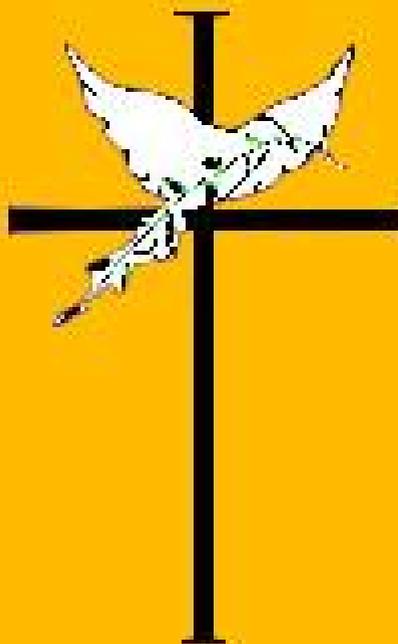


**The
Messenger**

STAFFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

The Green, Bailey Street, Stafford



August - September 2017

welcoming Teams



Aug 06	Linda	Derek
13	Connie	Janet M-W
20	Eslyn	Tba
27	Nigel	Claire
Sept 03	Linda	Derek
10	Connie	Janet M-W
17	Eslyn	tba
24	Nigel	Claire



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Aug 06	Lorraine Rushton
13	Eslyn Brown
20	Val Chakrabarti
28	Jean Jervis
Sept03	Gloria Pottinger
10	Janet Morris-Wilson
17	Betty Wilson
24	Becky,Chris,Adam Jones
Oct 01	Joyce Lawton

Dear Friends,



“The gracious hand of God was upon me” – so said Nehemiah after venturing to express his concern for the city of Jerusalem to his boss, the King of Persia. He went further and asked for leave to go and organise the rebuilding of the city walls, and the king not only gave him time but also resources, letters of authority and an armed escort. **“The gracious hand of God was upon me”**.

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen” – so wrote the apostle Paul as he expressed his prayer and encouragement for the church at Ephesus.

How we can echo those thoughts and those words – *To God be the glory, who does immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. The gracious hand of God has been upon us - as we’ve sought his will and his ways in these recent months.*

With delight and anticipation we look forward to Danielle Leigh joining us as Associate Minister. Danielle and the family will be moving to Stafford in mid-August, ready for the Induction and Welcome Service on Saturday 2nd September – 3.00 pm.

In the background it has been God who has been at work; He has been leading Danielle’s journey of faith and call to ministry; He has been leading and preparing us at The Green to welcome Danielle; and He has been at work for our journeys to coincide, that we might move forward together in His plans and purposes.

The gracious hand of God has been upon us, and the more we get to know one another the more we shall realise that; and the more we shall recognize just how God has been answering prayers and making links not only in recent months, but back through the years. In these past few weeks I’ve been seeing a good many of these links and connections, and I hope you will see them too, and be encouraged by the God **who does immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.**

Please note the date for your dairy and in your prayers, as we turn a new page in the history of the worship and witness of God's people at The Green. I'm looking forward with anticipation and excitement to all that God will be writing on this next page, and further ahead as he leads us towards a new chapter. Of course, it's all part of the same book; it's not our book, it's God's book. **His gracious hand is upon us**, as he invites us to take our places in His Story.

Ron

Induction and Welcome Service

Danielle Leigh joins us
as **Associate Minister**

Saturday 2nd September, 3.00 pm

Welcome!



*We are Glad
You are Here!*

... and a special welcome to all the family:

Danielle and Simon, Brooke, Kimi and Zeph

Change of Address

from 31st July you'll find

at: **Ron & Sandra Davis**
28 Longhurst Drive
Stafford ST16 3RG



telephone: 01785 241498 (no change)

Congratulations:

Congratulations to **Margaret Hennessey** on her recent 80th Birthday

MESSY CHURCH

family friendly, and for all ages together



Dates for Messy Church:

Sunday 20th August

Sunday 17th September

Sunday 15th October

at **10.45am** - following 10AM Service

Dates for your diary:

Mon 7th August	Deacons meeting	7.30 pm
Wed 9th August	Holiday at Home - afternoon drive and tea	2.00 pm
Thu 10th August	Holiday at Home - activities, lunch and worship	11.00 am
Sun 20th August	Morning Worship Messy Church	10.00 am 10.45 am
Sat 2nd Sept	Induction and Welcome of Danielle Leigh as Associate Minister of Stafford Baptist Church	3.00 pm
Sun 3rd Sept	Songs of Praise at Drakeford Court	6.30 pm
Mon 4th Sept	Deacons meeting	7.30 pm
Wed 6th Sept	Friends Together	11.00 am
Sun 17th Sept	Morning Worship Messy Church	10.00 am 10.45 am
Wed 27th Sept	Fellowship Prayer Time	7.30 pm

ACROSS

1 a ruin and a desolate waste from Migdol to ____ (Ezek 29:10)

5 with their tongues they have ____ deceit (Rom 3:13)

8 ____ of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark (Gen 6:19)

11 Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou ____, go, flee (Amos 7:12)

12 the LORD God formed the man ____ the dust of the ground (Gen 2:7)

13 The burning sand will become a ____, the thirsty ground (Isa 35:7)

14 this message will bring ____ terror (Isa 28:19)

15 But you must not eat meat that has its ____ still in it (Gen 9:4)

17 To what can I ____ this generation? (Matt 11:16)

19 the darkness is passing and the ____ light is already shining (I Jn 2:8)

20 Lying lips ____ abomination to the LORD (Prov 12:22)

21 the hour cometh, ____, is now come, that ye shall be scattered (John 16:32)

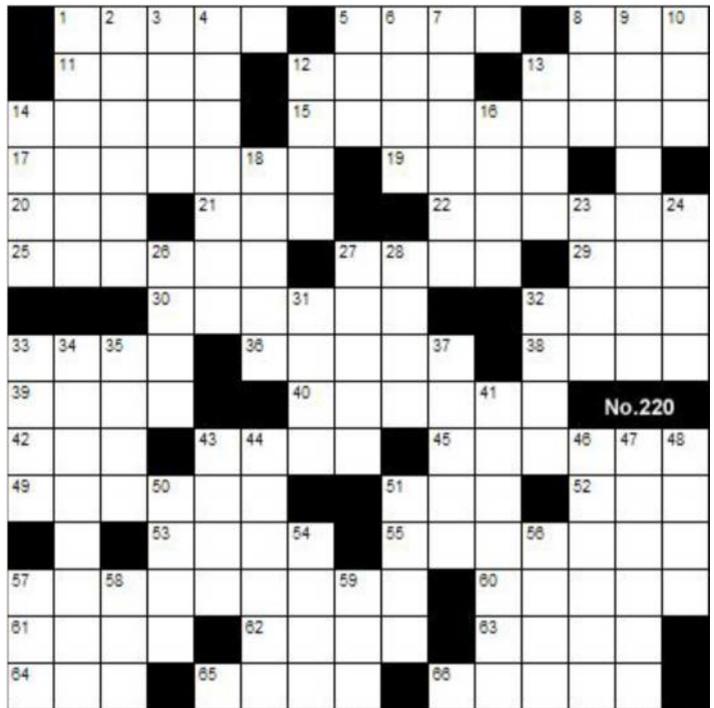
22 In her hand she holds the distaff and ____ the spindle (Prov 31:19)

25 To ____ them that were under the law (Gal 4:5)

27 not the least stroke of ____ will by any means (1,3) (Matt 5:18)

29 my words are on the ____ of my tongue (Job 33:2)

30 Ye made also ____ between the two walls for the (1,5) (Isa 22:11) KJV



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32 God made them ____ and female (Mark 10:6)

33 when he saw Jesus ____ off, he ran and worshipped him (Mark 5:6)

36 leaving a ____ in the mud like a threshing sledge (Job 41:30)

38 behold a man riding upon ____ horse (1,3) (Zech 1:8)

39 Only when the ram's ____ sounds a long blast may they go up (Exod 19:13)

40 David fought Goliath with ____ and a stone (1,5) (1 Sam 17:50)

42 experienced in the ____ of engraving (2 Chron 2:7)

43 she let them down by a ____ through the window (Josh 2:15)

45 these sayings were ____ abroad throughout all the hill (Luke 1:65) KJV

49 called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will ____ (Isa 62:2)

51 Finish your outdoor work and ____ your fields ready (Prov 24:27)

52 twenty first letter of Greek alphabet

53 Esau went to the field to ____ for venison (Gen 27:5)

55 Satan might not outwit us. For we are not ____ of his schemes (2 Cor. 2 :11)

57 emulations, wrath, strife, ____, heresies

60 your ___ will be filled to overflowing, and your vats (Prov 3:10)

61 ___ for that day is great (Jer 30:7)

62 and ___ begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Gen 5:32)

63 man shall not ___ by bread alone, but by every word of God. (Luke 4:4)

64 She will return to her hire as a prostitute and will ___ her trade (Isa 23:17)

65 seven lean, ___ cows that came up afterward (Gen 41:27)

66 the hollow of his hand, and ___ out heaven with the span (Isa 40:12) KJV

DOWN

1 When Jesus stepped ___, he was met by a demon-possessed (Luke 8:27)

2 The plan ___ good to Pharaoh and to all his officials (Gen 41:37)

3 And they that ___, as though they wept not (1 Cor 7:30)

4 with garments of salvation and ___ me in a robe of righteousness (Isa 61:10)

5 See, the LORD has chosen Bezalel son of ___ (Ex.35:30)

6 A ___ answer turneth away wrath (Prov 15:1) KJV

7 represent four kingdoms that will ___ from his nation (Dan 8:22)

8 O my God, I am ___ ashamed and disgraced to lift up my face (Ezra 9:6)

9 I will make the leaders of Judah like a firepot in a ___ (Zech 12:6)

10 Even when I am ___ and gray, do not forsake me, O God (Ps 71:18)

12 after whom dost thou pursue? after a dead dog, after a ___ (1 Sam 24:14)

13 appeal, request (2 Chr 6:19)

14 it is only a ___ from the boil (Lev 13:23)

16 Aaron shall ___ thereon sweet incense every morning (Exodus 30:7)

18 Whose soever sins ye ___, they are remitted unto them (John 20:23) KJV

23 you have fallen from heaven, O morning ___, son of the dawn! (Isa 14:12)

24 The creatures ___ back and forth like flashes of lightning (Ezek 1:14)

26 to settle down and ___ the bread they eat. (II Th 3:12)

27 For the LORD has ___ against his people (1,4) (Mic 6:2)

28 abbr. for the eleventh book of the New Testament

31 David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a ___ (Romans 11:9)

32 during the time of King Herod, ___ from the east came (Matt 2:1)

33 husband of Jezebel (IKing 19:1)

34 Did I not proclaim this and ___ it long ago? (Isa 44:8)

35 of them also which used curious ___ brought their books (Acts 19:19)

37 So Joseph bought some ___ cloth, took down the body (Mark 15:46)

41 you ___ men of the foremost nation (Amos 6:1)

43 my ears have heard the ___ of my wicked foes (Ps 92:11)

44 you were a powerful man, ___ land an honored man (Job 22:8)

46 he will ___ to death when there is no longer any bread in the city (Jer 38:9)

47 Give her the reward she has ___ (Prov 31:31)

48 Render therefore to all their ___ (Rom 13:7)

50 The man said, ___ is now bone of my bones (Gen 2:23)

51 Water will ___ forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert (Isa 35:6)

54 Judah's sin is engraved with an iron ___ (Jer 17:1)

56 we through the Spirit ___ for the hope of righteousness by faith. (Gal 5:5)

57 deplete, drain (Hosea 7:9)

58 The ___ is yours, and yours also the night (Ps 74:16)

59 by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and ___ (2 Cor 1:19) (KJV)

Today we received several boxes with donations that you sent!
God's blessings upon their lives.

Please thank everyone that has participated with his work and time.
For us and for the kids is a great blessing and his faithfulness!
A big hug from his missionary

Lidia Klava da Silva
PEPE latino America

Nigel and Rhoda wish to thank all the friends who over the last few months supported them with prayers. Your expressions of sympathy at the time of Ernie's Home Call were encouraging and comforting. Thank you to those who cleared after the Thanksgiving Service. A special thank you to those who took the leftover food to The Eagle.

Summer Pleasures

Sunshine beaming golden heat
For lots of fun outdoors;
Vacations, for a sweet retreat
To mountains, plains and shores.

Kids in constant summer motion,
Free from teacher's rule,
Head to toe in suntan lotion,
At the beach or pool.

Inflatable rafts on which to float,
Camping and fishing gear,
Rowing or sailing or waterski boat,
Tell us summer's here.

Things we can't do the rest of the year
Are summer's special treasures;
Oh summer, summer, linger long,
And give us all your pleasures!

SAVING MOTHERS AND BABIES IN AFGHANISTAN

Afghanistan has some of the highest infant and maternal mortality rates in the world. That's why BMS World Mission is hard at work in Afghan communities to bring about lasting change.

A blend of poor access to healthcare, unsafe practices and cultural barriers all contribute to the devastating statistics. BMS is helping to run a training programme in rural mountain communities to instruct on safe birthing practices. A big part of training is dispelling some of the common practices, many of which are dangerous to both mother and child and can lead to infection or even death. "It's not just about saying, 'this is wrong'," says BMS worker Tim*. "It's more about saying 'this is safe'."

Involving men in the training has seen great success. Educating them about safe birthing practices is often vital to the survival of mother and baby. Tim remembers one woman who came to the course without her husband. She knew she should call for medical

help when something went wrong in labour, but her husband disagreed, choosing to leave it to



prayer. Sadly, the woman ended up dying.

There are many tragic stories like this in Afghanistan, but health education, made possible by your generous donations, is paving the way for a safer future for women and newborns in remote mountain villages.

One testimonial comes from a grandmother, Aliah*. Her own daughter died during childbirth. "That's why I'm bringing my granddaughter to this course," she says. "If only I had known then what I know now." Today she is hopeful that her granddaughter has a far better chance of a healthy labour and childbirth. We want to see more mothers have the same hope.

*Names changed

LEBANON: HOPEFUL FUTURE FOR CHILD REFUGEES

Refugee children are being given opportunities thanks to an education project supported by BMS World Mission in Lebanon.



Missing large chunks of school can be devastating, as you watch your chances of getting a decent job to escape poverty rapidly disappear.

This is what life is like right now for thousands of refugee children in Lebanon, who have fled war in Iraq or Syria. They are often traumatised by their horrific experiences of conflict in their home countries, and are living in temporary shelters with no chance of an education. BMS is responding to their dire situations by offering them schooling.

Over 60 refugee children aged six to 14 now have a place to learn and grow. Your giving is making this happen through the Learning Support Project (LSP) in Beirut, managed by BMS mission worker Louise Brown.

For many, LSP is their last opportunity for education. "There is a hunger and desire to learn," says Louise.

What is exciting is how, given this chance of an education, children

are thriving.

When Sawsan* arrived at LSP, she was traumatised. Her self-esteem was low. Being at LSP has been hugely impactful, and she is now excelling.

Michael* got a place at an English-speaking school in Beirut, but knew no English. Within 18 months at LSP, he was fluent. He is now thriving.

LSP is helping the refugees emotionally too. "Coming to school in itself is incredibly healing," says Louise. "It offers structure and routine." The children love their teachers and the chance to connect with new people. Being able to play at break times is a rare treat. "This is their opportunity to be a child."

*Names changed

Please pray for Louise, for LSP, and for the children coming to the project.

August / September

August

Sun 06	10.15 am	Kids Zone Church
	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by Matt Turner
Mon 07	7.30 pm	Deacons Meeting
Wed 09	2.00 pm	Holiday at Home afternoon drive & tea
Thu 10	11.00 am	Holiday at Home lunch, worship, activities
Sat 12	8.15 am	Men's Breakfast at The Radford
Sun 13	10.15 am	Kids Zone Church
	10.30 am	Morning Worship
Mon 14	10.15 am	Prayers & Pastries
Sun 20	10.00 am	Morning Worship
	10.45 am	Messy Church
Wed 30	7.30 pm	Fellowship Prayer Time

September

Sat 02	3.00 pm	Induction & Welcome Service for Danielle Leigh as Associate Minister
Sun 03	10.15 am	Kids Zone Church
	10.30 am	Morning Worship
	6.30 pm	Songs of Praise at Drakford Court
Mon 04	7.30 pm	Deacons Meeting
Wed 06	11.00 am	Friends Together
Sat 09	8.15 am	Men's Breakfast at The Radford
	10.00 am- 4.00 pm	Historic Churches: Ride and Stride
Sun 30	10.15 am	Kids Zone Church
	10.30 am	Morning Worship Rev Dave Ellis
Mon 11	10.15 am	Prayers & Pastries
Wed 13	2.00 pm	Pastoral Links meeting
	7.30 pm	Church Meeting
Sun 20	10.00 am	Morning Worship
	10.45 am	Messy Church
Sun 24	10.15 am	Kids Zone Church
	10.30 am	Morning Worship led by Trevor Partington
Wed 27	7.30 pm	Fellowship Prayer Time

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**Sunday Worship Services
Every Sunday at 10.30 am**

Full youth & children's programme every Sunday morning

Communion Services every 1st Sunday morning

'Sticky Fingers'

(parents and under 5's)

Thurs 10 to 11.30 am

Friends Together

(over 55's)

Monthly on first Wednesday 11 am to 3.00 pm

Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association

Thursday at 6.30 pm

Christian Book Shop

Monday and Friday - 10 am to 2 pm,
Saturday - 9:30 am to 2 pm.

Open Door

(A time for a drink and a chat)

Weekly on Friday 10 am to 12 noon