

‘In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. (Jn 1:4-5 NRSV)



**Easter**

**to**

**Pentecost**

## The Link

**Alsager and Congleton**

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*Linked through the love of Christ*

**April and May 2015**

Dear Friends

This year April 1<sup>st</sup> or April Fool's Day falls in the middle of Holy Week, in fact it is the day before Maundy Thursday. It reminded me that, whatever the history behind April Fool's Day, the image of the holy fool has its roots in early Christian thought; it begins with St. Paul who first used the expression, "a fool for Christ's sake", and referred to the idea of divine folly in the first letter to the church community in Corinth. Paul points out the difference between worldly wisdom and the one true wisdom which can only be found in God: "If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise" (1 Cor. 3:18).

Looked at from the perspective of the terrible days after Good Friday, many of Jesus' followers must have thought that it had been folly for him to go to Jerusalem at all. Judged by human standards, perhaps this reaction is understandable. Although Jesus was riding a colt, signifying his peaceful intentions, his entrance to the city was clearly a statement of kingship. It was a deliberate action which Jesus knew would be provocative, and followed close on another provocative action, the incident in the temple where he turned the tables of the money lenders and those who were selling the doves for sacrifice and drove out all those who were purchasing them.

Jesus refused to defend himself either when he was taken before Pilate or Caiaphas. He refused to be the type of Messiah the people wanted and thought they were going to get, the type who would ride into Jerusalem on a white stallion and lead an uprising to end the Roman occupation. He might have done all this very successfully; he might have achieved all this, but these were human aims, not God's aims. If he had turned aside from divine folly to pursue human aims, his name may still have gone down in history, but he wouldn't have been alive to people in the way he is today.

As Paul tells us, God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength (1 Corinthians, 1: 25). So don't be afraid, during this Easter season, to reflect on Jesus as the Divine Fool, who put love before everything else, love against power, love against evil, love against disease, and ultimately, love against death. As his followers, we should dare to be fools for Christ, and be proud of our folly, and the knowledge that God's weakness in dying for us on the cross is the most powerful thing in the universe.

Happy Easter to you all

Your friend and minister

Murray

## **PRAYER PAGE:**

The Quiet Day held at Croft Meadows Farm, Horton on Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup> was entitled 'Basking in the Psalms'. The title came from something Margaret Silf wrote in her book 'Taste and See' about Jodrell Bank: 'whenever I pass Jodrell Bank, it reminds me of prayer'. And sometimes we see Jodrell Bank lying back as if basking in whatever...

As we know the Psalms are of many kinds: hymns of praise and worship; prayers for help, protection and salvation; pleas for forgiveness; songs of thanksgiving for God's blessings; and even petitions for the punishment of enemies! The Psalms are both personal and national and whilst some portray the intimate feelings of one person others represent the needs and feelings of all the people of God.

And so on the Quiet Day we took the opportunity to 'bask in the Psalms'. Tom Wright in his book 'Finding God in the Psalms' has some interesting things to say about them. In his own words he writes: 'the Psalms are among the oldest poems in the world, and they still rank with any poetry in any culture, ancient or modern, from anywhere in the world. They are full of power and passion, horrendous misery and unrestrained jubilation, tender sensitivity and powerful hope. Anyone at all whose heart is open to new dimensions of human experience, anyone who loves good writing, anyone who wants a window into the bright lights and dark corners of the human soul – anyone open to the beautiful expression of a larger vision of reality should react to these poems like someone who hasn't had a good meal for a week or two. It's all here'.

He goes on to say that 'the Psalms represent the Bible's own spiritual root system for the great tree we call Christianity. You don't have to be a horticultural genius to know what will happen to the fruit on the tree if the roots are not in good condition'.

And then an interesting observation: 'there are many ways of singing and praying the Psalms. Some monastic communities say or sing the entire Psalter every day. Some Christians read five psalms a day, getting through in a month; that's a good way to begin. (I once heard Billy Graham say that he read five psalms every day because they taught him how to get along with God, and a chapter of Proverbs every day because it taught him how get along with other people. Psalms and Proverbs right through, every month: a great discipline.)

A challenge to all of us - anyone up for it????!!!

Every blessing

John

## **PRAYER DIARY:**

There are NO current changes to the Alsager Prayer Diary.



Come and be fed  
in  
Body, Mind and Spirit  
at  
**Alsager Worship and Buffet Lunch**

**Midday**

**April 21st**

**May 19th**

**June 16th**

**The worship lasts about 35 minutes and is followed by lunch at approx.  
12.40pm**

**Congleton Morning Service Recordings**

Thanks to the generosity of Congleton Talking Newspapers, we have been given a copying machine, a supply of tapes and several tape playing machines.

If you would like to receive a regular tape of the morning services and a tape player we will be happy to supply them to you.

Please contact Ron Cook on 01260 276513 or 07889891143

Some thoughts on the church

I looked for the church and I found it in the world; I looked for the world and I found it in the church. *Horatius Bonar*

The church is not a yachting club but a fleet of fishing boats. *Anon*

Every church should be engaged in continuous self-reformation *John R. W. Stott*

## Easter Quiz

1. A 'Crucession' is a procession headed by which symbolic object?
2. At the Last Supper, what food did Jesus liken to his body?
3. Does Easter fall on the same dates every year?
4. Easter Island belongs to which South American country?
5. How many days does Lent last for?
6. What day precedes Ash Wednesday?
7. How was Jesus fastened to the cross?
8. What symbol of the empty tomb is commonly decorated at Easter by kids?
9. In the Easter song, Lord of the Dance, on which day did the "world turn black"?
10. What comes first, Easter Week or Holy Week?
11. Jelly beans are enjoyed in many countries at Easter time, but what is the most popular flavour of Jelly bean in the US?
12. Jesus prophesized that Peter would deny him how many times?
13. On the side of which hill was the garden of Gethsemane?
14. Pascua is the name for Easter in which language?
15. Signed on Good Friday, 10 April in 1998, what other name is the 'Good Friday Agreement' known as?
16. What came first, Jesus' crucifixion, resurrection or the Last Supper?
17. The 'Easter parade' is an American cultural event consisting of a festive strolling procession on Easter Sunday. People traditionally dress in new and fashionable clothing but what item of clothing do ladies strive to impress others with?
18. What happened to Jesus on Easter Sunday?
19. Which job did Zacchaeus hold in the bible?
20. What sweet objects are commonly 'hunted' by children at Easter time?

### **Up and coming Social Events at Congleton** **Friends from both churches are welcome**

16<sup>th</sup> May 2-5pm

A Games Afternoon & Beetle Drive,  
Fun for all the family – traditional table top games  
*£2.00 per person, £5.00 per family children under 16 free*  
A beetle drive plus tea and cake

24<sup>th</sup> May 9.30 am

Pentecost Breakfast  
*£2.00 per person Children under 16 free*  
Flaming Bacon or Sausage Butties, Tea and Coffee

13<sup>th</sup> June

Church Family BBQ – food and fun  
4 pm onwards  
*£3.50 per person children under 16 free*



Alsager Coffee and Chat



Why not come along and bring a friend on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month.  
Enjoy great company and service, wonderful refreshments and a charity stall  
**So come and enjoy!**



**Your hosts will be**

<b>April</b>	Lynne & Jacquie
<b>May</b>	Tom & Janet
<b>June</b>	Audrey and Marie

Congleton Church on Tuesday  
Café – Lunchtime Worship – Chat & Make

A warm welcome,  
friendship and fellowship,  
sustenance for body mind and spirit,  
craft and conversation

Join us weekly between 10.00am and 2.30pm  
Congleton URC, Antrobus Street.

Drop in to the Café: 10am -12 midday

Reflective refreshing worship: 12 – 12.30pm

Chat and Make: 12.30pm – 2.30pm

Tea, coffee and biscuits are available throughout this time

Have you booked your ticket for the **BIG DAY OUT** yet?



Great fun will be had at the Southport conference centre on the 18<sup>th</sup> July.

A variety of events are taking place throughout the day. There will be a practice and performance of a Roger Jones musical, a puppet workshop and performance, kid's praise, Bollywood dancing, Bible Study and a range of speakers including Steve Chalke, Michael Jagassar, Loretta Mingella and John Proctor.

There will also be a variety of stalls and a roving magician and roving games. There really is something for everyone. The cost is now £10.00 but the coach is free! Children under 18 go free but need to book so put your names down now!

There are sign up and booking forms at Alsager and Congleton



The following people are known to be celebrating their birthdays during the next two months

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!**

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**April**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ian White  
7<sup>th</sup> Christine Roche  
19<sup>th</sup> Chris Keeling

**May**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tom Beamon  
8<sup>th</sup> Beryl Garwell  
14<sup>th</sup> Cynthia Kirkham  
27<sup>th</sup> Mary Vince  
31<sup>st</sup> Audrey Beresford

*If your birthday, or that of anyone you know within our Church Family is not on the list, then please tell one of the Elders. We don't need the age, just the date!*

## **The Legend of the Lenten Lily**

Daffodils are now beginning to bloom in our gardens and along the roadside verges. They are a lovely and cheering reminder that spring is really here, even though our weather can't seem to make its mind up whether it's spring or winter!

The wild daffodil is a beautiful flower that can still be found growing in profusion in some parts of the country: Farndale in North Yorkshire is the most well-known site. The wild daffodil, or Lent Lily as it is also known, is smaller and paler than its garden cousin but has a charm all its own and was the inspiration for Wordsworth's famous poem.

Legend has it that the Lent Lily begins blooming on Ash Wednesday and fades at the end of Lent, or the day before Easter. It symbolizes rebirth and eternal life. A related legend tells how the daffodil first appeared in the Garden of Gethsemane to comfort Jesus. The bright dancing daffodil still brings us a message of returning hope and new life after dark winter days

### **ALSAGER CHURCH FAMILY NEWS MARCH 2015.**

At last spring is here... The earth has awoken with colourful displays in blossom and flower. The dark, damp and drab colours of winter are gone and replaced by hopes of new growth and rebirth. The rhythm of life continues.

This year we welcomed two young persons into the church

The blessing of Alfie John Riley

And the baptism of Isla Jessie rhéad. The minister conducting the baptism was our friend Les Sanderson who is to be congratulated on becoming Reverend Les Sanderson.

On both occasions the church was filled to capacity and it was wonderful to welcome both families and friends of the children.

Mothering Sunday included The Children of Messy Church who distributed Daffodils to the ladies in the congregation and went on to share with us the many acts of love that their mothers gave them. Their response was quick and keen and showed us all what wonderful loving mums we have in our midst.

A tribute to their mums is shown on the coloured robe in the church hall.

We give thanks to all the children who come into the church and their parents and relatives who bring them to share in our services.



Thanks also go to the leaders of messy church in the work that they do especially mum Gill Bowler who on the day ensured all went smoothly.

It is with sadness that we said goodbye to Ken Bragg who after a lengthy illness and much suffering passed into the loving care of the Lord. Our prayers and love go to his wife Dorothy and Family.

Our thoughts also go to the family of Bryan Darlington – Leigh, once a member of this congregation who passed away this month, our prayers are for his wife Janet that she may have the love and comfort of friends about her.

Our prayers also go out to Amy Coe, Margaret Mumford, Doreen Baker, Lynne and Philip Eardley and their sons Philip and Andrew and their families.

To Syd and Marion Rowbothom, Pat Averill, Joan and Ken Heaton, Marie and David Riley, Joy and Gordon Stockton and Eileen Walker; to all in the Prayer Book and those names held in confidence in the Prayer Chain.

We join in praying for Dennis Jerrard who is in the midst of selling his home and moving to Wigan to live there with his daughter and son in law. It's a busy and worrying time but we wish Dennis well and will give him all the support we can to help things go smoothly.

I leave you with a prayer which was sent to me when I worked for a healing group in Falmouth ... It is in response to prayers received.

Did you think of us this morning  
As you breathed a word of prayer ?  
Did you ask for strength to help us  
All our heavy burdens bear ?  
Did you speak of faith and courage  
For the trials we must meet ?  
Did you ask that God might help us  
As you bowed at Jesus feet ?  
Someone prayed and strength was given  
For the long and weary road;  
Someone prayed and faith grew stronger  
As we bent beneath our load;  
Someone prayed - the way grew brighter  
And we walked all unafraid –  
In our heart a song of gladness –  
Tell us, was it you who prayed ?

## **Alsager Letters**

Dear Friends at Alsager URC,

Thank you so much for all your good wishes on the occasion of my 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday. My thanks also to Rev. Murray for visits and prayers following my 2<sup>nd</sup> knee operation.

My very special love to very special friends  
Amy Coe

The Bragg Family,

Would like to express their sincere thanks to everybody for their kind thoughts, messages and cards and the very generous donations given to St Luke's Hospice where Ken spent some time during the last few years.

Kind regards  
Dorothy

And finally I received this message a few days ago within a beautiful hand painted card from Crewe Women's Aid

Hello!

First of all I would like to apologise for not sending this message sooner. Our thank you system seems to have failed miserably.

I hope you like the card (*now on display in Alsager Church Hall*) which was made by one of our children who would have benefitted from your fabulous donation of gifts at Christmas!

I would like to offer our heartfelt thanks for your generosity and continued support in these increasingly difficult times.

Please pass on our gratitude to your congregation and everyone concerned.

Many, many thanks and apologies for our omission

Best regards

Chris Ryder (Accounts Manager CWA)

### **Alsager Handmade Cards Group**

Our group meet on the third Monday of each month at 7.00pm in the winter months when the weather and dark nights are best in our own homes – card making! We chat a lot and discuss various techniques, share ideas and are always ready to try something new! All the cards we make are sold to raise money for church funds and with prices from £1.50 to £2.50 they really are a bargain.

However, if there is a special card which you would like making, or if you are interested in joining the group then please speak to one of the ladies or ring Lynne on 877861

### *Alsager Card Making Group*

Our card group meetings have been rather spasmodic over the past few months due to the winter weather, dark nights, illness etc, however, despite this fact the ladies still continue to produce individual, affordable cards.

As you all know every penny raised from the sale of the cards goes into church funds, so we thank all those who have supported us and the church this year.

Many thanks

Lynne (on behalf of the whole group)

### **ALSAGER THURSDAY AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP**

Four Fellowship meetings have taken place since the last publication of the LINK Magazine.

The 26<sup>th</sup> January meeting had an attendance of 30 for the return visit of Jean Williams who this time enthralled and educated us with her tales of nature in the countryside. The hymn singing on the day was brilliant and Jean's personal choice of hymn after her talk, "Thank you Lord for this fair earth", was particularly poignant and relevant to her, we must consider using it in our church services!

Methodist Minister Revd., Kim Stilwell was our guest on 12<sup>th</sup> March when he related, with slides, his cycling challenge into Wales last year. Along with his wife and three friends he endured the hills and valleys on his journey to Lake Vernwy, with over £1000 being raised for Christian Aid from donations and sponsorship. Revd Kim's choice of hymn was introduced as the "cyclists hymn" which includes the words, "My chains fell off".

As I was away for the next two meetings I have left it to Val and Ria to give their report and I thank them for hosting the meetings in my absence.

***Philip***

Guest speaker for our 24<sup>th</sup> February meeting was our friend Ian White, but Ian was not alone. He was accompanied on the day by Fraser his dog, a handsome golden retriever. Fraser used to be a guide dog but has now retired and part of Ian's family. We were told about the training of a guide dog, at a cost of £50,000 and what a wonderful companion each dog is to its blind owner. Each dog can give independence and confidence to its owner.

Fraser won the day by peacefully circulating throughout the room, winning the hearts of us all, and was remarkably well behaved,

***Val***

#### FUTURE MEETINGS;

April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Luncheon (pre-booked)	12 for 12.30pm
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Englesea Brook with Margaret Veal	
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	"TAF" Anniversary	
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Trip	

## Opportunities to Help Local People in Alsager

Alsager Community Church has recently expanded our work to help people in the local area, by opening our new Community Support Centre, in addition to the Community Coffee Shop which we have run for the last thirty years or so. As we are a relatively small congregation, we would like to invite Christians from other churches to join with us in these projects.

Our coffee shop has recently been completely refurbished and now provides a lovely working environment for volunteers to reach out to people in our town, serving them with refreshments and listening to their needs. Whilst serving, you have the opportunity to talk to customers, get to know the regulars, and show them the love of God in a very practical way.

If we are able to expand our team of volunteers, all our helpers will have more time to chat to customers, particularly those who are lonely or in need of friendly encouragement, and so fulfil our vision to serve and be a good Christian witness.

We are also looking for help in our new Community Support Centre, which has been set up to provide local people with a central place where they can phone or call in for information or advice when they are in any kind of need. Our volunteers will be trained to signpost people to whichever group or organisation is best placed to help them, and we are very keen to work in partnership with existing groups, especially those run by other local churches.

We are looking for people with skills or experience in giving support and advice to join our team of reception volunteers.

Working in partnership with other local groups, we are also interested in hearing from anyone who could be a befriender for an older person, either by visiting or by phone; be a volunteer driver; or do minor odd jobs for the elderly.

For more information, or to volunteer for any of the above roles, please call in and see us, or telephone Pete or Nessie Howard for the coffee shop on 01270 873859 and Liz Pinkney for the Support Centre on 01270 876605.

### Quiz Answers

1. A cross
2. Bread
3. No - it's a moveable feast
4. Chile
5. 40 days
6. Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day
7. With nails through his hands and feet
8. Eggs
9. Friday
10. Holy Week (week preceding Easter week)
11. Cherry
12. 3 (Three)
13. The Mount of Olives
14. Spanish
15. The Belfast Agreement
16. The Last Supper
17. Hats
18. He rose from the dead
19. A chief tax collector
20. Chocolate Eggs.

### Worship dates and times

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Alsager</b>	<b>Leader</b>
<b>April</b>			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Midday	Maundy Thursday Reflective with Communion	Rev. Murray George
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 am	Good Friday Worship	Rev. John Keeling
3 <sup>rd</sup>	12.30pm	Ecumenical Act of Witness	Rev Bill Anderson
4 <sup>th</sup>	10-12 am	Holy Saturday vigil/quiet time	Rev. John Keeling
5 <sup>th</sup>	06.30 am	Easter Sunrise Service at the Cross	Pastor Pete Howard
5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Easter Celebration with Communion	Rev. Bob Parker
12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Church family Worship	Rev. Murray George
19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Church Family Worship & Messy Church	Mrs Carol Booth
19 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 pm	Ecumenical evening Worship	Rev. Murray George
26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Church Family Worship	Rev. Dr Marcus Griffiths
<b>May</b>			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 am	Family Worship with Communion	Rev. Murray George
10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Christian Aid week Worship	Helen Howe
17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Church Family Worship & Messy Church	Rev. David Spence
17 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 pm	Ecumenical evening Worship Celebrating Christian Aid week	Rev. Murray George and Margaret Snowdon
24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Pentecost Sunday Church Family Worship	Rev. John Keeling
31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am	Trinity Sunday Church Family Worship	Rev Bill Farquar
<b>June</b>			
7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Family Worship with Communion	Rev. Murray George
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Congleton</b>	<b>Leader</b>
<b>April</b>			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Reflective with Communion	Rev. Murray George
3 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00am	Congleton Walk of Witness	
4 <sup>th</sup>	12-2pm	Holy Saturday vigil/quiet time	Rev. Murray George
5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Easter Celebration Communion service and Easter Egg Hunt <i>Easter Egg Hunters gather at 9.45 for 10.00am start</i>	Rev. Murray George
5 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 pm	Easter Ecumenical Communion Service at Antrobus Street	Rev. Murray George
7 <sup>th</sup>	Midday	Lunchtime service	Rev. Murray George
12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Church Family Worship followed by Church AGM	Rev. Bob Parker

14 <sup>th</sup>	Midday	Tuesday Lunchtime Worship	Rev. Murray George
19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Worship With Holy Communion	Rev. Murray George
21 <sup>st</sup>	Midday	Tuesday Lunchtime Worship	Mrs Carol Booth
26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Church Family Worship	Rev. Keith Jarvis
26 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 pm	Evening Service	Rev. Murray George
28 <sup>th</sup>	Midday	Tuesday Lunchtime Worship	Rev. Murray George
<b>May</b>			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 am	All Age Worship	Mrs Carol Booth
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6.30 pm	Ecumenical Service	Trinity Methodist
5 <sup>th</sup>	Midday	Tuesday Lunchtime Worship	Rev. Murray George
10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Christian Aid week Worship	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Midday	Tuesday Lunchtime Worship	Rev. Murray George
17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Church Family Worship with Communion	Rev. Murray George
19 <sup>th</sup>	Midday	Tuesday Lunchtime Worship	Mrs Carol Booth
24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Pentecost Sunday Church Family Worship	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Midday	Tuesday Lunchtime Worship	Mrs Carol Booth
31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am	Trinity Sunday Church Family Worship	
<b>June</b>			
7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	All Age Worship	Mrs Margaret Stacey
7 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 pm	Ecumenical Service at Wellspring	

### Dates For your Diary

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>April</b>		
<b>Alsager</b>		
3rd	12.30 pm	Good Friday Act of Witness (at the cross)
4th	10-12noon	Coffee & Chat
4 <sup>th</sup>	8.30- 9.30am	Morning Prayer
4 <sup>th</sup>	10-12am	Holy Saturday Vigil (in Worship Area)
8 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 pm	Bible Exploration
20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	South Cheshire Forum at Minshull Vernon
21 <sup>st</sup>	Midday	Lunchtime service and lunch
22 <sup>nd</sup>	2.30 pm	Bible Exploration
25 <sup>th</sup>	10-4	Elders Away Day
29th	7.30 pm	Alsager Church Meeting

April		
Congleton		
3rd	11.00pm	Good Friday Walk of Witness and Service From Trinity Methodist Church
4 <sup>th</sup>	12-2pm	Holy Saturday Vigil
12 <sup>th</sup>	Midday	Annual General Church Meeting
13 <sup>th</sup>	3. pm	Worship group meeting
28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Church Meeting to consider God's Vision
May		
Alsager		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	10-12.00pm	Coffee & Chat
10 <sup>th</sup>	Midday	Elders Meeting
13 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Bible Exploration
17 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Deadline day for Link Items</b>
19 <sup>th</sup>	10-midday	Meet the Minister
19 <sup>th</sup>	Midday	Lunchtime service and Lunch
27 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Bible Exploration
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	10-12	Coffee and Chat
May		
Congleton		
12 <sup>th</sup>	7.15 pm	Elders meeting
12 <sup>th</sup>	10-midday	Meet the minister
16 <sup>th</sup>	2-5 pm	Family Games afternoon & Beetle Drive
17 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Deadline day for Link Items</b>
24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Pentecost Breakfast

### Regular Weekly Activities

Day	Time	Place	Activity	Contact
Monday	5.15 pm	Congleton	1 <sup>st</sup> Congleton Rainbows	Pauline McKeown 01260 275947
	6.15 pm	Congleton	4th Congleton Brownies	Pauline McKeown 01260 275947
<b>2nd Mon</b>	<b>2.00 pm</b>	<b>Alsager</b>	<b>Photographic Group</b>	
<b>3rd Mon</b>	<b>7-9 pm</b>	<b>Alsager</b>	<b>Card Making Group</b>	
Tues	10 am- 12 noon	Congleton	Café in foyer	Jean Cook 01260 276513
Tues	12noon - 12.30	Congleton	Lunchtime Worship	

Tues	12.30 - 2.30	Congleton	Chat & Make	Lisa Spencer 01260 275171
Tues	1.30 pm	Congleton	Keep Fit for the not-so-fit	Pauline McKeown 01260 275947
2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays	7.30 pm	Congleton	Bible Exploration	Marion McGuinness 01260 281314
<b>3rd Tues</b>	<b>Midday</b>	<b>Alsager</b>	<b>Midday service &amp; Buffet meal</b>	
Wed	10.00 am	Congleton	Mums and Tots	Christine Astil 01260 273027
Wed	2.00 pm	Congleton	Bible Study	Carol Booth 01260 272580
<b>2nd &amp; 4th Wednesda ys</b>	<b>2.30 pm</b>	<b>Alsager</b>	<b>Bible Exploration</b>	
Thursday	8.00 am	Congleton	Morning Prayer	Ruth Hughes 01260 272606
<b>2nd &amp; 4th Thursday</b>	<b>2.30 pm</b>	<b>Alsager</b>	<b>Afternoon Fellowship</b>	<b>Philip &amp; Lynne Eardley 01270 877861</b>
<b>Thurs in term time</b>	<b>6-7 pm</b>	<b>Alsager</b>	<b>Pre-Teens</b>	<b>Philip &amp; Lynne Eardley 01270 877861</b>
Thurs	7.30 pm	Congleton	Bible Study	Bob Booth 01260 273772
<b>3rd Thurs February</b>	<b>2.30 pm</b>	<b>Alsager</b>	<b>Alsager Court service</b>	
Friday	10 am	Congleton	Café	Jean Cook 01260 276513
<b>1st Sat</b>	<b>8.30-9.30</b>	<b>Alsager</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Rev. Murray George</b>
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Many love at their tongue's end, but the godly love at their fingers' end *Anon*

Nobody will know what you mean by saying 'God is Love' unless you act it as well

*Lawrence Pearsall Jack*



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