

# HOPE central

BRINGING HOPE, RELIEVING POVERTY

Hope Central provides emergency 3 - 5 day food hampers for people in crisis who have been referred to us. Recipients are welcome to come along to Hope Central's Hope Centres based in Handforth, **Knutsford**, Lacey Green and Colshaw, which offer companionship, breakfast, lunch, thought for the day and access to courses such as money management, cookery, IT skills, job clubs.

**Welcome Café**  
**147 Longridge**  
**Knutsford**  
**Cheshire**  
**WA16 8PD**

All non-perishable food items always welcome but a special request for the following:

Semi-skimmed milk UHT  
6-pack chocolate biscuits eg KitKat  
Tinned vegetables  
Tinned meat  
Tinned custard  
Sweets and chocolate  
Instant mash



Household cleaning products eg washing-up liquid, surface spray, cloths  
**Please place all food items in the red wheelie bin near the North Door.**  
**The cleaning products should be put in the bin next to the red one.**

## St Cross Newsletter October 2022

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### *The Vicar writes...*

A month is a short time and look what has happened since I last wrote to you. A new era has dawned as we said our goodbyes to the long - serving Queen Elizabeth II and turned our eyes to her son, King Charles III. There is a stark contrast for, unlike his mother who unexpectedly became the Queen at just 25 years of age, Charles is now - at the age of 73 - the oldest-ever monarch in British history to take the throne. The longest- waiting heir apparent has had a long time to prepare for this, learning from his mother and growing in wisdom with maturity of age.

The sovereign, and the Royal Family are supposed to be above politics, but I wonder whether King Charles, with his wide and previously outspoken knowledge of environmental issues, will continue to have an influence on future government policies and outlook, even if those views are substantially toned down in future years. As he acknowledged in an interview, he will not be able to operate in the same way and will work within constitutional parameters.

For many years I have seen King Charles as a man of great vision and compassion. He saw the problems with plastic usage years before we were even thinking of recycling programmes. He warned governments of the day, years ago, about the problems of human- induced climate change, which at the time was seen as controversial but is now widely accepted by not only scientists, but by many ordinary people. Looking to

the natural world, he has been a staunch supporter of wildlife conservation and biodiversity. The Prince's Trust, formed in the 1970's, when there were record levels of unemployment, was set up to help younger people, particularly those who are disadvantaged, to make a success of their lives by setting up a business, or help in gaining life skills to enable people to fulfil their potential and to develop a career.

Our new King, then, brings a wealth of wisdom and life experience to his new role. He has already touched so many lives in a positive way. I hope and pray that as our new reigning monarch, he can continue to use his foresight and appreciation of the delicate balance of the ecology of the world, and that his clear love and concern for all people can be expressed to others elected to power in a sensitive and gentle way throughout his reign as the preeminent head of state and representative of our country and the Commonwealth countries.

*Prayer:* Everlasting God, we pray for our new King. Bless his reign and the life of our nation. Help us to work together so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish amongst us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Yours, in Christ  
*Paul*



*King Charles meeting people on a recent walkabout in London*

**Occasional Offices**

**Baptism**

**4 September** Edith Collins Howle

**Funeral**

**15 September** Keith Anderson



**Readings for Services - Sundays and Wednesdays**

	<b>Morning Services</b>	<b>Evening Service</b>
<b>Sunday 2 October Harvest Thanksgiving</b>	Deuteronomy 26.1-11 Philippians 4.4-9 John 6.23-35	Psalms 142 John 9
<b>5 October Wednesday</b>	Psalms 117 Galatians 2.1-2,7-14 Luke 11.1-4	
<b>Sunday 9 October Trinity 17</b>	2 Kings 5.3-7,15c 2 Timothy 2.8-15 Luke 17.11-19	
<b>12 October Wednesday Wilfrid of Ripon</b>	Isaiah 52.7-10 2 Corinthians 1.18-25 Luke 5.1-11	
<b>Sunday 16 October Trinity 18</b>	Genesis 32.22-31 2 Timothy 3.14.-4.5 Luke 18.1-8	
<b>19 October Wednesday Henry Martyn</b>	Isaiah 55.6-11 Philippians 2.12-18 Mark 16.15-end	
<b>Sunday 23 October Last Sunday after Trinity</b>	Jeremiah 14.7-10, 19-end 2 Timothy 4.6-8,16-18 Luke 18.9-14	
<b>26 October Wednesday Alfred the Great</b>	2 Samuel 23.1-5 1 John 2.15-17 John 18.33-37	
<b>Sunday 30 October All Saints' Sunday</b>	Daniel 7.1-3,15-18 Ephesians 1.11-end Luke 6.20-31	