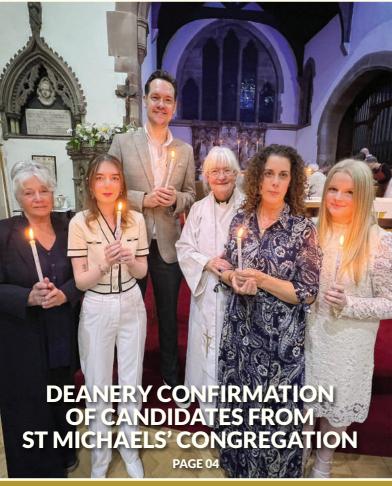
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ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS PARISH CHURCH PELSALL



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SERVICES AT ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS PARISH CHURCH

St. Michaels has a planned church calendar of services with additional special services when appropriate. All of our services aim to be flexible to cater for the wide needs of the church and the community.

At present church services take place every Sunday at 10.00am Holy Communion. Fortnightly services include Wednesday Holy Communion at 10.00am and Tuesday Morning Prayer at 9.00am. All are welcome. (Please check the website for dates).

- **FUNERAL, BAPTISM AND WEDDINGS** are taking place in church as usual.
- **BAPTISMS** take place once a month at 4.00pm on Sunday afternoons. Bookings include a date for baptism preparation which is offered once a month.
- WEDDINGS are being booked which automatically include dates for marriage preparation and wedding rehearsals.

For those interested in baptism and wedding bookings please see below for contact details or phone the Church Office to speak with the parish administrator - Jill Cumpston. Bookings for 2024/2025 are being taken.



To Contact the Church, the Vicar or one of the Church Wardens please use the information below:

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FROM THE VICAR'S DESK



'From first to last Christianity is... hope, forward looking and forward moving.'

YEAR ANNIVERSARY
ST MICHAELS - 1844-2024

Jurgen Moltman

At our St. Michaels' Patronal Festival on 29th September, we will celebrate and give thanks to God for the life and mission of this church over 180 years. In doing so we will look back with thanksgiving but also look forward in hope.

Our church in Pelsall is defined by its history.
Our faith is further shaped by the centuries of
Christian history. During September we will come,
celebrate and cherish the history of this congregation
in this community: the generations of your own
families who have been born, baptised, married and
buried here; the traditions that you have created,
and that have in turn made you the people you are.
St. Michael's congregation are proud to have been
part of Pelsall history whilst Pelsall people are proud
of their church which has stood as its spiritual,
religious and social heart of this wonderful village.

This 180th anniversary allows us to acknowledge who we are, to our past, heritage and traditions. We as a congregation, are products of where we have been. We can learn a lot from the past, but its most important function is to lead us into the future.

And this question 'Where are we going?' has a huge significance, as St. Michael's looks to its future ministry. Jesus has commissioned and sent us into the world with a mission: so how will we fulfil this in Pelsall? That is the future challenge for our parish church.

Firstly, St. Michael's Church has a responsibility to our young people, to prepare them for what they will face in life. Secondly, it has a responsibility to our older people, to help meet their needs in a changing world. Thirdly, it has a responsibility to the Pelsall community around us, to proclaim the good news and to be examples of Christ's love. Our Church must be a signpost to His kingdom and a witness to His word. It must be the first dawning of God's presence in the world in our day. Its purpose is to remember God's faithfulness, kindness, mercy, and providence through our history up to now, and to move us and our world toward the goal God has given us. The promise that the future is ultimately in God's hands. It is our faith in the end of time that directs our journey through time.

So, we are at a crossroads, we look to our history — the history of God's people, of the Christian Church, of this congregation — remembering who we are and where we have been. Let the stories of faith, commitment, and service in this church strengthen, prepare, and propel us into future ministry. Let the 180 years of this congregation's life give us courage and hope for the future. And at the same time, we look to the future, remembering what we have been put here to do and where we are going. Our history is always leading us somewhere; our glory as God's children is always yet to come.

So please 'Come, Celebrate and Cherish' that quite simply St. Michael's Church is maintaining a Christian presence in our community, serving it's people, sharing the faith and offering a sanctuary for prayer and worship.

'Thanks be to God on our 180th anniversary.'

Rev. Alison

⊕ CONFIRMATION ⊕

'God has called you by name and made you his own.'



In the Church of England, the bishop says these words to all being confirmed. God is calling you and making you his own. Confirmation is a moving sacramental experience for both bishop and those being confirmed. It is a special way of receiving God's grace: the presence of God's gift of the Holy Spirit is confirmed in you through prayer and the laying on of the bishop's hands for the life of Christian faithfulness, service, and witness. It is a step of personal faith: you confirm that you take on for yourself that which was taken on for you at your baptism as a child, confirming your faith and your membership of the body of Christ. It is admission to Holy Communion: you confirm your full membership of the community of faith as it is expressed in the Eucharist. Lastly, it is a rite of passage: an act symbolising the movement from childhood to adulthood in which the church community confirms your intention to assume the privileges and responsibilities of being an adult member of the community.

St Michaels held the Deanery Confirmation on the 10th September when The Lord Bishop of Lichfield, Bishop Michael confirmed candidates from St. Michael's Rushall, St. Mark's Shelfield, St. Paul's Walsall and our own church of St. Michael's Pelsall Those confirmed from the congregation of St Michaels were:

Scott Corgave-Ellis, Anne Holmes, Tracey McCallum, Lexi Mae Poole and Chloe Pitt.

'We wish them well as they take the next steps on their Christian Journey as God calls each of us to participate in the ministry of the Church and gives us the gifts we need for this.'

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL



Holy Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle

Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil

May God rebuke him we humbly pray

And do thou, O Prince of the
heavenly host

By the power God thrust down into hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls

Amen



ST. MICHAELS' CONGREGATION ACHIEVEMENTS

John Anthony

Congratulations! to John who won several prizes at the recent National Rose Society held on 21st July. This included a first, second and a third.

Toby Morris

Well done! an exceptional set of 'A level' results. Toby will be off to read Chemical Engineering at Birmingham University. Good luck for the future.

Sharon Tompkins

Well done! after an intense period of medical study Sharon is now a Registered Midwife with a First Class Degree in Midwifery.



PELSALL CEMETERY ADVANCE NOTICE

Please take note that from Monday 28th October until Friday 1st November 2024

There will be some necessary maintenance work taking place in Pelsall Cemetery.

More details will be made available nearer the time and this will include specific details about access to the cemetery on those days.

MOTHERS' UNION - RISE UP CAMPAIGN

Respond, Inform, Support, Empower, Unite and Pray

RISE UP - Against Domestic Abuse. Domestic abuse can happen to anyone from any walk of life. It's our goal that Mothers' Union members and churches work together to be a part of the change and the RISE UP challenge. Prayer forms the bedrock of our support for victims and supporting organisations.

This campaign works together with our Safeguarding policy. In the coming months you will see posters with information about agencies and helplines that can give immediate support to anyone suffering from abuse.

We will be in contact with local organisations to offer practical support by collecting items that make up toiletry 'moving in packages' for those who arrive at a refuge. Also, small items for 'moving on' packages which include cleaning items etc for when they are re-homed.

More information will be available in the coming weeks.

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This time of year, is the season of Harvest Festivals when congregations give thanks for a successful harvest.
The fruits and vegetables have been gathered but these days the harvest fayre is more often provided from the supermarket shelf.

One tradition that is still used in many Churches today is the centrepiece of a harvest display of a loaf of bread in the shape of a wheatsheaf.

Creating a Harvest Wheatsheaf takes time skill and expertise, but Soda Bread is less time consuming and is easy to make. Why not try the recipe below and serve with a homemade vegetable soup from the many vegetables available at this time of year.





Ingredients

- 12 oz plain flour (or 6 oz wholemeal flour and 6oz Plain)
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 10 fl oz buttermilk

Instructions

- Preheat oven to 200/180 fan
- Tip the flour, salt and bicarbonate of soda into a large bowl and stir. Make a well in the centre and pour in the buttermilk, mixing quickly with a large fork to form a soft dough.
- Turn onto a floured surface and knead briefly. Form into a round and flatten dough slightly, place on lightly floured baking sheet.
- Cut a cross on the top and bake for 30 mins.
- Cool on a wire rack.

Recipe tip

If you don't have buttermilk, use half and half plain yoghurt mixed with milk. You can also use milk that has been soured by stirring in a tablespoon of lemon juice and allowing it to stand for 10 mins.

Make a fruit bread by adding 4oz of raisins or currants and 2oz sugar with the dry ingredients.

How to use Soda Bread

Ideally Soda Bread is best served warm or toasted and traditionally it is served with butter. Use for Breakfast with a good serving of Jam or Marmalade.

It also works well with meaty stews and soups, maybe adding some herbs to the butter to make herb bread.

Use to make a sandwich with your usual fillings or a grilled cheese sandwich.

Soda Bread is best eaten on the day it is baked, it does not keep as well as yeast-risen breads so if there is any left it will keep for a short while longer if placed in an airtight container, but if you have butter and some fruit jam that shouldn't be a problem.

Now you know about soda bread give it a try and recreate the aroma of bread baking in your home this Autumn.

WHAT'S ON AT ST MICHAEL'S

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2024

REGULAR SERVICES

WEEKLY SERVICES

Holy Communion

Sundays 10.00am

FORTNIGHTLY SERVICES

Holy Communion

Wednesdays 10.00am

Morning Prayer

Tuesdays 9.00am

Please check the website for up-to-date information on fortnightly services.

REGULAR GROUP MEETINGS

FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

Mothers Union Meetings

2.00pm in Church Centre

THIRD THURSDAY

OF EACH MONTH LadiesDotCom

Meetings

7.30pm in Church Centre MONDAYS WEEKLY

Bellringing

7.30pm in the Bell Tower

WEDNESDAYS WEEKLY

St Michael's Singers

7.00pm in Church Centre

SEASONAL SERVICES AND FESTIVALS

SEPTEMBER 2024

Patronal Festival for 180th Anniversary

Holy Communion.
Church and community
gather to celebrate this
historic occasion.

Sunday 29th - 10.00am

OCTOBER 2024

Harvest Festival Holy Communion

Sunday 6th - 10.00am

Pet Service

An informal service of prayer and song to include blessing and thanksgiving to God for our pets.

Sunday 6th - 10.00am

Wedding

Celebration Service in Church celebrating with invited wedding

couples who married in St Michael's. Sunday 20th - 4.00pm

OCTOBER 2024

Candles of

Remembrance & Lament for funeral families.

Sunday 20th - 6.00pm

NOVEMBER 2024

All Saints

Holy Communion Sunday 3rd - 10.00am

Remembrance Sunday Holy Communion

Installation of a Poppy display around the Church Tower by POPPRS.

Sunday 10th - 9.30am

DECEMBER 2024 Advent Sunday

Holy Communion Lighting of Advent Candle.

Sunday 1st - 10.00am

Christingle Service

Sunday 1st - 4.00pm

Annual Toy Service
With Holy Communion.

Sunday 15th - 10.00am

Times and Dates may change, for up-to-date information go to our Facebook page or visit the Events section of the

visit the Events section of the
Website at: www.stmichaelspelsall.co.uk

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2024



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Come along and join us for tea/coffee and cake to support this much needed Charity.

St Michael's Church Hall 8.45am till 12.00 Noon

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2024



WEDDING FAYRE

To be opened by the Blind Date couple Alex and Sue Tatham.

St Michael's Church and Church Hall

10.00am till 4.00pm

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2024



SALVATION ARMY BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

More details and tickets available at a later date.

St Michael's Church 7.30 pm





Christmas Market









Come and see Santa Claus arrive with his horses at 10.00am

Various Stalls ★ Tombola ★ Bottle Stall ★ Grand Draw



SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2023 ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL / 10.00AM TILL 1.00PM



KNOW YOUR CHURCH

STEPPING BACK IN TIME AS CHURCH CELEBRATES 180 YEARS.

46 year 6 pupils from our local church school stepped back in time to participate in our intergenerational project with older members of our church community. On Wednesday 26th June very excited and eager pupils came to hear and talk about the history of the church which has been at the centre of Pelsall Village, and which celebrates its 180th anniversary. Pupils had been studying the history of the area and wished to interview church members to hear about their experiences and see how things were different in years gone by as well as viewing photo albums and memory books about the history of the church.

The intergenerational project, the church's celebrations and the Walsall Borough 2040 strategic plan all came together in this project in time to highlight what a wonderful place Pelsall is to live. The overall project aim was to celebrate St. Michael's 180 years but it is also about celebrating the history, heritage and legacy of the local community and passing this onto the next generation before it is lost in time.

Using a creative approach this history project was an attempt to help young and old be proud of their borough and to build on our heritage and identity within the Black Country and celebrate our shared stories of legacy.

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It was also an opportunity to enable the Pelsall community to come together to celebrate their diversity and traditions in an inclusive and creative way. All of which aligns with the Walsall borough's aims 'We are proud of our borough' and another strand of 'Celebrating our Culture and Heritage'.

At the end of term church members visited year 6 in school to hear about and to see the wonderful work produced by the pupils. This work will be on display as we celebrate St. Michael's Patronal Festival at the end of September. A special thank you to all pupils, staff and to those church members who participated in the intergenerational project.

180TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS













- Our Extravaganza Family Day was arranged which was well attended by families from St Michaels and the wider community.
- D Day Commemorations. St Michael's Church joined with the community to reflect and remember at the Cenotaph.
- 3) Intercongregational Project, when pupils from St Michael's School came to Church to meet with members of the Congregation to hear and talk about the history of the church which has been at the centre of Pelsall Village.
- 4) A successful Teddy Bears Picnic, when children bought their teddy bears to join in the fun playing games, listening to stories and enjoying a picnic tea together.
- We held 2 'Open The Door Days' for the congregation and community to explore the history of the Church.
- Pillar Box wedding celebrations. Many thanks to Nikki Billiard for making the Pillar Box Topper to coincide with our wedding weekend in October.

ST MICHAEL'S WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH OVER THE PAST 180 YEARS HAS SEEN MANY GENERATIONS AND FAMILIES CELEBRATE THEIR WEDDINGS.

This year we saw a fourth-generation wedding when Jamie and Megan were married on the 12th August 2024, we wish them a long and happy life together.

St Michael's has always welcomed couples to celebrate their wedding in Church, if you would like to discuss or book a wedding please contact the Church Office or why not come to our Wedding Fayre on Saturday 19th October to find out more.



George William Slatter

Born 22nd May 1897 at 11 College Lane, Kentish Town, London NW.

Baptised at St. Benet's Church Kentish Town 18th March 1898

5th August 1908 moved to 'White Rose Villas', Church Road Pelsall, with foster mother Mrs Elizabeth Turner under the supervision of Revd. W. Climpson (through the Waifs and Strays Society - now The Children's Society)

'The seeds of the past are the flowers of today'



Dennis Slatter married Doreen Downes

on 3rd October 1945 at St Michael and All Angels, Pelsall



Paul Keen married Janice Slatter

on 15th July 1967 at St Michael and All Angels, Pelsall



Lisa Keen married Andrew Knight

on 9th July 1994 at St Michael and All Angels, Pelsall



Megan Knight married Jamie Rogers

on 12th August 2024 at St Michael and All Angels, Pelsall



SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER



WEDDING FAYRE

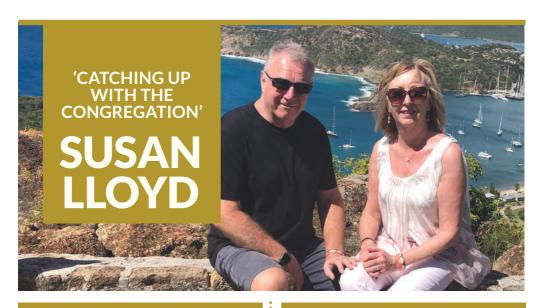


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CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT YOUR EARLY LIFE?

I was born in 1958 at Fernleigh Farm, Goscote Lane. My Dad John farmed pigs, and my Grandad George grew vegetables and fruit which Mom and Nanny sold at the farm shop.

It was a beautiful place to be brought up, when Grandad died Dad sold the farm and started his business Bropel Specialist Welding Ltd, quite a career change but this was always his dream from a young boy.

My first school was Holy Trinity in Clayhanger, a lovely school with two classrooms and a church of which I have many happy memories, when I was six we moved to Station Road Pelsall and I attended Pelsall Village school or as it was then Old Town Lane School, I made some very close friends and to this day we still see each other. After Junior school I went to Shelfield School, High Heath.

I became a member of the girl guides and attended 2nd Pelsall Guides at the scout hut in Clarendon Place with my friends, this led on to Ranger Guides and eventually Venture Scouts we had a great time and would often go to Beaudesert Scout Camp in Cannock Wood for weekends, and it was through Venture scouts that I met my husband to be. Kevin.

After I left Shelfield school I went to work for Walsall Lithographic Printers in the offices at the same time as attending Walsall College to do a secretarial course. I then went to work for Dad at Bropel, we worked together for 42 years, eventually becoming Managing Director.

HOW DID YOUR ASSOCIATION WITH ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH BEGIN?

I started to come to St, Michaels when I was about 10 years old although my parents did not attend church they insisted I go to Sunday School at around this time I also joined Father Grahams girls choir we would have our choir practice at the vicarage and then he would pile us all in his green van and take us all home.

I met Kevin when I was 18 as I said through scouting, his Mom Edith was an active member of St Michaels and Kevin had attended church there for many years.

We were married there in 1979, our daughter Katie was christened there in 1982, she married Steve there and our grand daughter Georgia was christened there in 2013.

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL WEEK LOOK LIKE?

I've said this many times, how did I get the time to work!

I look after my friends shop in Lichfield on a Monday, I am very lucky to be a big part of Georgias life, I take and fetch her from school three days a week, we spend a lot of time together which is an absolute pleasure.

I do the flower arranging in church with the help of Katie and I am a member of the PCC.

WHAT HOBBIES DO YOU HAVE?

I love gardening, I grow vegetables which is a hobby I shared with my wonderful Dad. Kevin and I enjoy eating out, walking and holidays we have been very lucky to have visited some amazing places in the world, and we love spending time with friends and family. We also have a caravan on the Welsh border where we spend most weekends throughout the summer and whilst I am there, I attend the local village church.

WOULD YOU SHARE YOUR CHRISTIAN JOURNEY WITH US?

St Michaels always seems to of been a part of my life since I was 10, I didn't attend much when I was a teenager but when I met Kevin I started to attend occasionally with his mom. It was Father Carl Ramsay who encouraged me to attend more regularly which I did in 2013; I was confirmed on 22nd June 2016 the same day that I was Christened at St Michaels 58 years earlier.

THINKING OF COMING TO ST MICHAELS?

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From The Registers

JUNE - SEPTEMBER 2024



Anne Blount (CB), Marlene Artwell (SC), John Lewis (CCK), John Whistance (CC), Harry Gray (CBNW), Daniel Duffield (CWL), Kathleen Millerchip (CB)

FUNERALS IN AUGUST

Tim Goodyear (GS@NW), Patricia Fox (SC)

FUNERALS IN SEPTEMBER

Michael Waddington (SC), Ivor Satchwell (CB)

ASHES IN JUNE

Beryl Farmer (SC@SC), Alan Farmer (SC@SC), Angela Ferguson (SC@SC)

ASHES IN JULY

Jean Kent, Betty Kilian, Malcolm Killian

ASHES IN AUGUST

Mary Brownridge, Peter Dawson, Jean Mason

BAPTISMS IN JULY

Chloe Jackson, Alfie Phelan, George Phelan, Jack Phelan (A), Demi Leigh Wilkes (A), Charlotte Wilkes (A), Natalie Dawson (A), Gracie Beeson

Adult Baptism (A)

BAPTISMS IN AUGUST

Harvey Draper-Helsey, Freddie Bentley, Leo Davis

BAPTISMS IN SEPTEMBER

Lyra Chantler

WEDDINGS IN AUGUST

Jamie Rogers and Megan Knight

WEDDINGS IN SEPTEMBER

Wayne Adams-Matthews and Katie Smith

CODES FOR FUNERALS

Church and Burial (CB) - Streetly Crematorium (SC) - Graveside at North Walsall (GS@NW)

Church and Burial at North Walsall (CBNW) - Scattering of Ashes at Streetly Crematorium (SC@SC)

Church and Streetly Crematorium (CSC) - Cannock Crematorium (CCK)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Blessings for Lyra one of our own church family Baby Lyra Chantler was baptised on 8th September. Congratulation to Jose and Leah; Grandparents Andy and Dana and Great Grandma Norma and all of her family. Love and prayers to you all from your church family.
- John Whistance It is with sadness that we announce that a member of our church congregation has sadly passed away since our last church magazine. John passed peacefully away at the Manor Hospital on 21st June aged 92.
 May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory.
- Ian and Rae Dodkins-Rudge celebrated their Pearl Wedding Anniversary on 2nd September. Congratulation to you both!
- Margaret and Roger Owen celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary. Married on 9th August 1984. Congratulation to you both!
- Lynne and Mick Emery celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 20th July. Now onto 55 'Emerald Wedding Anniversary'.
- Eileen Weston one of our older members of our congregation was 99 on 7th August. Well done and onto 100!
- Sim Mayou our veteran member was 100 on 31st August. Sim was born in 1924. What an achievement our very own centenarian in our midst.

BOOKING FOR ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH HALL

PLEASE NOTE THAT NEW ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOW IN PLACE FOR ANY ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE BOOKING OF THE HALL.

For more information on booking the hall and availability please contact the Parish Office on **01922 685666** Monday to Thursday 1pm to 3pm or Friday 10am to noon (answerphone outside these hours, we will return your call as soon as possible) or email **stmichaelschurchpelsall@gmail.com**



'Children are not just the church of tomorrow. They are the church of today as well.'

'Advance Notice'

Harvest Festival Weekend

Sunday 6th October 10am Holy Communion

Come to give thanks to God for our Harvest which the school will have gathered for their celebration earlier in the week.



Pet Service

Sunday 6th October 4pm

God loved all of our creatures.

Mavis invites you to come along to
an informal service and bring your
pets to be blessed.

Bonfire Night Party

Saturday 2nd November

Outside of the Church Hall. Bonfire fireworks and fellowship at our annual event for our church families.

More details nearer the date.

Annual Christmas Toy Service

Sunday 15th December 10am

We are again supporting the collection for our local charities.

More details in the next magazine.

Christingle Service

Sunday 1st December at 4pm

Families and children gather in preparation for Christmas as we celebrate the Christingle.

'In Other News'



Back Pack Sunday

1st September 10am

Once again it was a very successful service for the church family to mark and pray for the beginning of a new school year which September brings.

Thank you to those who attended.

Artistic Diddies

First entries in the St. Michael's art competition were brought in from our own 'Diddy Disciples' Isaac & Toby Martin who made pictures of St. Michael's Church in the Spring and Summer.

'A new Picasso and Van Gogh in our midst.' Well done!

Our Youngest Diddy Disciple

Lyra Claire Chantler was baptised in the family of God on 8th September. Our love and prayers to Jose, Leah and their families.



...And Thank You!

Our Diddy Disciples wish to say a huge thank you to those who made it possible for the Teddy Bears Picnic event to take place. Over 80 children and adults attended who thoroughly

enjoyed themselves! Jelly, ice cream, cakes and much more were consumed.



Calling all Diddy Disciples

Our numbers are growing at the 10.00am church service.

Pop along to see what we do and to meet others! All welcome or contact the Parish Office on 01922 685666 for more details.





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