

Malyn writes...

MONDAY TOGETHER

Crafts and Chatter is moving forward. We will now be known as Monday Together.

As ever, we want to invite everyone to come along to the Parish Room on Monday afternoons from 2 - 4 pm for an informal time of conversation, together with sharing our interests through hobbies, crafts, board/card games, quizzes, possibly 'make something new', special treat afternoons (watch this space) and enjoy a cup of tea and a cake etc.



On the 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays (when applicable) of every month, we will enjoy each other's company sharing these pursuits and on the 2nd and 4th Mondays we will also introduce some music - namely, singing through new Christian songs that we could possibly use on special occasions in church, such as Harvest and Christmas and the All Age Worship. This singing will NOT be of choir standard, so don't be afraid of joining in. It will be a chance to sing NEW hymns and Christian songs for our own encouragement and enjoyment; even request your own favourites.



Monday Together is open to and inclusive for everyone so do bring your friends and neighbours; it's a way to introduce them to St. Cross, and a time and place where we can make new friends and share true Christian Fellowship.

Programme for September:

Monday 5th: Beetle/Scrabble/Dominoes and bring along your own hobbies and other interests.

Monday 12th: Bring along anything you wish, plus our first singing session.

Monday 19th: Introduction to Colouring for Adults and/or Painting by Numbers, and also bring along your own thing.

Monday 26th: Ideas similar to the above, plus music making.



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The Vicar writes...

Last month I spoke about an invitation to preach at the Rushbearing Service at St Stephen's Church (Forest Chapel). It was a very special event in good weather and attended by approximately 150 people! Though the weather was good, the temperature was 5 degrees less than the 30°C Knutsford was experiencing that day and it proved a welcome relief on this occasion. The church was packed with worshippers and many people sat outside on chairs, gravestones and blankets, and listened to the major part of the service outdoors through an excellent Public Address System.

During the penultimate hymn we went outdoors, and I was called upon to give the address standing on the nominated gravestone on the slope of the graveyard. It felt special to be part of such an occasion and the whole surroundings really uplifted me in a feeling reminiscent of Psalm 121 where the Psalmist exclaimed 'I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh even from the Lord who hath made heaven and earth.' And seeing people laying blankets down to make themselves comfortable, ready to listen, was a surreal moment filling me with humility, in that I felt as though I was preparing to give a sermon on the mount to people whom I did not know.

I spoke about spiritual renewal and candidly, with gratitude, about the experience of healing, renewal, and transformation through the miracle of a medical infusion, and rounded this off with a poem called 'The Dash' by Linda Ellis which speaks of values in how we live and what

really matters, in order to determine how we spend 'our dash'; 'The Dash' is a representation of the time in our lives between birth and death. It seemed, given the location, to be a fitting conclusion.

I was grateful to hear this poem, read by Malyn, when dropping in to see some members of our congregation at the Monday Craft and Chatter group, now re-branded 'Monday Together'. (Please see more details on the back page). Amidst the regularity of my ministry, it is occasions like 'rush-bearing' and dropping in to chat and be alongside parishioners in a variety of circumstances that contribute to making my vocation so rewarding.

This month we have our own special occasion when we will be honoured to welcome the Canon Precentor of Chester Cathedral, Revd Jeremy Dussek, to St. Cross on September 18th at 10am to celebrate Holy Cross Day as a parish family. One might say 'Sunday Together'. I hope many of you can come to this special service.

Yours, in Christ
Paul



St Stephen's Church Forest Chapel Entrance with the intricately woven rushes over the porch.

Occasional Offices

Baptism

7 August Lucia Murray-Hulme
28 August Kasiea Pounder-Beattie

Funeral

23 August Judith Broughton



Readings for Services - Sundays and Wednesdays

	Morning Services	Evening Service
Sunday 4 September Trinity 12	Deuteronomy 30.15-end Philemon 1-21 Luke 14.25-33	Psalms 121 John 5.30-end
7 September Wednesday	Psalms 45.11-end or 1 Corinthians 7.25-31 Luke 6.20-26	
Sunday 11 September Trinity 13	Exodus 32.7-14 1 Timothy 1.12-17 Luke 15.1-10	
14 September Wednesday	Amos 8.4-7 1 Timothy 2.1-7 Luke 16.1-13	
Sunday 18 September HOLY CROSS DAY	Numbers 21.4-9 or Psalm 22.23-28 Philippians 2.6-11 John 3.13-17	
21 September Wednesday Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	Proverbs 3.13-18 2 Corinthians 4.1-6 Matthew 9.9-13	
Sunday 25 September Trinity 15	Amos 6.1a,4-7 1 Timothy 6.6-19 Luke 16.19-end	
28 September Wednesday	Job 9.1-12, 14-16 or Psalm 88.1-6, 11	