

Hello



Here we are in November and Cop26 is in full progress. Caring for God's creation is very much part of Christian Discipleship so we hope and pray that the words are translated into actions and more and more nations and people take this issue very seriously. This is a picture of our Greening Tree which was taken to lobby our MP and represents our pledges.

The Fair Trade movement has been campaigning hard about the need to take Climate Change seriously as it is adversely affecting the poorest farmers in the world. I'm delighted to report that at our last PCC meeting we renewed our commitment to be a Fair Trade church which includes serving coffee and tea which bears their logo. We have fallen behind a little on this but hope to be back on track soon. Fair Trade chocolate Advent Calendars can be purchased through www.realadvent.co.uk They include a Christmas Story Activity book. Free delivery if you order by 8th November so don't delay!



As we start to open up more of our pre-Covid activities and prepare for returning to two Sunday Services the PCC has been discussing volunteering, giving and our Transforming Church Action Plan. Please do look carefully at the enclosed papers. The lilac ones tells of 'PP PP PP' (!) and the yellow one introduces the **Parish Giving Scheme** which many churches are now using. I've just shifted my monthly giving to it and the on-line process was very easy.

Rowena is heading up the **Christmas Fayre** so please support her in this. More details in the "Coming Soon" leaflet. Also, don't miss dropping into the Children's Society Coffee Morning too.

From Tuesday 9th November the **Gridiron Coffee Morning** will be held at "The Black Horse" at the now usual time of 10.30am, rather than at Rowheath Pavilion. This should allow more flexible (and spacious) options to shelter indoors if necessary.

There has been little progress with the building works but the glass for the porch may arrive this month.... Sadly, some more of the ceiling in the North Aisle fell down last Friday evening. Thankfully, the bell ringers notified me (I wasn't best pleased!) and helped clear it up. Currently the north aisle is not in use and we await further advice. However, this afternoon we met with a sound engineer to make progress upgrading the system. We had the loop system tested and it works – though better with some microphones than others.

Revd Theresa's husband is now home and following a very difficult period he is now much more stable. She and I have both enjoyed some annual leave and I had a very refreshing retreat on Holy Island. I have quite a lot of leave to catch-up with so will be off duty from 15th – 23rd November.

The Northfield Revealed events in September went well with Stuart Andrew's tours receiving rave reviews.



Here's a picture of 'Broomdasher' performing **The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady** in church. If you missed the Northfield Monologues we hope to repeat them next spring.

Thank you to all who contributed to our Harvest appeals. A good number of bags of produce was collected by Northfield Community Partnership's Food Bank and we raised £250 for Malawi.

Full details of Christmas services will be in our next edition.

Every blessing, Canon Janet

3rd November 2021