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# September 2023

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	12.00 pm	Baptism
Sunday 10th September	8.00 am	Holy Communion
Trinity 14	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist
Sunday 17th September	8.00 am	Holy Communion
Harvest	10.00 am	Family Worship and Communion. Followed by bring and share lunch
Sunday 24th September	8.00 am	Holy Communion
Trinity 16	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong
Sunday 1st October	8.00 am	Holy Communion
Trinity 17	10.00 am	Family Worship
Sunday 8th October	8.00 am	Holy Communion
Trinity 18	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist
	12.00 pm	Baptism

St Mary's Church, High Street, Sandbach, CW11 1AN

Sunday 15th October	8.00 am	Holy Communion
Trinity 19	10.00 am	Family Worship and Communion
Sunday 22nd October	8.00 am	Holy Communion
Trinity 20	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong

**Sunday 29th October 2 am British Summer Time Ends**

**CLOCKS GO BACK 1 HOUR**



Sunday 29th October	8.00 am	Holy Communion
Last of Trinity	10.00 am	Family worship and Communion
Holy Eucharist, Parish Eucharist - Order 1 Common Worship		
Holy Communion - Order 2 Book of Common Prayer		

**Coffee Rota**

3rd September	Janet Hides and Ellie Palfreman
10th September	Jim Thompson and Iris Kenilworth
17th September	Jean Richardson and Jo Williams
24th September	Stella Craven and Angela Speedy
1st October	Kath Davies and Kath Beech
8th October	Janet Hides and Ellie Palfreman
15th October	Jim Thompson and Iris Kenilworth
22nd October	Jean Richardson and Jo Williams
29th October	Stella Craven and Angela Speedy



I am aware that this magazine will be a bumper edition for September and October and that so much happens in that time for all of us. September for many is the start of a new year, we have slowed the pace of life in August and things begin to ramp up with activity and plans for the last part of the year. Some of us are still awaiting a much looked forward to holiday, while others still feel like each day is largely similar and the need to make them different weighs heavier with each passing day. In this time we will celebrate Harvest and perhaps be aware of the changing of the seasons, although just maybe this year, we will actually experience an Indian Summer as we always seem to be promised.

I am not sure what to say that can cover such a time so I thought I would share a poem that perhaps may linger or cause you to ponder

over the coming weeks.

I think it speaks of us all being different, with our individual weaknesses and strengths, different desires and hopes, yet all made to become as God has called us to be: perfect, not perfect how your neighbour does perfect, not perfect how your friend does perfect. Simply becoming as God made you to be. It's a journey that is unique for each of us so none can compare. Sometimes the change and becoming moves at a swift rate and other times we barely notice, but God promises it is a journey on which we never stop inching towards that God-given perfection. I wonder if a particular line resonates with you? What encouragement can you take from this honest and real poem.

Why not put Edwin Gateley in your search engine - her poems are wonderful and very thought provoking.

**'Called to Become' by  
Edwina Gateley. ('Psalms of a  
Laywoman' page 68 )**

You are called to become  
A perfect creation.  
No one is called to become  
Who you are called to be.  
It does not matter  
How short or tall  
Or thick-set or slow  
You may be.  
It does not matter  
Whether you sparkle with life  
Or are as silent as a still pool.  
Whether you sing your song  
aloud  
Or weep alone in darkness.  
It does not matter  
Whether you feel loved and  
admired  
Or unloved and alone  
For you are called to become  
A perfect creation.  
No one's shadow  
Should cloud your becoming.

No one's light  
Should dispel your spark.  
For the Lord delights in you.  
Jealously looks upon you  
And encourages with gentle  
joy  
Every movement of the Spirit  
Within you.  
Unique and loved you stand.  
Beautiful or stunted in your  
growth  
But never without hope and  
life.  
For you are called to become  
A perfect creation.  
This becoming may be  
Gentle or harsh.  
Subtle or violent.  
But it never ceases.  
Never pauses or hesitates.  
Only is—  
Creative force—  
Calling you  
Calling you to become  
A perfect creation.

**Bee**

# From the Editor

Thank you for your contributions in this bumper September and October edition. Due to other commitments it is not possible to produce an October version.

On the plus side this does mean that there are many extra pages in this edition with a good variety of articles.

## In this Issue.....

<b>Poppies</b>	<b>CWGC</b>	<b>Evensong</b>
<b>Windows</b>		<b>Shortage of bell ringers</b>
<b>Rotary</b>	<b>Sister Act</b>	<b>Autumn Fair</b>

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## Registers for August Baptisms

Isla Chadwick

Rory Millington

## Vows renewal

Stevie D'Arienzo and Lee Taylor

## Funerals

Dawn Jackson



You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you

<b>Regular events and services</b>		
<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b>	9.30 am	Morning Prayer in church
<b>Mondays</b>	9.00 am	Tiddlers - <b>next meeting 4th September</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	7.00 pm	Prayer Meeting in church
<b>Wednesdays</b>	11.00 am	Holy Communion
<b>Thursdays</b>	9.00 am	Thursday Teas.
<b>Fridays</b>	6.15 pm	Choir Practice - contact Kevin Birch (760778)
<b>First Thursday of month</b>	10.30 am	Bereavement Group - contact Bee for details
<b>First Sunday of the month</b>	9.15 am	Music group practice before the service - contact Heather Bottomley (768744)

## **Poppies for November**

All of last year's knitted and crochet poppies were safely put away to be used again this year. We would like to increase the quantity of poppies for our new display this year.

There's not long to go until the new display is in church. It should be in place in early October and will include a full sized war horse together its companion soldier.

So, don't delay, it's time to get knitting or crocheting again!

The tried and tested knitting pattern is on the next page. There are also some paper copies available at the back of church and a 'give and take' box so if you're not a knitter but would like to donate some wool, that would be very



much appreciated. Please feel free to use any knitting or crochet pattern you prefer.

Any queries, just ask Ruth!

### **Knitted Poppies**

For the best finish, knit with a Double Knit (DK yarn). The size of needle you choose will determine how big the poppy will be, but we recommend 3.5mm or 3.75mm (UK9).



#### Garter/knit stitch pattern

Colour A Red (one ball will make a lot of poppies!)

Colour B Scrap of black or black button

#### Body of Poppy

Using Col A cast on 120 stitches

Rows 1-4 knit

Row 5 knit 3 stitches together across the row (40 stitches)

Rows 6-9 knit

Row 10 knit 2 stitches together across the row (20 stitches)

Rows 11-14 knit

Row 15 knit 2 stitches together across the row (10 stitches)

Cut yarn leaving a tail of about 20cm. Thread tail through yarn needle and slip all the remaining live stitches onto the yarn tail and pull tight. Pull around into a circle and then mattress stitch (or use whatever stitching you normally use) to seam for an invisible seam.

#### Centre of Poppy

Using Col B, cast on 16 stitches. Cast off. Coil into a tight spiral and sew base to the centre. Or use a black or green button with 4 holes and sew to center of poppy. Add pin.

# Rotary Sandbach

Each Wednesday lunchtime, the members of the Rotary Club of Sandbach are reminded of their links with St Mary's Church going back to the 17th century.

In 1945 the Rotary Club of Crewe approached R Baldwin Hovey, a Sandbach businessman (Zan Works, Wheelock) with a view to forming a Rotary club in the town. He organised a meeting of about 20 local businessmen at the Market Tavern for lunch and a few months later the Sandbach club was formed.

With the motto of, Service

Above Self, Rotary members believe in taking action to tackle world issues such as: promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, saving mothers and children, supporting education, growing local economies and protecting the environment. One of Rotary International's biggest projects has been working to eradicate polio and in the last 35 years has contributed \$2.1 billion to the cause. The latest international project by the Sandbach club was to organise a Meal Pack event in February, raising £12,000 and then packing over 30,000 dehydrated meals for the charity, Rise Against Hunger.



The club also engages in local community projects. This includes painting the benches and other street furniture in Sandbach, maintaining the herb garden, painting the cemetery gates and fences, and, of course, helping at St Mary's. For a number of years a group of Rotarians have regularly painted the fences and cut back the suckers on the big lime trees. This year they have also taken on the task of clearing the very large build-up of waste vegetation at the bottom of the churchyard.

Many parishioners of St Mary's have been members of the club since its formation and in 1975 the Vicar, the Rev Basil Rigby, was elected President. A number of

churchwardens have been Rotary members, the earliest being Leslie Hovey and the most recent, Reg Dunning.

Rotary clubs traditionally have a bell to call order in their meetings. The Sandbach one was made in 1945 from an ARP (Air Raid Precautions) bell and a piece of carved oak said to be from the roof of St Mary's Church. It is possible that the oak is a piece of cornice, removed when the roof was restored in the first half of the 17th century. The bell is rung at the end of each meeting when Rotarians are asked to toast "Rotary, and peace the world over."

For more information about Rotary Sandbach see [www.sandbach-rotary.org.uk](http://www.sandbach-rotary.org.uk)



The club is always open to new members and is also grateful to those who do not wish to become Rotarians but are willing to give a few hours to help with its local community projects. Contact John Higgins for further details.

# Unravelling the mysterious life of the Virgin Mary

**O**n Friday 8th September Christians around the world celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. While being the best know, and much loved, mother in history, she remains one of the greatest mysteries of all time.

Most of what we know about Mary are the brief mentions of her in the New Testament concerned with the birth and early life of Jesus, and that she witnessed his death on the Cross.

According to Sister M Danielle Peters, University of Dayton, there are four different occasions when Mary's words are recorded in the Bible:

Luke gives an account of Mary's dialogue with the angel at the Annunciation when she was told that she would give birth to the Saviour (Luke 1:26-38):

Mary's encounter with Elizabeth her cousin that prompted a hymn of praise known as the Magnificat, (Luke 1:46-56),

when Jesus, aged 12 years old was found in the temple (Luke 2:41-52).

And Mary's words are recorded at a wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11) when she tells the waiters to do as Jesus tells them, and this results in the first recorded miracle performed by Jesus when he turned water into wine.

We can also unravel the mystery of Mary a little more in Matthew's account of an angel visiting Joseph who was betrothed to her. We are told that when Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

However, in an unsubstantiated document called the Protoevangelium of James, there are some more details of Mary's early life. It is believed to have been

written in the 2nd Century by James, a brother of Jesus.

According to Mark 6:3, Jesus had four brothers and two sisters: 'Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon?'

The Protoevangelium reveals that Mary was born miraculously to a wealthy man and his wife who up until then had not been able to have children. Her story seems to reflect the Old Testament account of the birth of Samuel to Hannah and her husband Elkanah. Mary was then shielded from the world in a sanctuary where she was cared for by 'undefiled daughters of the Hebrews'.

At 3 years of age, the child was moved to the Temple in Jerusalem where she is said to have been fed by an angel. As



she grew to puberty at about 12 years old, the strict temple rules meant she could no longer live there and so a safe home was found for her with Joseph, a village carpenter, who we are told was a member of

the 'House of David'.

Following the immaculate conception Joseph had a series of dreams that prompted him to marry Mary. And so when Jesus - a name chosen by God - was born he was a member of the House of David as had long been expected.

Just as there are many legends about Mary and her life following the death of Jesus, there are many legends about Joseph. But legends fuel mysteries, and while they can be fun, they can't distract us from the reality of God's love for each of us and the world he created for us.



# TIDDLERS GROUP



September celebrates our first year of this group.



We meet every Monday during term time from 9.00am to 10.30am.



Various toys, puzzles, and creative activities are set out in the hall for parents and minders to share with their child/ren. During this playing time, coffee, tea, squash and biscuits are available for a small donation. We finish each session with a 15-20 minute sing song and sometimes a story.



Last September we had mostly babies and it has been, for myself at least, a joy to see these children flourish week by week.



Monday 4th September will begin our second year and we look forward to welcoming our friends again and also any other children and carers to this group.



**Gabrielle Elliott**



# Meditative Meandering - By Steven Rolling

Forgive Lord, where I fret  
Of things past, not come yet  
Meditation disturbed  
Distracted from your word

Search my heart, you know me  
All things of me you see  
All-seeing, All-knowing  
Ever my Lord and King

Spirit e'er residing  
In sanctum abiding  
Of my heart, though fill me  
My whole being purely

I may to you draw near  
Worship in lowly fear  
Your presence be dwelling  
In me, rule o'er each thing

What I want or desire  
You wisdom best by far  
Help me seek of those things  
Do what your glory brings

Heart our central core be  
And too our mind you see  
E'en our whole life you know  
In Christ's image we grow

# Spotlight on a casualty buried in St Mary's churchyard

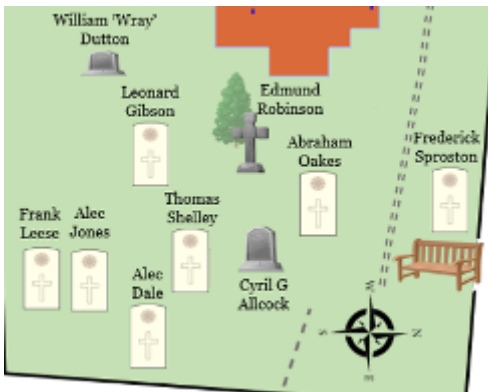
(by Pete Merrill - final article)

Private Alec (also recorded as Allec and Alex) Dale, Service Number 4125240, served in the 8th (Home Defence) Battalion Cheshire Regiment during WWII. He was killed on 12th March 1941 and is remembered on the Cobbles' War Memorial, is registered with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) as a war casualty and is buried in the south-east area of St

Sinderland Green, Cheshire on 24th February 1917, the 8th child to Fanny nee Phillips and William. He grew up Top o' th' hill, on Smithfield Lane (behind the Alms-houses) where his father was a Market Gardener at one of the nurseries.

We also know from the 1939, register that at the outbreak of war Alec had been working at Palmer Mann Salt Works in Ettiley Heath but had already 'signed up' and was on leave from the 7th Battalion, Cheshire Regiment (probably D Company). He was also single and staying with his now retired parents at 20 Welles Street, Sandbach.

At the time of writing this story, what Alec did between 1939 and when he was killed in 1941 is still unknown; however we do know that another casualty buried in St Mary's churchyard, William Bullock, with a similar service number (4128304), was also a member of 7th Cheshire's at the same time. William was



Mary's churchyard. There is not a lot of official information currently available about this serviceman and the following narrative has been compiled from various sources including newspaper articles which are often unreliable. We know Alec was born at



**SOLDIER'S DEATH.**—The funeral of Pte. Alec Dale (24), of the Cheshire Regiment, youngest son of Mr and Mrs. Wm Dale, 20, Welles-street, who was killed last week through enemy action, took place on Wednesday at St. Mary's Church. Mr. and Mrs. Dale have four other sons in the Forces. Archdeacon Armitstead, the Rev. C. E. Plummer, and Capt. the Rev. Davies officiated. The buglers were L/Corpl. Snape and Pte. Lowndes, and the bearer party, in the charge of Sergt. Proctor, included Ptes. Wellings, Yates, Perry, Ryan, Walker, and Soulsby. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. Dale, parents; Mr and Mrs. H. Dale, Mr and Mrs. F. Dale, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dale, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dale, Mr and Mrs. C. Dale, Mr Ernest Dale, brothers and sisters-in-law; Miss Milly Dale, sister; and Mr Tony Harding. Representing Messrs. Palmer Mann, where Pte. Dale was formerly employed, were Messrs. A. Sutton, T. Burton, A. Bourne, J. Norris, E. Basford, T. Greenwood, E. Greenwood, F. Dodd, and J. Mylroie. Representing the British Legion was Mr. W. Bracegirdle. There were wreaths from the directors of Palmer Mann, the staff and workpeople, officers, N.C.O.s and men of the battalion. The arrangements were by Mr. W. Chapman.

*Crewe Chronicle 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1941 p6*

mobilised and deployed overseas as part of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) in France in 1939 and was later evacuated from Dunkirk in June 1940. It's possible that Alec did the same.

We know that at some stage Alec transferred from the 7th Battalion into the 8th. Of note is that following the Dunkirk evacuation (...the

battle of France is over...) there was a real fear that the Germans were about to invade Britain and experienced soldiers who had returned to England were transferred and redeployed to Home Defence units to bolster their ranks. It's possible that Alec joined the 8th Battalion as part of this initiative – hopefully records will eventually

emerge to resolve the issue.

In March 1941, the 8th Battalion Cheshire regiment were deployed as part of Liverpool's air defence, providing anti-aircraft, searchlight and barrage balloon capabilities and were attached to 104th Battery 22nd Anti-aircraft Regiment (Home Guard) Z (rocket) Battery based in Wallasey.

There had already been some

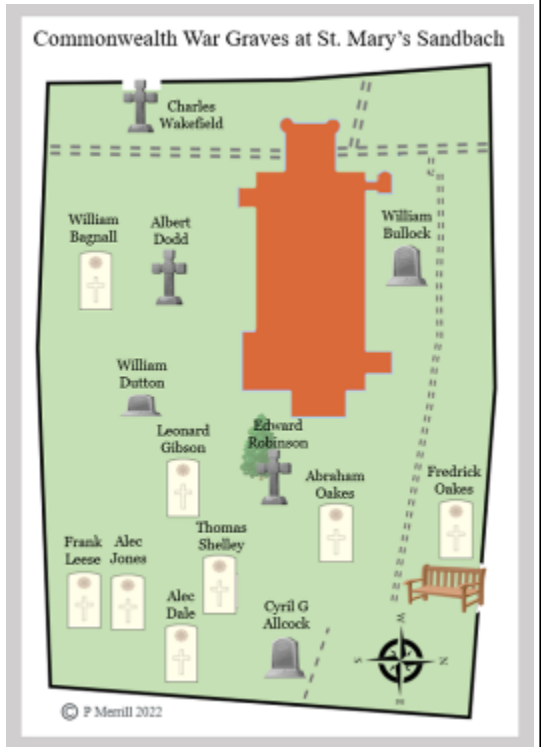
small air raids during January and February 1941, but the first full moon on 12th March was the start of what become known as the 'March Blitz' and saw Birkenhead's worst air raids of the war. It commenced just before dusk and over the next two days the bombing killed 288 people and injured 275. Among the loss of life on 12th March were 50 troops who

were billeted in the Wallasey Higher Tranmere Girls School on Breck Road. They were all killed when a German mine landed on the building. Including in the casualties were 30 members of D Company 8th Cheshire's, known colloquially as the '18Pals' a possible reference to a group of men who had returned safely from France.

## St Mary's Commonwealth Graves

A very big thank you to Pete Merrill, one of our dedicated bell ringers, for his very in-depth research and cataloguing of the 14 Commonwealth Graves that are in the church yard.

Pete has kindly offered to gather all his research into a booklet, similar to the Stained Glass window booklet, that we can sell in the church. All proceeds will be towards church funds.





St Paul's Centre, Crewe – formerly Christian Concern Crewe, continues to work with many disadvantaged people in society. While the public face of the organisation is its Café on the Corner, open five days a week, and its Friday Sale Day,

behind the scenes there is so much more going on.

St Paul's Centre houses the Crewe Foodbank; it provides emergency assistance for those being re-homed (in the form of furniture, kitchenware and bedding). There is also provision of shoes for children referred by schools, a hot evening meal for struggling families once a week and a monthly Sunday lunch get-together for older people who are living alone. St Paul's has a bike workshop which not only refurbishes bikes but also teaches bike maintenance providing the skills and ultimately a bike to those who would otherwise lack transport to get to work. There is a weekend hospital discharge programme which transports patients home and provides food and other support for their first week back at home.

St Paul's Centre has a small staff team and a host of volunteers. It includes a 'Futures' Project which is designed to provide young adults with disabilities the opportunity to learn both life and work skills.

If you would like to know more, please speak with Jane Colley and Ashi who are volunteers at St Paul's Centre. If you would like to donate bedlinen, curtains or trinketry, they would be happy to collect it from the back of church to give to those in need or for the Friday Sale. **Jane Colley**

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**Community Charity Event : Sandbach Foodbank,  
The Church Mission Project**

Early bird tickets available on Eventbrite: £10 A gentle reminder the Church is a sacred space. Early arrival for best seats due to some restricted views

# What's happened in the last 13 years

This third article, looking back into the recent history of the magazine, focuses on bell ringers.

## *ST MARY'S CHURCH BELLS (Oct 2011)*

*Unless we get more bell ringers, ringing for church services and weddings could cease all together in Sandbach.*

*Learning to ring a bell is not difficult. All you need is some form of co-ordination, but an experienced bell ringer is necessary to teach the art. As the number of current bell ringers is getting less, so the time will eventually arrive that unless new ringers are taught now there will not be anyone to teach this craft in the future.*

*At present we are dependent on visiting ringers to make a ring of six. St Mary's is a ring of eight and we would like to ring all eight bells as often as possible.*

*The bells are rung for practice and learning every Thursday evening. Nobody has yet been turned away and any volunteer will be taught how to ring the bells safely. It would be a shame if this ancient English art was lost and the bells were not heard in Sandbach.*

*Paul Burden - bell ringer.*

## Success story

In recent years the bell ringers have gone from strength to strength under the leadership of Steven Stoker the Bell Captain but when Steve moved on, Angela (Angie) Burgess took over this role from January of this year. Peter Merrill (Tower secretary), a regular contributor to the magazine, was appointed as the PCC representative and has already forged a really good working relationship between the ringers and the PCC.



Here is a picture of the ringers on the day of the King's Coronation.

## St Mary's Events



- \* **Saturday 28th October**  
**Autumn Fair 10am to 12pm**
  
- \* **Sunday 3rd December**  
**Christmas Lunch 12pm**



# Love in a box for Christmas

Christmas gifts help bring joy and happiness to underprivileged children in Eastern Europe.



## What can you do?

- Knit - hats, gloves scarves, small soft toys
- Sew - washbags, pencil cases
- Buy - stationery items, small toys, toiletries
- Give - cash donations for transport

## How?

Patterns for craft items are available.  
Contact at your church

Bee Boyde

Or Chris Nash at SBC:  
chris.nash9@btinternet.com

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For more information  
on item donations and collections  
contact Chris Nash at SBC:  
chris.nash9@btinternet.com



## When?

As soon as you can, please!  
Ready for packing!

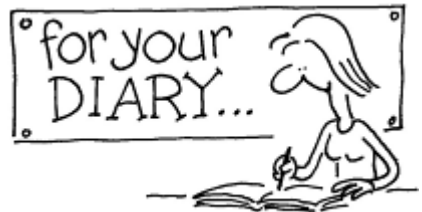
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## Coffee morning

To raise funds for the transport of the boxes. At Oasis, Green Street on 16th September.

Details to follow shortly.



## Teacher *(John 13:13)*

Jesus was a teacher –  
the best.  
He spoke, demonstrated,  
and embodied His message.  
He lived it out  
and died it out  
and brought it back to life.  
Jesus was a teacher –  
the best.

Timeless teachings  
building for the kingdom  
today  
as believers learn and love.  
Jesus is a teacher still –  
the best.  
Praise Him.  
Follow Him.  
Obey Him.  
Trust Him.

“You are right to call me teacher and Lord,  
For that is what I am.”

*By Daphne Kitching*

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## The Secret of Living

The secret of living  
Is learning to pray  
It's asking our Father  
For strength for the day!

It's trusting completely  
That His boundless grace  
Will overcome care  
And each problem we face!

It's walking by Faith  
Every mile that we plod  
And knowing our prayers  
Bring us closer to God.



## Hall spruce up

You will all be aware that the external hall windows and doors are in a poor state of repair. We need to protect the fabric of the windows and doors and improve the overall appearance. An investigation has begun to find out the condition of the wooden frames.

**Stripped.** The two windows either side of the entrance door, on the cobbles side and the two on the church side have been stripped back by volunteers. The majority of the oak window frames are in a good state of repair but, as you can see from the photographs, the cills on 3 out of the 4 windows need repairing.



At the time of writing the cost for the repair to the woodwork is being investigated. In the meantime the sound wood has been primed.

**Volunteers.** To minimise costs we hope to use

volunteers to strip and paint the windows. If anyone is interested could you please contact Brian Day (763716) or John Bottomley (768744).

**Costs.** Costs include sandpaper, brushes, filler, primer, undercoat and gloss paint. We will use good quality paint throughout the project to protect the wood and metal. The intention is to paint the wooden surround black, instead of blue, to match the other traditional buildings on the cobbles, and the stone surround the current cream colour.

There are 20 large windows, 8 small windows, 3 large doors and 3 small doors.

We estimate these costs to be approximately £100 per large window and £50 for the smaller windows and doors.

### **Sponsorship.**

We would like you to consider sponsoring a window or door, half a window or part of a window. Why not join with family or friends to sponsor a whole window.

A poster will be placed in the hall and church showing the sponsorship progress.

Don't forget that if you pay tax you can gift aid any donation to the church. Please place any donations in an envelope with your name on so the Gift Aid Secretary can claim back the tax.

*giftaid*

This project will probably stretch into next year as painting requires dry weather! More information will follow in the next edition.



# Autumn Fair

Saturday 28th October

10 am until 12 pm

Church Hall

Refreshments

Raffle and tombola

Books and Toys

Gift Stall

and more

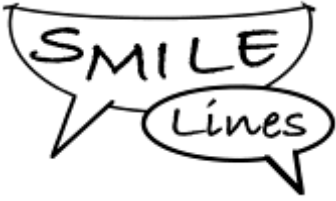
**For more information, requesting a stall or willing to help then please contact Gill Savage on 765161. Cakes, items for the stalls, raffle and tombola will be very welcome.**



## From the Archives



This month we are back in Sandbach and looking down Chapel Street from Middlewich Road end. In the bottom image we are back in May 1937 when the street and the town celebrated King George VI coronation. Built for the towns silk mill workers in the early 1800's, the left-hand side was demolished in 2010. **Stephen Minshull**



**If biblical headlines were written  
by today's modern media...**

On Red Sea crossing: WETLANDS  
TRAMPLED IN LABOUR STRIKE  
Pursuing Environmentalists Killed

On the birth of Christ: HOTELS FULL, ANIMALS LEFT  
HOMELESS

Animal Rights Activists Enraged by Insensitive Couple

On healing the 10 lepers: LOCAL DOCTOR'S PRACTICE  
RUINED

"Faith Healer" Causes Bankruptcy

On raising Lazarus from the dead: FUNDAMENTALIST  
PREACHER RAISES A STINK

Reading of Will Must Now Be Delayed

**And finally...**

People say 60 is the new 40. The policeman who just pulled  
me over didn't agree.

A chrysanthemum by any other name would be... much  
easier to spell.

When I was young, I was poor. But after several years of  
hard work, I am no longer young.

Is it ignorance or apathy that's destroying the world today? I  
don't know and don't really care.

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