

## Toy Collection during November 2021

**Ruby's Fund** is an established charity with its head office based in Congleton, serving families in need across all areas of Cheshire East. It was founded by a mother living in Congleton when her daughter, now aged 14, was diagnosed with a rare gene disorder when she was 3. For the past 5 years we have supported HOMESTART with our Advent Toy collection .

Unfortunately, HOMESTART, with its brilliant record of sterling work with families who are struggling, did not receive sufficient funding post-Covid to continue effectively and has had to close down.

However, **Ruby's Fund** works on the same principles.

Volunteers go into the homes for a few hours each week but they also have a centre with a coffee lounge etc, offer talks for Mums, a sensory room and a treatment room .

The charity is going from strength to strength, and some Homestart staff made redundant by the closure are now working as Voluntary Help Coordinators .

Originally set up to cater for the well-being needs of children and families of children with disabilities, **Ruby's Fund** has been able to expand to help all areas of need, e.g poverty, domestic abuse, mental illness, bereavement, single parenthood.

The gifts will go to children who might otherwise not receive anything this Christmas.

### NOTE (some changes from previous years)

Gifts for boys and girls

Ages **0-12** years

Do **NOT** wrap.

Toys Games Craft

Suggested value: up to £10



**All Age Worship (Toy Service) Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 10 am**



## St Cross Newsletter November 2021

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### *The Vicar writes...*

The Autumn Term is always a particularly busy one with a great variety of events taking place. Looking back, in addition to the amazing effort for Mary's Meals that raised nearly £1000, we also had a visit from the new Bishop of Stockport, Rt. Revd Sam Corley. As previously mentioned, for my health reasons, +Sam was hosted by a smaller group of people here, as we discussed the challenges and opportunities facing our church, locally and nationally. After a lovely lunch, courtesy of Angela and Hil, he was taken to Sharston House where he met a representation of staff and residents, and a prayer of blessing was offered there. I am hopeful that the bishop will be able to return next year on a particular Sunday to meet everyone, and stay for some more 'St Cross hospitality', this time with the benefit of a fully functioning new kitchen.

As you read this, I am confident that the new accessible toilet facility in the corridor will be fully operational, and the refurbished kitchen, too, with access from the hall, will be ready for use in our regular activities. A formal opening by the Mayor of Knutsford is scheduled for Monday November 1st. I would like to say a huge thanks to all involved in this project and particularly to Mick Whiteley who has project-managed this much needed improvement for the church.

November for me, amongst several things, always means

'Remembrance' and I will be actively involved as the Mayor's Chaplain this year. Jane Colley and David Andrew will be leading the earlier and later morning services respectively on Remembrance Sunday and I will be back in time to take the Act of Remembrance at the Crosstown Memorial. November also means 'Advent and Christmas are coming', and so the cycle begins again: the telling of the story of the priceless gift of our salvation.

Yours, in Christ

*Paul*



*Bishop Sam and Vicar Paul with the manager and some residents of Sharston House*

### Occasional Offices

#### Baptisms

10 October Oliver David Clayton  
 24 October Éabha Winnie Deakin  
 31 October Noah Boulger



### Readings for Services - Sundays and Wednesdays

	MP = Morning Prayer (Audio) E = Eucharist	6.30pm
<b>3 November Wednesday Richard Hooker</b>	E Ecclesiasticus 44.10-15 2 Timothy 2.22-25 John 16.12-15	
<b>Sunday 7 November Third Sunday before Advent</b>	MP/E Jonah 3.1-5, 10 Hebrews 9.24-end Mark 1.14-20	<b>Celtic Eucharist</b> Isaiah 10.33-11.9 John 14.1-29 (or 23-29)
<b>10 November Wednesday Leo the Great</b>	E Ecclesiasticus 39.6-10 1 Peter 5.1-11 Matthew 16.13-19	
<b>Sunday 14 November Remembrance Sunday</b>	MP/E Daniel 12.1-3 Hebrews 10.11-14[15-18] 19-25 Mark 13.1-8	
<b>17 November Wednesday Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln</b>	E Micah 6.6-8 1 Timothy 6.11b - 16 Luke 9.51-56	
<b>Sunday 21 November Christ the King</b>	MP/E Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14 Revelations 1.4b-8 John 18.33-37	
<b>24 November Wednesday</b>	E Daniel 5.1-6, 13-14,16-17, 23-28 Luke 21.12-19	
<b>Sunday 28 November First Sunday of Advent</b>	MP/E Jeremiah 33.14-16 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end Luke 21.25-36	<b>ADVENT EVENING PRAYER (Zoom)</b>

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