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The Rev Keith writes...

As I write, the heatwave we're experiencing shows no sign of ending. One day of rain in mid-July hardly changed things, and as this has been followed by another weekend of baking temperatures, strong sunshine and no breeze, the ground once again looks very dry. After last year's wet season, the idea that our climate is becoming more extreme seems to be getting more and more credible.

Scientists and politicians may argue and debate the extent to which human activity is contributing to climate change. I'm no expert, but it seems to me that a growing world population and intensive industrialisation are bound to have effects we don't yet fully understand.

Following on from the industrial revolution has come the digital revolution. Internet technology has now reached such a point of saturation that it is part of everyday living. Perhaps it's no surprise that I'm now beginning to read accounts of people pushing back against the all-consuming impact of being on-line all the time. Concerns have been raised about the capacity of our minds to process everything that can be pushed our way in a constant stream of advertising, social media and news.

Where is God in all of this? Are the stories of the Bible, put together over a period of hundreds of years, still relevant to us today? These are big questions. For me, the fragile balance of creation supports the view that we can't be the result of a

near-infinite set of random accidents. My belief in a creator God is reinforced as technology advances. And in the Bible I continue to find timeless teaching to guide me through the complexities we find around us. Taking time each day to read my Bible provides the foundation for all I then go on to do.

But is the Church still relevant in the twenty-first Century? Perhaps that's a harder question. Buildings, priests or Vicars and Sunday Services, are all things people have found helpful over the centuries, and continue to be valued today. But it is the sense of community, meeting together in the presence of God and the name of Jesus that is at the heart of our fellowship. If you've not had the chance to share in our journey at St Elizabeth's recently, do come along any Sunday at 11am and see for yourself. After all, at the moment, the Church is one of the coolest buildings around.

Yours, Keith.

Revd Keith Addenbrooke (Vicar)

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BIRTHDAYS ~ AUGUST 2018

Lewis Murphy 3rd

Iris Unwin 9th

Mia Leigh 16th

Evie Daniel 28th

Happy Birthday to you all and have a lovely day.

Announcement Regarding The Rev. Keith Addenbrooke Appointment of Vicar of St James with St Bede, Birkenhead

Subject to completion of all legal preliminaries, we are able to announce that the next Vicar of St James with St Bede Birkenhead is to be the Revd Keith Addenbrooke.

Keith is currently Vicar of St Peter's, Hale and St Elizabeth's, Ashley, also in the Diocese of Chester. Further details will be made available once the legal processes have been completed.

Biographical Notes

Keith is originally from the Midlands, and after a career in industry and local government was ordained in 2007. Keith is married to Jane, who grew up in Cheshire, and they have four children, the eldest of whom is now married and lives in America. Keith has served mainly on

the Wirral, with his Curacy being at St Mary's Upton and his first incumbency at St Paul with St Luke Tranmere.

He moved to St Peter's Hale and St Elizabeth's Ashley near Altrincham in Greater Manchester, to serve the Parishes where Bishop Libby Lane had been Vicar before becoming the first woman Bishop in the Church of England. Jane has co-ordinated ministry for children and families at St Paul with St Luke's, and St Peter and St Elizabeth's, and has recently completed the Diocesan Foundations for Ministry Course.

Tour of Worst Witch studio sets at Ashley Hall

Tatton Estate Management (T.E.M) asked the BBC if Ashley resident's children could go on a tour of the BBC Worst Witch studio sets at Ashley Hall.

The answer was 'yes' and on 26th July, 15 excited Ashley resident's children, along with 5 Ashley responsible adults watched filming in the walled garden of Ashley Hall and went on a tour of the Worst Witch studio sets also at Ashley Hall. This visit to Worst Witch was offered on a first come, first served basis, so apologies to all who missed out. It was an exciting chance to see behind the scenes of the Worst Witch and we may have some feedback to give you all in the next newsletter.

Thank you to T.E.M and to Amy Unwin for organising it.

The Ashley Centre

The Book Sale will take place on the 1st Weekend of August. No events are planned for August.

Ashley

Parish Council

There is nothing to report from the Parish Council.

TORNADO VISITS THE MID CHESHIRE LINE

Tornado, the famous new-build locomotive, is currently due to visit the Mid Cheshire Line on Wednesday, 1st August*, when it hauls its tenth anniversary train "The Mad Hatter" returning from Chester to Darlington via Northwich, Altrincham, Northenden Junction, Cheadle Heath, Hazel Grove and the Hope Valley line to Sheffield. The train will leave Chester at around 16:30. Final timings will be on www.uksteam.info and on <http://www.uksteam.info/tours/trs18.htm#twk> nearer the time.

***Get your flags out to wave as it passes through Ashley!
* subject to change of locomotive and route.***

Mid Cheshire Line Music Train Programme

www.midcheshirerail.org.uk/news/mid-cheshire-line-music-trains-362/

Programme from Chester to Plumley and at the Golden Pheasant

- Chester dep 19:01; Plumley arr 19:38.
Plumley dep 22:29; Chester arr 23:14.

Wednesday 8th August

- Terry Burgin Blues Band: Terry Burgin and Frank Neil have been playing together for some years now with a love and understanding of the blues that is well known. Thor Brown has recently joined them as bass guitar player to add another dimension to their infectious musical style. Their music is essentially Delta and Chicago blues. They also play more recent music that fits this tradition so that they can provide a mix of old and newer. Most importantly, their music moves along in a style where the audience cannot help but tap their feet... and even join in.

Wednesday 5th September

- Port Sunlight Sea Dogs: Port Sunlight Sea Dogs sing shanties and songs of the sea. Based in Merseyside, their music interests are steeped in Merseyside's proud traditions. These include Maritime, Folk, Irish and Liverpool's Merseybeat roots, Choir and Operatic, all stirred up in a pan full of Scouse humour. Liverpool features

in many shanties, a reflection of the River Mersey's historic global, maritime importance. Liverpool's docks, its ships and owners, its streets, its men and women - all are immortalised in shanties sung by sailors and performers of all nations across the world.

Programme from Altrincham to Chester and at Alexanders

- Altrincham dep 18:36; Chester arr 19:36. Chester dep 22:46; Altrincham arr 23:49.

You will need to book in advance. The package deal of music and food also includes taxis to and from the Station at Chester. You need to book in advance at www.alexanderslive.com (You can find and book the Music Trains under 'Tickets'). On Music Train nights it's bangers'n mash with peas and gravy. You'll need a train ticket as well.

Wednesday 15 August

- Pastry Shoes on the train and Dr T-Bone Blues Band at Alexanders: With sweet and compelling female vocals and harmonies, a single guitarist who skilfully creates the sounds of a full band, and the smooth, melodic tones of the tenor sax, Pastry

Shoes will soothe you with easy-listening and familiar jazz and swing numbers, or have you singing and dancing to popular hits from the 1950s to the present day. The Docs have become firm favourites on the North West England and North Wales gig circuit, bringing the house down wherever they roam. Their repertoire is extensive and varied including Chicago Blues, Bar Room Boogie, T Bone Walker style jump blues and some rollicking, jazz tinged R&B classics and hidden gems. With their winning combination of a tight rhythm section overlaid with honking sax, smoking guitar and soulful vocals these purveyors of high quality Blues and R&B will bring the house down wherever they roam. If your medicine is the sound of great artists such as Willie Dixon, Chuck Berry, Johnny Guitar Watson or Ray Charles, you'll find the doctors can provide the perfect prescription: easy listening jazz, swing and pop.

Manchester Airport Community Outreach Surgeries

A weekly surgery is held every Tuesday* at Knutsford Library. From: 09:30am-12:15 hrs; and 13:15-17:00 hrs. At Knutsford an extended evening session is held on the first Tuesday of every month 12:00-19:00 hrs.

***Please note if we are outreaching elsewhere we will not be at Knutsford Library.** Next Mobile Outreach event: At the time of going to press the next mobile date and location had not been published, by the time you are reading this it may have been! Find out here:

[www.manchesterairport.co.uk/
community/living-near-the-airport/
community-outreach-events/](http://www.manchesterairport.co.uk/community/living-near-the-airport/community-outreach-events/)

ENGINEERING WORKS

There are bus replacement services on the Mid Cheshire Line...

On Sunday 26th August 2018...

Buses will replace all train services between Manchester Piccadilly and Stockport until 16:45. Rail services on the Mid Cheshire Line will run between Stockport and Chester. Note from the Mid Cheshire Line, through tickets are available between any rail station and any Metrolink station. By changing at Altrincham, this will provide an alternative means of getting into Manchester. For full details of these changes and the impact on your journey with Northern Rail and other operators, please refer to the National Rail Enquiries Journey Planner

Manchester Airport Residents Permit

(for drop off/pick up at station)

From mid July, Manchester Airport introduced a tariff for dropping off at the airport and station. Drivers will be charged an express drop-off fee of £3 for staying up to five minutes or £4 for six to ten minutes. The airport also introduced a scheme for people living near to the airport that uses its Ground Transport Interchange (railway station) to travel in and out of Manchester and surrounding areas. It allows people in certain postcodes to apply for a permit, giving them access to the station for an annual fee of £30. To find out more information about this scheme and to see if you live in the postcode area that can apply for a residents permit, look at their website:

www.manchesterairport.co.uk/pick-up-and-drop-off-info/local-residents/

MP's Summer Drop-Ins

The Rt. Hon. Esther McVey, Member of Parliament for Tatton, is intending to hold a number of 'drop-in' sessions in various parts of the constituency this summer.

These are designed to cover some of the more rural areas of Tatton and it is hoped, will give people the chance to meet their MP if they haven't already. These dates give an opportunity for as many village residents as possible to attend. Any resident of Tatton is welcome at any of the sessions, there is no need to book; they just need to turn up.

As well as meeting their MP, there will be a chance to discuss local or national concerns, to book an appointment for a future surgery and just to have a cup of tea or coffee with Esther.

The venues are as follows:

DATE	TIME	VENUE
Monday 6th August	1.00 - 3.00pm	The Cheshire Grill, Holmes Chapel Road, Lach Dennis CW9 7SY.
Monday 6th August	4.00 - 6.00pm	The Antrobus Arms, Warrington Road, Antrobus CW9 6JD
Tuesday 7th August	1.00 - 3.00pm	Red Lion, Park Lane, Pickmere WA16 0JX
Tuesday 7th August	4.00 - 6.00pm	The Bear's Paw, Warrington Road, High Legh WA16 0RT
Wednesday 8th August	1.00 - 3.00pm	Bells of Peover, The Cobbles, Lower Peover WA16 9PZ
Wednesday 8th August	4.00 - 6.00pm	Leigh Arms, Warrington Road, Little Leigh CW8 4QT

Please feel free to contact us at the Office if you have any questions.
Thank you in advance for your help.

84 Chapel Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5JH
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Church Notices

The Church Open Day and Family Fun Day will be on Saturday, September 29th. From 12 noon 'til 3.00 pm. There will be games, a book stall, a quiz, a churchyard trail, art and craft activities in preparation for our Harvest Festival, and refreshments. We hope that a Young Church choir practice can be arranged.

+++ NOTICES +++

Ashley Cricket Club launch food bank

Grace Cavanagh the Club's Welfare Officer has asked the Cricket Club to support a food bank to support families in North Manchester.

The club will accept any non perishable food goods and other items such as wet wipes, disposable nappies, sanitary products, shampoo, soaps etc.

The club will be open each Saturday from 1.00pm for the next 8 weeks.

We will also install a storage box on the patio this week where you can leave any suitable items

Here is Grace's message...

"As you all probably know I work for Manchester City Council working with vulnerable and less fortunate children and their families.

We have a food bank in our office for our children who are in need, however stocks are running low.

I don't know if anyone would be interested in donating any tinned or non perishable foods to help."

We would be very grateful...

Thanks all.

Ice Cream Van

The ice cream van comes to Hough Green on Sundays at 12noon. Remember to watch your vehicle speed when driving onto Hough Green.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library's next visit to Ashley will be on:

Friday, 3rd August

Friday 24th August

The library will be in the Greyhound car park

11:40am - 12:40pm

www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/libraries/which_mobile_library_week.aspx#August

If you do not have a library card, on your first visit you need to take proof of address, like a council tax bill etc. The Librarian will set up a library card for you while you look for a book to read.

Summer Holidays

Just a quick reminder the children will be playing out more during the day and later at night, so please watch your speed when driving onto Hough Green and beware a child could appear from anywhere.

Ashley Centre's Book Sale

The next one is on: Saturday 4th August *from 2.00pm to 4.00pm

When duties allow the local Police Officer will be on hand to answer questions.

** The book sales are usually on the first Saturday of the month, unless there is a wedding on.*

ITEMS FOR THE MAGAZINE CUT OFF DATE

Any articles for the Ashley News magazine need to be with the editor by the 20th of the preceding month.

Thank You

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The Harvest Celebration Service is on Sunday September 30th at 11.00 am and will incorporate the anniversary of the consecration of our church which took place on September 29th 1880. We plan for Bishop Libby Lane to attend, the Rose Queen to be present and the Young Choir to sing. Please bring Harvest food offerings and any artefacts into church during the Open Day on Saturday September 29th between 12 noon and 3 pm so that displays may be arranged. All consumables will be sold off after the Sunday morning service. Gifts of tinned and packeted food will be sent to the "Barnabas" charity for the homeless, poor and needy.

Our service offertory on Harvest Sunday will be for the "Agricultural Chaplaincy Together in Cheshire Association" which supports and helps those people in need within the farming community.

St. Elizabeth's Sunday Services for August 2018

Sunday	5th	11.00am	The Ashley Community Service
Sunday	12th	11.00am	Matins
Sunday	12th	6.30pm	Churchs Together in Hale Songs of Praise
Sunday	19th	11.00am	Family Communion with Young Church Rev. Keith Addenbroke's final service at St. Elizabeth's before he moves to his new church in Birkenhead
Sunday	26th	11.00am	Holy Communion

St. Elizabeth's Sunday Services for September 2018

Sunday	2nd	11.00am	The Ashley Community Service
Sunday	9th	11.00am	Matins
Sunday	16th	11.00am	Family Communion with Young Church
Sunday	23rd	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	30th	11.00am	Harvest Festival with a visit by Bishop Libby Lane

PCC note a meeting on Sunday 2nd September after morning service.

Arthur Gresty

FUNERAL HOMES

For all bereavement advice (without obligation) please contact David Gresty or a member of his dedicated team on:

0161 973 1515

Or please visit our informative website:

www.arthurgresty.co.uk

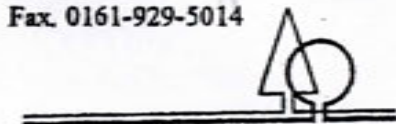
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