

Tourist Information Board



for Village Centre



The Minshull Events Group have decided to spend funds on something to benefit the village and has looked at a proposal to supply a tourist information board, originally suggested several years ago. A suitable site will be identified and the 'lectern' style board will show a map of the village and provide visitors with brief information on the historic buildings and footpaths.

All being well, the board will be similar to the above illustration.

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A Letter from the vicar

I make no secret of the fact that I am dyscalculic and don't handle figures well. I was seriously bad at maths in school. It is perhaps one of the reasons I turned to Religious Studies and Theology. Here was something I could understand.

Imagine my distress when I discovered I hadn't escaped maths after all. If I was going to start to understand God, I had to tackle the mathematics of God. You know, the bit about God is one, but 'No' it is not that simple, God is also three. One in three, three in one. Who can begin to fathom the mathematics of God?



have grappled with. It is the problem that has made preachers quake and congregations despair as Trinity Sunday approaches. But, just maybe, the Trinity is not all that difficult to understand. Our Celtic forebears certainly didn't think so. There is a story of St Patrick picking a shamrock leaf and using it to explain the Trinity to a group of Irish Christians in the 5th Century CE. Here we see that God is three in one, not as an intellectual, philosophical problem, but as the most simple, natural thing in the world. And to the Celts it was simple. Far from being a remote, inaccessible idea, the Trinity was found in the simplicity of daily life as this traditional Celtic Prayer suggests:

***Three folds of the cloth, yet only one napkin is there,
Three joints in the finger, but still only one finger fair,
three leaves of the shamrock, yet no more than one shamrock to wear,
Frost, snow-flakes and ice, all in water their origin share,
Three persons to God, to one God alone we make prayer.***



It is the problem that Christians down the centuries

The Trinity was part of daily life. Close by, part of the activity of life. Far from being a mathematical problem which must be solved, or a philosophical idea which must be explained, for the Celts, the Trinity was part of the accepted normality of life. Present from morning 'til night, from birth to death. Part of every activity our Celtic ancestors ever experienced. There is much we can learn from the Celtic tradition as we celebrate Trinity Sunday this month.

Date	St Bartholomew's Church Minshull	St Mary's Acton	St Davids Wettenhall	St Oswald's Worleston
4 th June	11am Service of the Word	11am Communion 6.30pm Evensong	11am Morning Prayer	No Service
11 th June	11am Café Church	8am Communion 11am Morning Prayer	11am Communion	9.30am Communion
18 th June	11am Communion	10am Messy Church	11am All Age	No Service
25 th June	11am Messy Church	8am Communion 11am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Informal Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer
2 nd July	11am Service of the Word	11am Communion 6.30pm Evensong	11am Morning Prayer	No Service
9 th July	11am Café Church	8am Communion 11am Morning Prayer	11am Communion	9.30am Communion
16 th July	11am Communion	10am Messy Church	11am All Age	No Service
23 rd July	11am Messy Church	8am Communion 11am Morning Prayer	6.30pm Informal Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer
30 th July	11am United Communion	United at Church Minshull	United at Church Minshull	United at Church Minshull

There is a Communion Service at Acton every Wednesday at 10.30am

Church Minshull News



In April our subject was the stone being rolled away from Jesus' tomb and we decorated our own stones.



In May our topic was Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples and we looked at the fruits



of the spirit and had a story called 'Elephant Me'. We had our own take on fruit to follow as you can see!

Welcome to God's Family

to Odin William Shaw, baptised at St Bart's on Sunday, 21st May. Parents, Todd and Stephanie, were joined by family and friends and a party followed in the village hall.



Our Condolences go to Liz and Shaun Davies and all the family on the death of Liz's Mum, Margaret. You are all in our prayers.

Plant Sale & Art Exhibition photos



Where would we be without you?

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Plant Sale and Art Exhibition and to all those who attended and purchased too. The Bric-a-brac stall raised £250 towards the church charity 'Helping Hands in Africa' and teas raised £500 out of the total of £7,300 towards the continued work and upkeep of St Bartholomew's. Thank you all.

Coronation Café Church & Lunch photos



A letter from Kenya by Cindy Daniels



I thought you might be interested to hear some of my initial experiences with my sister, Julie, who I have been supporting for over 13 years with her charity, Kenyan Kids. Julie and I flew to Nairobi via Paris, then onto Kisumu airport which is

on the east side of Lake Victoria. From there we were picked up for the 25-minute transfer to the tiny rural community of Pau Akuche, hardly marked on the map. As we got closer, the skies darkened and pulling up at the gates of the girls' rescue home, the heavens suddenly opened completely drenching our patiently waiting welcome party. Even the torrential rain couldn't blot out the enthusiasm of the girls as they all lined up chattering and obviously excited about our arrival. Sheila was the first to welcome me and I remember her saying Karibuni as I climbed out. I was surrounded by smiling faces and arms reaching out for on-the-spot hugs in spite of the bouncing rain. The girls smiles and hugs have never diminished. Each evening after a long day at school, they'll arrive at the door, take their dusty shoes off, and come in for a hug and a 'How was your day?' Every morning, I am woken by the bird song and bright sunshine. As I lie in bed, I hear local women passing my window on the way to collect water at the pond, plastic buckets balanced on their heads, children on their back wrapped in brightly coloured cloth slings. As I open my window, a few women are working on their crops. They always wave their greetings to me. It's now that I begin to smell firewood as the girls start cooking a breakfast of tea and mandazi, little donuts, in a pot of hot oil balanced on three stones.

In the last 8 years, Julie has been concentrating on creating a safe and welcoming home environment for vulnerable girls. They share stories leaning into each like most young girls do, joking and teasing and falling off a chair with laughter but before bed, they group around, holding hands and pray for the world, each other, for those guiding them, absent families and for every donor who has ever helped provide for them. That first night, they thanked God for my safe arrival. This initial experience of being part of their prayer circle was overwhelmingly emotional for me. Without a doubt, it's their strong faith and their shared experiences of abuse, that holds them together. Each girl is as generous as the other. Regardless of

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age, they do their own cooking, cleaning up after themselves and their own laundry. I kept wondering why my shoes kept disappearing until I realised the younger girls were cleaning them each and every time, I wore them. I begin to wonder where I 'went wrong' with my own children!!! No dishwashers here or automatic washing machines. I feel it's like living in a 50s time warp.

Already, I'm counting down the days before we leave as we still have so much to do. I've visited local schools and seen children as young as 3 years (so desperate to start their education) yet crammed into a dirty, airless shed (for want of a better word). It's this situation that Julie wants to change, providing a better environment for young children to learn in.

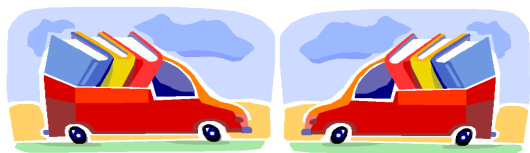


There is no free education here in Kenya, everybody pays school fees from nursery upwards and if it's a choice between food or education, then mothers will choose to pay to enrol their child in school, believing this is their chance to begin the long climb out of poverty. At Kachok school nursery children going without breakfast AND lunch, quite simply fall asleep at their desks. For so many children, even if they are in school, they have to learn how to exist on one meal per day. Talking it through with Julie, she asked how much I spend on coffee in Nantwich each week. Probably £3.50 I responded. I was astounded when she said even a donation of £7 a month is enough to educate AND feed a young child through their primary education.

I am therefore appealing to all my friends to help just a few of these children. I can then go back and see their progress next year! For more information on how to donate to this wonderful life changing charity, either chat with me or check out Julie's website

www.kenyankids.org

Books on Wheels



The Cheshire mobile library bus service will be visiting Church Minshull next on June 6th and 27th , then on July 18th.

It will arrive at the Badger Inn car park at 10am then travel to Home Farm Park South at 11.10am and Home Farm Park North at 11.30am.

Church Minshull Parish Council AGM

The council met on Tuesday, 16th May in St Bart's and Cllr Schiller was elected Chairman, Cllr Lewis elected Vice-Chairman and Cllr Becky Posnett was introduced as the new Borough Councillor for the Bunbury Ward of Cheshire East Council. Becky emphasised the importance of ensuring that the rural areas received their fair share of funding from the Borough Council and would welcome the opportunity to raise matters of importance on behalf of the Parish Council. The Clerk confirmed that the Council was compliant with the requirements of the General Power of Competence as at least two-thirds of the Council had been elected.

FLOODING AND RIVER POLLUTION Councillors discussed the pollution in the River Weaver and how this was exacerbated by United Utilities discharges following heavy rain. It was suggested that water quality testing should be undertaken. Cllr Posnett was asked to liaise with the Borough Council to identify how the village could prepare for future flooding occurrences which will be increased by the new housing development in Nantwich.

ROAD ISSUES Cllr Schiller advised that he was still awaiting an update from the Borough Council regarding the list of highways works commencing in the current financial year. Borough Cllr Posnett emphasised the importance of registering any highways issues on the FixMyStreet website. A summary of the issues would be forwarded to Borough Cllr Posnett to liaise with the highways authority.

VILLAGE HALL REDEVELOPMENT Cllr Boote advised that the project was progressing and funding sources were being considered. Borough Cllr Posnett was asked to raise the issue of the ownership of the building with the Borough Council.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS 1) First Aid Training - Cllr Lewis advised that the PC had arranged for First Aid Training for interested residents.

2) Footpaths - Councillors expressed concern at the footpath bridges and Cllr Lewis agreed to seek to rectify any safety issues.

3) Trees - Cllr Smith advised that there had been no further response from the Forestry Commission regarding the tree felling on land off Eachus Lane.

4) Pavements - The Clerk was asked to liaise with the Lengthsman regarding the condition of the pavements in the village.

CLIMATE CHANGE Councillors supported a suggestion to invite a representative from Cheshire Wildlife Trust to understand what support could be offered.

FINANCE REPORT 1) Internal Audit Report

'On the basis of the internal audit work carried out, which was limited to the tests indicated in the report, in our view the council's system of internal controls is in place, adequate for the purpose intended and effective. Approved.

2) The Council considered the Annual Governance Statement requirements for the Council and as robust financial controls were in place, the Council could identify that it was compliant with all requirements. Approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk accordingly.

3) Accounting Statement 2022/23 The Accounting Statement 2022/23 and the Statement of Receipts and Payments and Balance Sheet for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 were received by the Council. These detailed the Council's income and expenditure. The Council's opening balance as at 1 April 2022 was £8,838 and its closing balance on 31 March 2023 was £5,257. Approved and signed by the Chairman.

4) The Council's income and expenditure were both less than £25,000, so the Council declared itself exempt from a limited assurance review by the external auditor. All of the relevant documentation still required completion and publication on the Council's website. All Payments were resolved. Next Meeting Tuesday 20th July 2023 in St Bart's.






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