

## SUNDAY 12th JANUARY

### A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE TODAY

10am: pre-service prayer time in the Fellowship room

#### PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Wonderful Councillor, we worship you Lord in the splendour of your holiness. We stand before you in humility and awe. May your voice, through our preacher, be heard above all else this morning, as strength, power and glory. Amen

### 10.30am : All Age Worship led by Mrs Helen Pearson

Stewards: Jennifer Burton & Ros. Lester

Welcome team: Mike & Val. Sheehy

Readers: David Smith & Margaret Hordley

After Service Refreshments: Sylvia Lawson & Eileen Bailey

*Join us for coffee and fellowship after this service*



### REMINDERS

Members of the **Church Council** are reminded that it meets on Tuesday of this week at 7.30pm.

The **Senior Citizen lunch** is at Christ Church on Monday 20th January at 12.30pm. Please sign the notice in the Vestibule if you wish to attend.

### ECUMENICAL LENT GROUPS

During the season of Lent, (from w/c 10th March) Churches Together in Shrewsbury will be running a number of small ecumenical discussion groups following the latest York course—'**Build on the Rock (Faith, Doubt-and Jesus)**'. Groups will be available to join on different days of the week. Each will have a leader to help participants to obtain the most benefit from the sessions.

If you might be interested in taking part, please see the poster on the Church notice board and/or talk to Andy Carson, our CTIS rep., who has more details and application forms.

### FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The volunteers running the Shrewsbury Food Bank tell us that the weeks following Christmas are some of the most challenging. Demand remains high at this time of the year when donations always reduce considerably.

It would be good therefore if throughout the coming weeks we, at Bayston Hill, were able to maintain the level of generosity to those in need, that we showed before Christmas.

All donations of food are much appreciated. Especially, at the moment, tinned meat (small); sugar, long life milk (semi skimmed); and drinking squash. But also shampoo, other toiletries, clothes washing tablets and nappies (large sizes 4,5 and 6)

Thank you.

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Arriving early at his first Holy Communion service, he watched intently from his seat as the table was laid with bread and wine.

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"Oh, please Grandma," he replied, "do let me take Communion. I really would like some trespasses".

*Contributed by Bernice Davies*

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