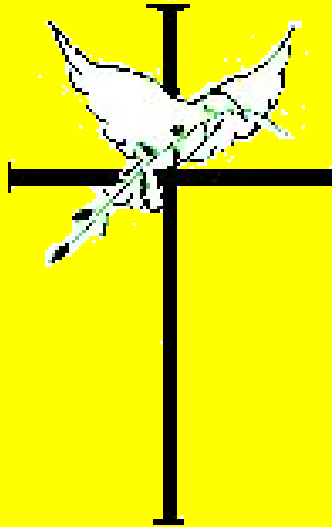


The

Messenger

STAFFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

The Green, Bailey Street, Stafford



August / September 2011

welcoming Teams

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| August | 07 | Linda | Derek | | Cliff |
| | 14 | Connie | Rita | | |
| | 21 | Richard J | Syd | | |
| | 28 | Eslyn | Claire | | |
| September | 04 | Shirley | Nigel | | Bryan |
| | 11 | Richard J | Syd | | |
| | 18 | Linda | Derek | | |
| | 25 | Connie | Rita | | |
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Flower Rota



Shirley
 Eslyn
 Lorraine
 Jean
 Gloria Pottinger
 Janet
 Betty Wilson
 Becky,Chris,Adam

Women's Fellowship

September

15th Rev Dennis Weller

22nd Father Petroc

29th Mrs B Martin

Friends

We have just returned from a family holiday in St. Ives, Cornwall. The weather was not very kind to us, but it did not stop us from going out. Sometimes we all went out together, sometimes we went out in small groups, and at other times we went out as individuals, doing our own thing.

This holiday experience reminded me very much of our prayer life.

There are times when we pray as a complete fellowship, as on a Sunday morning. There are times when we pray as a small group, for example in a House group. And then there are times when we pray as individuals. All these ways of praying are important, and perfectly correct, and scriptural. Let's have a look - but in reverse order.

If you remember, during my message on Pentecost Sunday, I quoted from Acts chapter 2, where it said that the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, and to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Here were a whole group of people, a fellowship, at prayer. The passage goes on to say that they continued to meet together; they praised God and enjoyed the favour of all the people. And then, most importantly, the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. How amazing is the power of prayer.

In the gospel of Matthew chapter 18, Jesus says - 'I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.'

So, when there are just a few, the Lord answers prayer. Another example is found in Luke's gospel when the disciples say to Jesus - 'Lord teach us to pray.' I always imagine that as Jesus teaches them the prayer that we know as The Lord's Prayer, they would all bow their heads to pray, probably repeating the words as Jesus spoke them.

I love the verses in Mark chapter 1 where it says - 'Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went to a solitary place, where he prayed'. Sometimes we need to get away and be quiet, to be on our own, and perhaps use the time to pray.

In whichever way we choose to pray we know that God will hear our prayers and He will answer, not always in the way that we wish. But we should not be put off but continue to pray.

As a Church, we must encourage each other to pray. As individuals we can pray for people and things which are closest to our hearts. When we meet in a small group then there may be those who need our

prayers who we are not aware of. When we meet on Sunday we pray as a fellowship, as they did in the early days of the church, and we noted earlier how powerful prayer can be when many are praying together. When Paul writes to the Thessalonians he says - 'Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.'

Let's make prayer a priority in our lives as we look to the future ministry of our church. Let us pray that we may know God's will for us, both as individuals, as small groups, and as a fellowship.

Bryan

A message from the Captain. (BBGA)

I would like to thank everyone for coming to support us on our display/awards night. I'm sure you will all agree, it was a great night. What a busy year we have had this year and an enjoyable one. I would also like to thank you all for helping us raise money, supporting our events and also volunteering to help. There are many exciting things happening next year and I hope you can continue to come and support us.

I would especially like to thank Bryan Jervis, Liz Stokes, Ora Yearwood and Lorraine Rushton for helping me and supporting me over the last year.

We also couldn't do it without the parents/guardians bringing the children down every week. So thank you parents/ guardians and the children for what they do.

Thank you

Richard Jones



First Tuesday Coffee Mornings

June's Coffee Morning, held as usual at 20a Lichfield Road, was in aid of Macmillan Support for people with cancer. This charity is one hundred years old this year. It was begun by Douglas MacMillan. In 1911 one of the ways in which he decided to help people who were affected financially with having cancer, was by giving them free bags of coal. The local fund raising manager told us that this was practical approach is still very important today. She gave us a few examples; provision of a stair lift, a food processor, a laptop for a 16 year old girl so that she can keep in touch with her friends while she is off school and help with hospital car parking costs.

Macmillan Cancer Support offers financial advice and help with filling in the necessary forms for benefit claims. Medical advice and emotional support is readily available. The Macmillan nurses who give care to people at home are paid for through fund raising. Money is provided to help pay for the initial training of specialist nurses who will work in hospitals. This charity receives no government funding. We were told that if you want someone to talk to then call the Cancer Support Line free on 0808 808 0000.

The intention had been that July's Coffee Morning would be to raise money for a health and Hygiene Project that is supported by our link missionaries, Tim and Rosimar Deller who are working in Brazil. However a E:Mail from Tim at the start of July led to a change of plan. Tim had been staying for three weeks at a local settlement for landless people. This is what he had to say: "Things have been quite violent on the settlement these past weeks, a couple of murders, many rape victims and problems with young people who have little to do. We have been asked by the local police if, as a church, we can help, so we've been in the schools and we are starting a youth club for totally non-church related kids. Please pray for us. The gift you might raise will come in "God's timing" as we must raise £800 in the next seven days or so to pay for the repair of our generator as without electricity most of our activities come to a standstill" It was agreed by all of us at the Coffee Morning that the money raised should be sent as speedily as possible to Tim Deller to help towards paying for the vital repair of the generator.

Hazel Hollis

ACROSS

1. Isn't this the David they ___ about in their dances (1 Sam 29:5)

5. There will be no more ___ or mourning (Rev 21:4)

9. He trains my hands for battle; my ___ can bend a bow (2 Sam 22:35)

13. the ___ shall tread out no wine in their presses (Isa 16:10) KJV

14. I will not ___ the guilty (Ex 23:7)

15. For my yoke is ___ and my burden is light (Matt 11:30)

16. Greet also the church that ___ at their house (Rom 16:5)

17. God has granted even the Gentiles repentance ___ life (Acts 11:18)

18. and experienced in the ___ of engraving (2 Chron 2:7)

19. anyone who says to his brother, ___, ' is answerable to the (Matt 5:22)

20. sluggard is ___ in his own eyes than seven (Prov 26:16)

21. Those of Israelite ___ had separated themselves (Neh 9:2)

23. His ___ swept a third of the stars out of the sky (Rev 12:4)

25. ye lawyers! for ye ___ men with burdens (Luke 11:46) KJV

26. there before me was ___ horse (1,5) (Rev 6:5)



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29. inexpensive

32. Jesse the father of ___ (Ruth 4:22)

34. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on ___ and wine (Luke 10:34)

36. Help us, O LORD our God, for we ___ on you (2 Chron 14:11)

38. A sword is upon the liars; and they shall ___ (Jer 50:36) KJV

39. affirmative response (Acts 22:27)

40. ___ the lintel of the door, that the posts may shake (Amos 9:1) KJV

43. What ___ thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest (Ps 114:5) KJV

44. King Nebuchadnezzar ___ to his feet in

amazement (Dan 3:24)

46. "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your ___ ." (Luke 10:17)

49. Roman Emperor

50. They ___ their teeth at me (Ps 35:16)

54. just above the waistband of the ___ (Ex 28:27)

57. what will be the ___ of your coming (Matt 24:3)

58. found in King Solomons mines

59. the princes of ___ abode with Balaam (Num 22:8)

60. You ___ are the LORD. You made the heavens (Neh 9:6)

61. authority to drive out all demons and to ____ diseases (Luke 9:1)
62. because the hair was heavy on him, therefore he ____ it (2 Sam 14:26) KJV
63. your brother Timothy has been ____ (Heb 13:23)
64. Adam and Eve both ate from the ____ of good and evil (Gen 3:12-13)
65. I also want women to ____ modestly, with decency (1 Tim 2:9)
66. You lie on ____ inlaid with ivory and lounge on your couches (Amos 6:4)
DOWN
1. he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his ____ (2 Kings 3:27) KJV
2. lips that speak knowledge are ____ jewel (1,4) (Prov 20:15)
3. Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have ____ (Matt 8:20)
4. ye have respect to him that weareth the ____ clothing (James 2:3) KJV
5. the LORD your God will certainly ____ it of you (Deut 23:21)
6. Built (2 Chron 3:17)
7. looked like ____ of glass, clear as crystal (1,3) (Rev 4:6)
8. He who ____ ears to hear, let him hear (Mark 4:9)
9. Husband of Priscilla (Acts 18:2)
10. The man ____ away because he is a hired hand (John 10:13)
11. till thou hast paid the very last ____ (Luke 12:59)

KJV
12. thy fathers have laid up in ____ until this day (Isa 39:6) KJV
19. the birds of the air; they do not sow or ____ (Matt 6:26)
20. a ____ animal will tear them (Hos 13:8)
22. We are the ____, you are the potter (Isa 64:8)
23. last letter in Hebrew alphabet
24. first month of Hebrew calendar (Ex.23:15)
27. walking in the garden in the ____ of the day (Gen 3:8)
28. the black ____, any kind of falcon (Deut 14:13)
29. Listen to my ____ for help, my King and my God (Ps 5:2)
30. he will crush your head, and you will strike his ____ (Gen 3:15)
31. Above all ____, guard your heart (Prov 4:23)
33. A man finds joy in giving an ____ reply (Prov 15:23)
35. Moses ____ Israel from the Red Sea (Exod 15:22)
37. Take a jar and put an ____ of manna in it (Ex 16:33)
38. If a man ____, will he live again? (Job 14:14)
40. The creatures ____ back and forth like flashes of lightning (Ezek 1:14)
41. teacher, what must ____ to inherit eternal life? (1,2) (Luke 18:18)
42. he shall set ____ of war against thy walls (Ezek 26:9) KJV
43. Send me, therefore,

____ skilled to work in gold (1,3) (2 Chron 2:7)
45. My heart is stirred by ____ theme (1,5) (Ps 45:1)
47. messengers (Ps 103:20)
48. God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he ____ anyone (James 1:13)
51. a foolish man who built his ____ on sand (Matt 7:26)
52. Surely I have acted like a fool and have ____ greatly (1 Sam 26:21)
53. I will repay them according to their ____ (Jer 25:14)
55. Or I may become ____ and steal (Prov 30:9)
56. lest he ____ thee to the judge (Luke 12:58) KJV
57. no remedy for your ____, no healing for you (Jer 30:13)
60. make every effort to ____ to your faith (2 Pet 1:5)
61. a quarter of a ____ of seed pods for five shekels (2 Kings 6:25)

Sticky Fingers

Our 'In Church Barbecue' ended the summer term. It was an enjoyable morning but a little emotional as we said goodbye to the older children who go on to nursery/ school in September.



Looking back over a very busy year we thank God this outreach has, because of a willing team of helpers, continued to open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Numbers attending have steadily increased throughout the year and some mornings have been quite hectic. With fewer older children attending it will be possible to extend the area set aside for mums and babies next term, although it never ceases to amaze me how quickly the babies become toddlers.

Memories of a Lovely Lady.

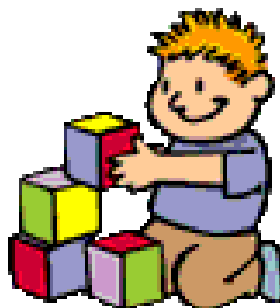
We miss dear Maureen in so many ways, how often she advised or comforted troubled mums or carers only God knows. The story time and singing were such a fun time with Maureen, and cakes or biscuits appeared like magic on special occasions. Thank you dear friend for love so freely given.

Hilary has joined us on Tuesdays, the children really enjoy her many wonderful ideas for the craft table. A special thank you to Richard who prepares the schoolroom for each session, often with Rhian's help, and organises the packing as he sings a catchy little song to get the children involved. Thank you to the faithful team of helpers who man the most important of all tasks, refreshments, an almost none stop job from 10 am to 11.30 am.

There is always room for more helpers on the rota!

Please continue to pray that the love of Jesus will be made known through the outreach of Sticky Fingers.

Connie.



First Tuesday Coffee Mornings at 20A Lichfield Road Stafford Programme 2011/2012



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| September 6th | St John Ambulance |
| October 4th | Greenhall Nursery School |
| November 1st | Coldstream Guards Assoc |
| December 6th | Action for Children |
| February 7th | Stafford Branch Parkinson's UK |
| March 6th | Operation Agri |
| April 3rd | N.Staffs Kidney Patients Association |
| May 1st | Save the Children UK |
| June 12th | Retired Baptist Ministers Housing Society <i>(please note change of date)</i> |
| July 3rd | Bible Society |

A warm welcome awaits you all

How to Paint A Wall

While I went off to work one day,
She decided to paint the wall.
And when I came back home that
night,
She was curled into a ball.

Her eyes were closed, she was
breathing hard,
Her hair was very wet.
From her head to the tips of her
pretty toes,
She was covered all in sweat.

She was wrapped in a jacket made
of down,
With a fur coat on top of that.

The wall was glowing with new,
fresh paint;
On the floor, the paint can sat.

"Sweetheart!" I cried, with a
worried look,
"Are you all right, my dear?"
She lazily opened her lovely eyes,
And smiled from ear to ear.

"I knew I could do it," she said with
a grin;
"I followed the paint can notes.
It clearly said 'For best results,
Be sure to put on two coats.'"

By Joanna Fuchs

First Tuesday Accounts 2010/2011

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| September | Arthritis UK | £181:60 |
| October | Home Mission | £198:79 |
| November | Coldstream Guards Assoc | £228:36 |
| December | Donna Louise Trust | £243:10 |
| February | Multiple Sclerosis | £192:00 |
| March | Operation Agri | £188:07 |
| April | Monthly Alheimers Support | £203:70 |
| May | Save the Children | £355:25 |
| June | Macmillan Home Support | £190:00 |
| July | Brazil -Dellers – Generator | £185:00 |
| Total raised over 10 months | | £2165:87 |

A big thank you to all who supported these events. We offer a warm welcome to all who would care to support the new programme.

Golf Chat

Three old men on the golf course,
(Each had trouble hearing well)
Were playing a round on a breezy day,
When one blew over and fell.

"Windy, isn't it?" said one of them,
While helping the other to rise.
"No, it's Thursday," said the second man.
And they walked off to exercise.

The third man had listened intently;
Now he chimed in, with good cheer;
As he followed the others, he called out,
"So am I. Let's have a beer!"

*By Joanna Fuchs
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Churches Together Stafford & District

Saturday 6th August

7.30am - 8.30am Dawn Patrol -

Town Prayer meeting

Everyone is welcome

Led by Trevor Partington

Wednesday 17th to Saturday

20th August

Jesus Christ Superstar - an open air production at Ingestre Stables

Tickets £12 starting 8pm in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

Tel 01889 271165

August 22nd (4 nights)

SCRAP are taking a small group to Bodelwyddan Castle

(Warners)

If you are interested please let Anne and Malcolm Glover know soon as there is not much availability

Saturday 3rd September

7.30am - 8.30am Dawn Patrol -

Town Prayer meeting

Everyone is welcome

Led by Stafford Elim Church

24th September 2011

Bible convention with Malcolm Duncan formerly with Faith

works and now Minister of Goldhill Baptist Church

Saturday 1st October

7.30am - 8.30am Dawn Patrol -

Town Prayer meeting

Everyone is welcome

Led by Rising Brook Baptist

Saturday 1st October

'Dreaming Kingdom Dreams' Stafford Deanery & Churches Together in Stafford & District present a Joint Fresh Expressions Event. Following up

the Lent Study Course on 'Fresh Expressions' of Church. 10.00am - 4.00 pm at St

Thomas' & St Andrew's Church, Doxey, Stafford.

Dan & Jenny Corcoran from Nottingham. Dan is Bishop's Pioneer Minister for Children & Young people in Bilborough and Strelley. Jenny is a PhD postgraduate at St John's College, Nottingham

Bring packed lunch, Drinks provided.

More details to follow.

Thursday 6th October

7.30pm - 9.00pm Jeremy Lefroy forum will be held at Church Lane Evangelical Church. An opportunity to discuss political issues affecting Stafford and District. Please email Linda Perham any questions you would like to raise.

Saturday 8th October

John Young Foundation Pilgrimage to Lichfield Cathedral with Pilgrim Eucharist, Tour of Cathedral, Foot Washing, Choral Evensong. To book tel 01785 258428 or email jyf@route56.co.uk

Tuesday 11th October

1.00pm Church Leaders lunch will be held at St Thomas and St Andrews church, Doxey. Please encourage your church leaders to attend.

Saturday 15th October

11.00am - 2.30pm at Church Lane
Stafford Churches in Action - Discover how we are working together to serve our Community. So far those hoping

to attend include: Street Pastors, Kerygma Bus Team, House of Bread, Dawn Patrol, Churches Together, Mid Staffs Youth Net, Question Mark, If you organise any events or services for the local community that you would like others to support please can you contact me so we can include you in the exhibition.

Tues 9th Aug., Tues 13th Sept., Tues 11th Oct.

7 - 9 pm Prayer For Persecuted Christians at Highfields Christian Centre Full Gospel Church, Milton Grove, STAFFORD ST17 9TR using material from Open Doors, Barnabas and CSW. Join with us to pray God will strengthen the Church around the world. For further information please contact Neville & Anna Brownsey Tel: 01785-255963.

Fri 16th Sept., Fri 21st Oct

Stafford Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship
Meal starts at 7.15pm
Hatherton Country Hotel
Penkridge, followed by speaker



BMS *world news*

Teaching and learning in China

BMS volunteer Hazel Randall gives us a glimpse into her brief time teaching in Donghai, China.

The scale of industrialisation and building work here is awesome. Twenty years ago this was an undeveloped rural area. Now, vast areas of woodland are being chopped down for the construction of rows and rows of apartment blocks. What used to be a beautiful beach with white sand has gone because the sand has been used for construction.

Despite obvious pollution most people seem proud of the progress. It's striking that the power stations in both Nanshan and Donghai are very close to the school. People point out the chimneys with pride. Pollution is the price they are happy to pay for progress.

The school was built in 2002 and has 8,000 pupils. There are 500 children in elementary school and I teach every class once a

week. Thankfully, there is no expectation that I will learn names! The children have English lessons every day from kindergarten age.

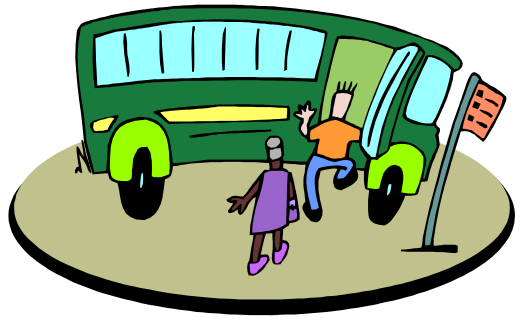
The learning style is rote learning. Children will repeat lists of vocabulary over and over: first the whole class, then row by row, then selected individuals. They don't expect me to replicate this style, which is good.

My own experience is that I am feeling more at home here as I discover how things work in China. At first, even the simplest of things like catching a bus, shopping, and doing the laundry seemed challenging, but now I have got used to the day-to-day basics. It's really strange because I can't remember what seemed so different.

I do hope there will be other people to follow me and the other BMS World Mission volunteers out here next semester.

A Day Out

Many years ago there was a song, that went - 'Didn't we have a lovely time the day we went to Bangor'. Well, all we need to do is change the venue to Southport.



A coach-load of us left The Green at

9 o'clock and headed in a northerly direction. The weather forecast was not very good, but we were determined to have a good time. On the way many read their suitably sized newspaper for the small confines of a coach except a Mr A. Yearwood who took up a lot of room with The Daily Telegraph.

We were nearing our destination when everyone started ducking and diving to avoid a bird that had somehow got on board and was flying up and down the coach at great speed. The driver thought that it was on the coach when we left Stafford, and so we pulled off the road and let it out. A most surprised little bird suddenly found itself about 100 miles from home.

Once in Southport we all went our separate ways, and the weather was quite good. Some went up the pier, and some went along Lord Street to view the shops. For those in Lord Street in the early afternoon there was a Pageant to watch, and I understand that a popular pub chain did a pretty good trade with a number of Baptists!

All too soon it was time to return home - no sign of the bird this time, but we all agreed that we had a good day, and we must thank Rosemary and Syd for organising this for us.

Perhaps another one next year?

Rising Brook Baptist Church and Signposts Centre are offering support to several families in Stafford who are in need of help. We would be pleased to hear from anyone who can donate any of the following items: A washing machine, microwave, a cot & cot mattress, bedding, cutlery, crockery, kitchen ware and utensils to make their homes more comfortable, and clean toiletry bags to aid the distribution of toiletries to local vulnerable women. If you have any items to give away please contact Janet asap: Tel 01785 254733 or e mail rainbow22@virginmedia.com Thank you very much.

Aug/Sept

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| Mon - 01 Aug | 7.30PM Deacons Meeting |
| Wed - 03 | 11.00AM Friends Together 7.30PM Church Meeting for all the Fellowship |
| Sun - 07 | 10.30AM Fellowship Service NO EVENING SERVICE |
| Sun - 14 | 10.30AM Morning Worship Rev Keith Shaw |
| Sun - 21 | 10.30AM Morning Worship/Communion Rev D Weller |
| Sun - 28 | 10.30AM Morning Worship |
| Sun - 04 Sept | 10.30AM Morning Worship Simon Hollis 6.30PM Evening Communion Charles McIlree |
| Mon - 05 | 7.30PM Deacons Meeting |
| Tues - 06 | 10.00AM Coffee Morning 20A Lichfield Road in aid of St John Ambulance |
| Wed - 07 | 11.00AM Friends Together |
| Sun - 11 | 10.30AM Morning Worship |
| Wed - 14 | 7.30PM Church Meeting |
| Sun - 18 | 10.30AM Morning Worship /Communion Rev H Jones |
| Sun - 25 | 10.30AM Morning Worship Big Event Team |

For further dates please see the weekly news-sheet

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EVERY SUNDAY at 10.30 AM
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Full youth & children's programme every Sunday morning

Communion Services every 1st Sunday evening & 3rd Sunday morning

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Please telephone 01785 612039 for
information

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Weekly on Thursday at 2.15 pm

'STICKY FINGERS' (parents and under 5's)

Tues & Thurs 10.00 to 11.30 am

FRIENDS TOGETHER (over 55's)

Monthly on first Wednesday 11.00 am to
3.00 pm

Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association

Thursday at 6.30 pm