

BRAMSHALL NEWS

July 2023



*'When the tall grass sways and shivers to the slightest breath of air.
When the bushes are full of the sound of bees and the scent of
honey ...'*

Hugh Doston Carberry

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Church News

Parish Church of St. Lawrence Bramshall

Vicar Revd John Lander
revjsl@btinternet.com or tel: 565228

Services for July

2nd July	11.00am	Holy Communion
9th July	11.00am	Morning Prayer
16th July	11.00am	Holy Communion
23rd July	11.00am	Family Communion
30th July	10.00am	AREA SERVICE AT LEIGH

Sidespersons Rota:

2nd July	Ms L Leiter
9th July	Mrs L Corbishley
16th July	Mrs C Postlethwaite
23rd July	Mrs M Jones
30th July	Area service at Leigh

Flowers

Mrs SA Lander & Mrs M Hind

Refreshments

Mrs SA Lander & Mrs S Kent

From the Registers

Baptism:

Sunday 11th June Olivia Grace GADSBY

Funeral:

Wednesday 28th June Barrie Thomas BIRD

Olivia Grace with parents Martin & Natalie, and Jacob & Evie (her brother and sister) following her Christening.



CHURCH CLEANING

As most of you will know we have been widening the inner door of church and before the middle of July we ideally could do with a few helpers to clean the church. If you are prepared to help that would be lovely (many hands make light work and all that). Please just drop me an email or call so that once I know the job is complete, we can sort a date and time. Thanks in advance, SallyAnne. (sallyannelander@gmail.com or 565228)

100 Club Winners for May

1 st	Vic Read	No.103	£30
2 nd	Beryl Gray	No.96	£25
3 rd	Hazel & Mike Clarke	No.53	£20
4 th	Dot & Ern Carr	No.1	£15

100 Club Winners for June

1 st	Hazel & Mike Clarke	No.182	£30
2 nd	Rose West	No.48	£25
3 rd	Liz Fields-Pattison	No.193	£20
4 th	Noreen Eyre	No.12	£15

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHEESE AND WINE

Friday 21st July 2023

7 for 7.30pm there will be a Cheese and Wine event in the Parish Hall – tickets will be priced at: £15 and will be available from SallyAnne 565228 or Sheila Siegler 07485 484082.



FASHION SHOW

Friday 1st September
7.00pm

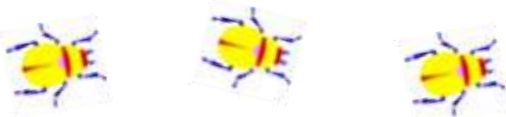
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We have organised an SOS Charity Fashion Show in the Parish Hall. SOS Charity Fashion clothing follows the seasons and they pride themselves on featuring garments to suit all age groups, all sizes and all occasions. All their clothing is brand new, with brands such as M&S, White Stuff, Planet, Next, Monsoon, Topshop etc. Huge savings at up to 75% off RRP. Some of you may know that the Inner Wheel held a similar event at the beginning of the year so will be aware it is exceedingly popular. The evening will also include a raffle to support both Church and Parish Hall. Tickets will be available very soon. More details next month - Linda Walmsley, Pat Whittaker and Dot Cotterill have kindly offered to help me on this fund raiser. NB It is essential that tickets are purchased before the event so please register your interest so as not be disappointed. (email: sallyannelander@gmail.com)

Beetle Drive

Saturday 11th November 2023



Penny's Recipe of the Month

Beefburgers with blue cheese sauce

9oz lean beef mince,
3 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley,
1 egg yolk,
1 tbsp of sunflower oil,
1 tbsp olive oil
2 tbsp Dijon mustard,
2 tbsp mayonnaise
1 tbsp of crumbled blue cheese,
salt and pepper, burger buns, plus lettuce and sliced tomato to serve.



Mix the mince, parsley, egg yolk plus salt and pepper together and shape the mixture into even sized burgers.

Brush the burgers with a little oil and cook in hot frying pan for 3-4 minutes until well browned but a little pink in the centre.

Stir together the mustard, with 2 tbsp of mayonnaise and then gently fold in the blue cheese.

Serve the burgers in burger buns with the salad and a good dollop of the blue cheese dressing.

Let's hope the easterly winds pass us by very soon and we have some lovely calm evenings and can get the barbecue out, open a bottle and enjoy an outdoor meal.

Penny

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AREA LETTER

‘Goodbye Jesus!’ No, this is not a late reflection on the Ascension – after all, we have entered the long season of Trinity. Trinity always seems to herald the holiday season and, give or take the few weeks of exam stress for students, feels like a time for relaxing and taking things easy. For someone, like me, who endures cold hands for the greater part of the year the long warm days of summer truly are a blessing. Life can seem so much more comfortable and calmer in what is called ‘Ordinary Time’ than the frantic period during the season from Advent to Pentecost.

It may seem a little strange to refer to these long weeks as ‘ordinary’, as if they are routine or even mundane. The word ‘ordinary’ here is actually derived from the term ordinal, which refers to rank or position, especially relating to numbers. In the lectionary the Sundays have numbered ‘proprs’ – but that’s probably getting too technical!

Our lives tend to revolve around routine – the trivial round, the common task (as the hymn ‘New every Morning’ goes) speaks of structure and familiarity. The majority of our days can seem to be generally unremarkable, but even so we ought to catch glimpses of God’s blessings, love and maybe glory. Each day starts fresh and with the potential of hope and a sense of moving closer to God. Perhaps this should be our appreciation of ordinary time, the many chances we have to offer our lives to God, so that they may be transformed by God’s, making ours more beautiful. It can become a time for growing and maturing in faith, and becoming living examples of Christ in the places we inhabit as we understand more about the practical life of God’s Kingdom.

The big challenge of our churches is growing disciples, looking for new ways of expressing and sharing the Gospel message. It’s easy to overlook the obvious sometimes, as ordinariness can feel inadequate – after all, where is the charisma in ordinary? But just occasionally we are offered a little glimpse of the impact of an ordinary life in an off the cuff remark. I am part of a team that goes into schools with Open the Book. On an ordinary morning we entered the school gates to see pupils from one year who were waiting to board a coach for a short trip. After a few light-hearted chats, and as the coach pulled up, one young lad replied to my farewell greeting with “Goodbye Jesus!”

Not wishing to rise above my status, I had a wry smile, but realised that he had engaged with what we were doing through the medium of presenting the Bible in this way. He had made a connection.

Who said, 'ordinary is boring?'

Blessings

John



A photograph taken at
The Strawberry Garden
Centre showing
replacement insulators on
a pylon.

Thanks to Dave & Gail
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David & Brenda Brookes are pleased to announce the safe arrival
of their first Grandchild George Bernard Gorton, born 21st June -
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East Staffordshire Community Lottery

East Staffordshire Borough Council is pleased to announce the launch of the East Staffordshire Community Lottery, an exciting new fundraising initiative for local community groups and organisations. This will continue the work of the Council in supporting and working with the voluntary community sector in the Borough along with its existing community grant schemes.

The Council has appointed leading lottery management company, Gatherwell, to run the scheme.

What is a community lottery?

A community lottery can provide a unique fundraising opportunity for the local community and voluntary sector potentially benefiting a wide range of organisations, small and large. It can create a regular additional funding stream for local organisations with proceeds from ticket sales delivered locally to benefit good causes in East Staffordshire.

The community lottery puts residents and local community organisations in the driving seat: residents can choose to get involved, choose who they want to help raise money for and see the local benefit of their participation. Voluntary and community organisation can choose whether they wish to get involved and are able to boost their own fundraising with minimal time and effort.

How does a community lottery work?

Tickets are purchased online, through a direct debit or payment card, and cost £1 each. This will be done through the East Staffordshire Community Lottery website and the process is managed by Gatherwell.

60% of each ticket sale goes towards local good causes and lottery players can decide whether: The whole 60% goes to a central good causes fund managed by the Council or; 50% goes to a nominated good cause registered with the lottery and selected by the player with the remaining 10% allocated to the Council's central good causes fund.

Local community groups and organisations are encouraged to sign up as a good cause, free of charge.

Cathy Phipps has applied on behalf of the village, and this has just been approved. You can support this scheme by visiting:

<https://www.eaststaffordshirecommunitylottery.co.uk/good-causes>

27th June – Ticket sales go live. From this point you can encourage your supporters to join in to support your cause

22nd July – first lottery draw.

Digging into the past

BRAMSHALL PARISH PCC MEETING

The Combined Vestry and Annual Church meeting was held on Monday, 14th April 1947 at 8pm in the Parish Hall, the Vicar, the Revd M C Clarke was in the chair.

Present: Mesdames: J Ward, G Talbot,
Messrs J Sargeant, J Ward, H & R Statham, G. Talbot, F Searle, J Adams,
Revd. Powell & H Potter.

Apologies from Mrs H Statham.

Minutes / Churchwardens - After prayer and the reading of the minutes Mr J E Ward and Mr G Talbot were reappointed Churchwardens, and it was decided to approach Mr E Whittaker & R. Statham with a view to accepting office next year.

Memorial Tablet - Arising out of the minutes, the Memorial Tablet to the late Mr W. Goodwin be left to the Vicar and Revd. Powell to make further enquiries. The donation of £5.5.0 was discussed and it was decided to improve the Pulpit Desk and include a light.

Sidesmen - It was decided to re-elect the sidesmen en bloc proposed Mrs Ward and seconded Mrs Talbot with the addition of Mr S. Lander and Mr T. Fradley Jnr, proposed Mr Statham seconded Mr Talbot. The list, as follows, was approved; Messrs J H Statham, G. Martin, J H Lindop, R Whittaker, E Whittaker, R Statham, F S Searle, J W Sargeant, D Steele, D Ward, J Statham, G A Carr, G. Johnson T. Ward, S. Lander and T. Fradley Jnr.

Church Council. - Proposed by Mrs Talbot and seconded Mr Talbot - Mrs W Goodwin Proposed by Mrs Ward and seconded Mr R Statham - , Mr S. Lander be added to the Church Council which was re-elected en bloc. The list, as follows: Mrs Statham, Mrs Lindop, Mrs Searle, Mrs Dawson, Mrs W Goodwin, Mrs J E Ward, Mrs Kynnersley Messrs Potter, Adams, S. Lander with the Sidesmen and the ex-officio members, Mrs Talbot and the Churchwardens. The Vicar proposed that next year the Church Council resign, and Ballot Papers used.

Vice Chairman - Mr H Statham proposed and Mr J Ward seconded Mr F Searle.

Joint Secretary / Treasurer - Mr F Searle and Mr H Statham and Mr J W Sargeant and Mr H Potter be joint Secretaries / Treasurers.

Ruridecanal - Proposed by Mr R Statham seconded by Mr J Adams Mrs G Talbot was reappointed as representative to the Diocesan and Ruridecanal conferences.

Sunday School - Mr F Searle proposed and Mrs Ward seconded the Sunday School be granted £5 as in previous years.

Repairs – Church Roof & Door - Mr F Searle proposed and Mr J Adams seconded the Church Roof be inspected twice in a year by Messrs Ward & Godbehere and make the necessary repairs, also Messrs Ward & Godbehere repair the church door on the proposition of Mr Talbot and Mr R Statham.

Quota - The Vicar asked for the Quota of Ambition to be paid and this was agreed .

Investment - Revd R P Powell proposed and Mr F Searle seconded that £20 be invested in the Leek Moorlands B. Soc.

Donation - A donation of £2 had been received by the Revd R P Powell and Mr H Statham gave a further £2 and Mr G Talbot £1 towards the alteration of the Pulpit Lectern.

Auditor - Mr H Statham was re-elected Auditor.

Before closing the meeting, the Vicar thanked all who had worked and given their services to the Benefit of the Church, mentioning the faithful few who braved the real bad weather we had experienced, and was pleased to say that despite the bad weather a service had not had to be cancelled on account of no congregation.

He also mentioned the Assistant Clergy fund, and as no final decision was agreed upon it was decided to bring this matter up again at the next meeting, as also were the suggestions of Holy Communion services, also the wearing of special vestments.

The Vicar closed the meeting with prayers. M C Clarke – Vicar

BRAMSHALL PARISH PCC MEETING

A Church Council meeting was held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday May 28th 1947 at 7.30.

The Vicar, The Revd M C Clarke opened the meeting with prayers.

Present: Revd R P Powell

Mesdames: G Talbot, W. Goodwin

Messrs R. Statham, F. Searle, H Statham, J Ward, D Ward, G Talbot, J Adams, J Sargeant, H Potter

Memorial Tablet - Arising out of the minutes of the General Meeting Mr H Statham asked with regard to the Memorial Tablet to the late Mr W Goodwin and the Vicar said he hoped to see Messrs Bridgeman and would give a full particulars at the next meeting.

Pulpit Lectern - Mr J Ward said he had the Pulpit Lectern addition work in hand, also the Church Door step and hoped to get the repairs done to this very soon.

Re-decorating Church - A discussion re re-decorating the Church followed and Mrs Talbot proposed and Mrs W Goodwin seconded that Mr J Ward be asked to get this done, but Mr Ward after explaining the difficulties with regard to obtaining a good quality paint, suggested he would give estimate for replastering the walls, which would greatly improve the look of the Church and leaving the decorating to a later date.

Pulpit Panel - Revd R P Powell reported one of the panels in the pulpit had the "worm" in it, and it was agreed that Mr Ward attend to this, either by treating same with a worm killer, such as Cuprinol or put in a new panel.

Coke Shed - Mr Adams asked that the Coke Shed be repaired, and this also was agreed upon for Mr J Ward to repair.

Church Gates - Mr Adams suggested the Church gates should be treated with Linseed and Mr J Ward said he would supply same.

Churchyard paths - Mr F Searle proposed and Mr G Talbot seconded that 6lbs of Sodium Chloride be obtained for killing the weeds in the Churchyard paths.

Church Services - The Vicar gave a very interesting short talk on the Church Services, mentioning details of the Holy Communion service, the reason for not beginning with a Hymn and why the Nunc Dimittis should be omitted after the Holy Communion service, especially at Easter.

He then closed the meeting with prayers.

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