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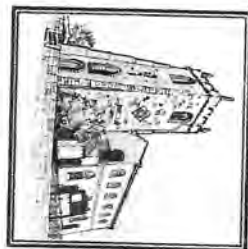
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Yours in Christ, Rob.

May/June teaching series

Thank you to our Growth Groups for feedback on Sunday teaching series. After our short series on three of the New Testament 'one anothers', there is a series from the Book of Acts 8-12, plus a Summer series on your preferred Psalms (voting papers available).

Lee Hardy ordinand placement

Lee's process for potential selection as a C of E Ordinand (future vicar) is moving forward. He has been placed in a Sandbach church for experience and testing during May and June. Do pray for him and Liz.

Tuesday Growth Group

Lee leads our Tuesday Growth Group and says two members have moved away and we are looking for new members. Would you like to try a small group, with prayerful mutual support plus discussion on Sunday sermon themes? Now at 7.30pm on Tuesdays with a new Zoom link.

Genesis Sundays

Genesis (for Primary-aged children) meets on Sundays May 1st, 15th and 29th. Fiona says the new start time is 10am. May 8th is the Church Annual Meeting May 22nd is a Family Service for Arthur's baptism.

Vote for which psalms in July/Aug

Through the school Summer Holidays we have a Sunday teaching series from the Psalms. But which psalms we will preach and study is up to you! Fill in a voting slip at the back of church, for the two or three psalms you would prefer to hear from. We'll count up the votes in 4 weeks' time.

Brereton Jubilee request from Gill

Gill Brickwood 07528850303 is asking for stories from former Brereton residents who now live in Holmes Chapel, who can offer stories as they celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and the last 70 years of Brereton.

Annual Meeting 8th May 10.30am

After a 9am service as usual, our 10.30 service will turn into the Annual Meeting, to enable the maximum number of us to be there. We need to elect a new churchwarden (as Alastair ends his term) plus PCC members and the new PCC will look for a new treasurer (as William hands over).

Next Allcomers' Choir on 15th May

Every month there is an Allcomers' choir (with a short practice earlier that week) in both Sunday services, usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Jubilee joint service on Sunday 5th June

Churches Working Together in Holmes Chapel are leading a joint service at the Leisure Centre at 11.30am, as the first of a day of celebration activities for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This replaces our 10.30 service that day.

Mask wearing in church

Mask wearing is up to you, but we recognise that some will choose masks while the local level of local Covid cases is still significant.

Confirmation in October

We have Bishop Sam Corley coming to St Luke's for a Confirmation Service, including candidates from neighbouring parishes. Would you like to join the Confirmation Course? Let Rob or the Wardens know.

New church hall door and security

Step One in our plan to refurbish the Church Hall has been to replace the front door and locking systems. This should improve security for hall user groups, and enable occasional users without volunteers needing to open up.

Questionnaire re service styles/pattern

Thank you to the large number of us who filled in a Questionnaire in order to help us make plans. The PCC should see an initial analysis of results in May and we will make it widely available.

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