

## Obituaries R.I.P

### Sally Gresty

Sally Gresty nee Warburton, will be fondly remembered for her work on the Parish Council and her membership of the Parochial Church Council; for several years she was also Verger of Barthomley Church.

Sally was a caring Granny doing so much for Isaac and Oscar, always there for them and her family. She loved her garden and animals and was a knowledgeable green activist. The village has lost a character but at least, following restrictions, was able to give her a good send off.

We all have our own personal memories of Sally and send our love and condolences to Kate, Simon and the extended family.  
Chris Bailey

It was with great sadness that I took Christine's call telling me that Sally had died. Sally was one of a number of worshippers at St Bertoline's Church who very warmly welcomed Charlie and me when we joined the Church in January 2000; and over the years as we came to know her more fully we realised what a lovely lady she was who always had something of interest or funny to tell us.

During these past years as Charlie's Alzheimer's prevented him from attending church or shopping with me in Alsager, Sally would always ask me how he was and would have a comforting word as she left me. It was the same when I saw her at The Farm Shop. She would always call to me "how's Charlie today?"

Sally was a lovely lady. And when I heard at her funeral, such lovely words spoken about her by not only her immediate family, but others close to her, I was immediately struck by the lovely and caring mum and surrogate mum she was.

Rest peacefully Sally. You deserve it.  
Vera Bennion

### Ann Hoggard

Only recently did Ann leave Englesea Brook to be nearer to daughter Caroline in Nottingham. Ann played her part in our villages, collected for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, served on the Village Hall committee, arranged flowers in church and helped at the Chapel. Ann loved her garden and animals and will be sadly missed. Now she is reunited with her husband Mike, former Captain of the bell tower.

We send our condolences and thanks to Fiona and Caroline for Ann's life and all she did for the community.

### Charles Fox

Charles was almost born at Daisy Bank Farm which was to be his home for the whole of his life. In fact he was the oldest (non-retired) farmer on the Duchy Estate and kept a watchful eye on local developments which were slowly eroding his farm. His funeral was well attended by farmers, family and friends and the eulogy, so eloquently presented by Stuart Evans, was a poignant tribute to his long life and revealed so much that many of us did not know about Charles. Lesley, his daughter in law had written a beautiful poem which was read by his granddaughter at the graveside. To his wife Tricia, children Steven and Janette and their families we send our sympathy at this sad time. R.I.P. Charles  
Chris Bailey

## From The Rectory

It's a few weeks ago but I feel I must begin by saying Thank You to everyone for making the Induction Service on the 29th September such a wonderful occasion. It all went perfectly and so much work was involved to make it so. My grateful thanks for all who were involved in whatever way and to the many who attended the Service. And the Bishop did a good job as well considering it was his first such Service.

The weeks move on November is upon us the month for Memories. Remembrance Sunday is an important date in our National & Church Calendar and we will be keeping the Act of Remembrance on the 14th November during the Sunday Service. You may not quite have received this Parish News before we keep All Saints Day when we also keep All Soul's as well. We will remember the Departed at the 10.30 service on Sunday 31st October when Names will be read out.

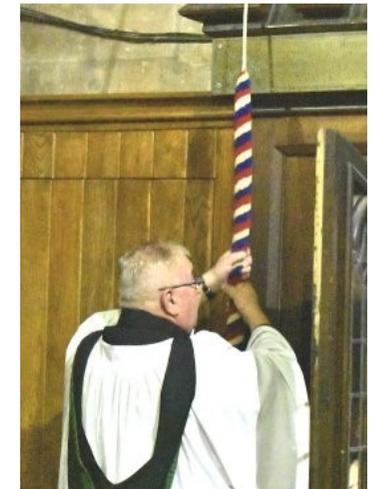
Every Sunday we remember not only the Recent Departed but all who have died. We remember them and we pray for them they are in our minds in our thoughts in our hearts.

Coping with loss is one of the most difficult things we face in life. No matter what comforting words we hear, the pain is real and long-lasting a lifetime even. Isaiah the prophet tells us God will wipe away tears, but that will be when we are all united in God's Kingdom. We grieve but we also have resurrection hope.

In our lives we do our best to live the resurrection-life every day, quietly living out joy, hope, love and peace. Alive with God in our lives. Transformed by the resurrection life, let us continue to live for Christ, shining with love for his world.

With every Blessing

Rev Peter



*(Left to right)*

The Venerable Ian Bishop, Archdeacon of Macclesfield  
Revd Peter Ennion  
The Right Reverend Sam Corley, Bishop of Stockport  
Revd Steve Clapham, Rural Dean of Congleton Deanery

## Barthomley Christmas Fayre

### Make a Date in Your Diary

Saturday 27th November 2021 9.30 a.m to 1p.m. in the Village Hall

Bring your family and friends for a morning of fun and Father Christmas's visit at 11 a.m. We will have our mouth-watering cake stall with preserves and other cookies.

Our much appreciated table decorations and wreaths together with pots of bulbs will also be for sale. Other stalls will create further interest.

The large food hamper, the raffle, the sweet jar competition and 'Guess the weight of the Christmas cake' will also be available.

Activities for children and adults are planned for everyone's enjoyment and when Father Christmas arrives there will be the opportunity to talk to him about Christmas wishes and then post them for his later arrival in Lapland.

Snacks are to be sold from 10.30a.m. so bacon butties, hot dogs, cheesy oatcakes, cuppa soups, coffee and tea or soft drinks will also be available.

We would be grateful for gifts for the Grocery Hamper, items for the craft stall, small items for the Bran tub, Tombola prizes, Raffle prizes and small baubles for wreath decorations. There will be boxes at the back of the Church for any of these donations.

Despite COVID we intend to enjoy our Fayre and try to keep everyone safe. Please support us and join in the fun.

The Christmas Fayre Team

Len, Val, Jackie R. Mary, and Celia

## **At Last -- Moving Forward**

The last few weeks have seen several "firsts" for our church. Revd Peter Ennion is now officially our Rector, installed by the new Bishop of Stockport, Sam Corley, taking his first Induction Service. It was a beautiful service, music of the highest quality, welcomes from all sections of the community and excellent refreshments. My thanks to everyone involved. On the same evening the Bishop rang with our bell ringers, the first time a bishop has climbed our bell tower and proved he is a proficient bell ringer



***THE INDUCTION OF THE REVD PETER ENNION AS RECTOR OF BARTHOMLEY***

## **Minutes from the last meeting of the Parish Council on 14th September 2021.**

The main issues to highlight are: -

The Parish Council has three vacancies for councillors - anyone interested should contact me at this email address in the first instance

The Parish Council has a new Chair/Vice-Chair - Cllr Tom Wilde is the new Chair and Cllr Clare Horrocks is the new Vice-Chair

A new litter bin has been installed by the Parish Council opposite the lane up to the Church/Village Hall

The Parish Council has purchased a defibrillator and hopes to position it on the garage area next to the pub

Residents are asked to report any issues with highways to the Parish Council via this email address or are asked to post on the Parish Council Facebook page and/or via the Report It webpage from Cheshire East Council

The new police noticeboard will be positioned underneath the existing noticeboard at the end of the Church/Village Hall drive

If anyone has anything to include on the Parish Council noticeboard, please contact me at this email address

Mark Bailey

Clerk to the Parish Council

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(Please note that I work part-time and am not always in the office)

. Our Patron, Lord O'Neill, sent his son Shane and wife Celia to visit Peter and Barthomley, eventually Shane will succeed his father. It proved to be a delightful visit, seeing the church being prepared for Harvest, talking to the flower arrangers, coffee at the Old Rectory then a visit to the White Lion.

Another first was a morning service unexpectedly minus an organist, just when we had started singing again - well we did our best, perhaps not the most melodious of sounds but we carried on regardless.

Harvest was a joyous occasion, our talented ladies had excelled with the decorations and your generosity, in lieu of dried and tinned goods, raised £397 for the Crewe Salvation Army; many thanks.

Looking ahead we have Remembrance Sunday on 14th November, always a moving service. Expect a visit from our local Poppy Sellers before that date, at last they have permission to go around the houses. Please give generously to the Royal British Legion. On SATURDAY 27th NOVEMBER in the Village Hall it is the CHRISTMAS FAYRE. Do come and support this event and bring the children to visit Santa.

Death never seems far away and recently we have said good bye to several members of our community, Sally Gresty, Charles Fox, Ann Hoggard and Valerie Lancaster (Jo Hollins Mum). Also many people have been unwell; we hope and pray for your full recovery. So now as we queue for Covid boosters and flu jabs and wonder if we will ever again get a face to face appointment with a doctor, take heart there will be improvements even if Christmas is likely to be scaled back due to shortages on supermarket shelves. There is nothing wrong in a good old traditional Christmas where the true meaning of Christmas rings through. St Bertoline's Church is open and you are all welcome, Revd Peter Ennion is very approachable. JOIN US.

Chris Bailey Churchwarden