peacefully, one week later on Sunday, 17th March, aged 87. They will both be sadly missed by all their family and friends.

Where appropriate, services that are held after the date that Trinity magazine has gone to print will be shown on the Parish Registers page in the following issue.





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# Forthcoming Events

### APRIL 2024

Wednesday 3rd 11-11.30am *Holy Communion Service* in Holy Trinity Church

Thursday 4th 2.00-4.00pm *Eccleshall Poetry Group* in Eccleshall Methodist Hall **"Yeats and Heaney"** 

Monday 8th 7.30pm *Eccleshall Historical Society* - meets in Holy Trinity Parish Room "A delve into the (Johnson) dictionary" Sue Bray

Wednesdays 10th, 17th & 24th 8-9pm *Eccleshall Community Band* rehearse in Holy Trinity Church

Wednesdays 10th and 24th 10-12 *Coffee and Fellowship* in Holy Trinity Parish Room

**Thursday 11th** 7.30pm *Eccleshall WI* in Holy Trinity Parish Room "The Golden Age of Stagecoaching" with Steve Booth

Thursday 18th 2.00-4.00pm *Eccleshall Poetry Group* in Eccleshall Methodist Hall "Shakespeare's birthday -Happy and Glorious "

**Thursday 18th** 7.30pm *Eccleshall Community Cinema* film showing at The Royal Oak See p. 26

Friday 26th 10.00am *TMF* Walk in Stone area. Lunch at The George and Dragon

**Saturday 27th** 7.30pm *Paul Walker and Karen Pfeiffer in Concert* at Broughton Parish Room See p. 29

**Saturday 27th** 7.30pm *Eccleshall Singers Fundraising Concert* at St Chad's Church, Seighford See p 27

### MAY 2024

Wednesday 1st 11-11.30am Holy Communion Service in Holy Trinity Church

Wednesdays 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd 8-9pm *Eccleshall Community Band* rehearse in Holy Trinity Church

**Thursday 2nd** 2.00-4.00pm *Eccleshall Poetry Group* in Eccleshall Methodist Hall **"The Moon"** 

Sunday 5th 5.30 pm *Adbaston Community Concert Society* at Adbaston Church - Manchester Camerata. For programme See p. 29

Wednesdays 8th and 22nd 10-12 *Coffee and Fellowship* in Holy Trinity Parish Room

**Thursday 9th** 7.30pm *Eccleshall WI* in Holy Trinity Parish Room "Quirky Flower Arrangements " with Pam Moseley

**Monday 13th** 7.30pm *Eccleshall Historical Society -* meets in Holy Trinity Parish Room "Pirates! The Fact And The Fiction " Max Keen

**Thursday 16th** 2.00-4.00pm *Eccleshall Poetry Group* in Eccleshall Methodist Hall "Poems from our Youth"

**Thursday 23rd** 7.30pm *Eccleshall Community Cinema* film showing at The Royal Oak See p. 26

Friday 31st 10.00am *TMF* Walk in Eccleshall area. Lunch at The Royal Oak

If you would like to give notice of forthcoming events for May and June please let us know by 7th April at the latest (details on page 43).

Contact details for events can be found on pages 42 and 43.

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Ron Biggs Trinity Magazine Treasurer

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# **Church Service Rotas for April**

Date	7th April The Second Sunday of Easter	14th April The Third Sunday of Easter	21st April The Fourth Sunday of Easter	28th April The Fifth Sunday of Easter		
Holy Trinity 10am	Holy Communion with Holy Baptism	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion		
Sides- people	A Dale J Dale	N Reynolds C Reynolds	T Jones L Jones	P Jones Joy Jones		
Eucharistic Officer	A Braithwaite	G Dingle	A Braithwaite	G Dingle		
Prayers	P Jones	B Dodd	J Norton	B Braithwaite		
Reading 1	Acts 4 32-35 N Reynolds	<b>Acts 3 12-19</b> C Jones	<b>Acts 4 5-12</b> J Turnock	<b>Acts 8 26-40</b> H Edge		
Reading 2	<b>1 John 1 1-2.2</b> C Reynolds	<b>1 John 3 1-7</b> M Jones	<b>1 John 3 16-24</b> P Stewart	<b>1 John 4 7-21</b> I Edge		
St Chad's 11.30am	Matins	Holy Communion	Holy Communion (followed by AGM)	Holy Communion		
Readings	<b>As 10am</b> Margaret Bardsley	<b>As 10am</b> The Whitfields	<b>As 10am</b> Sue Bramall	<b>As 10am</b> Lorna Sant		
Other services, events and activities						
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April – Holy Communion – 11am with Reyd Stephen						

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Holy Communion – 11am with Revd Stephen

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April - St. Chad's AGM 12.30pm (following 11.30am service)

Link to Zoom services (subject to availability of A/V technicians ): https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87379543140?pwd=aUJhbXV6ZDg1MnN4K2NxdXRaMndrQT09 Meeting ID: 873 7954 3140 Passcode: 240933

### <u>Smile Line - Heaven</u>

Seen in a parish magazine: "We shall be meeting on Wednesday, when the subject will be 'Heaven - how do we get there?' Transport by bus is available at 6.45pm opposite the King's Arms.

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

### 3rd April, Wednesday Service

11.00 - 11.30am Holy Trinity - Holy Communion

## 7th April, Second Sunday of Easter

10am - 11am Holy Trinity - Holy Communion with Holy Baptism 11.30am - 12.30pm St Chad's - Matins

## 14th April, Third Sunday of Easter

10am - 11am Holy Trinity - Holy Communion

11.30am - 12.30pm St Chad's - Holy Communion

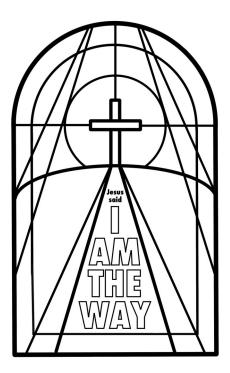
## 21st April, Fourth Sunday of Easter

10am - 11am Holy Trinity - Holy Communion 11.30am - 12.30pm St Chad's - Holy Communion (followed by AGM)

# 28th April, Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 10am 11am Holy Trinity Holy Communion
- 11.30am 12.30pm St Chad's Holy Communion

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