

### **ANNUAL CHARITIES CHRISTMAS CARD SALE**

The Annual Charities Christmas Card Sale this year is on Saturday, October, 26<sup>th</sup> in the URC hall from 10-12. As usual, I plan to be selling cards on behalf of Cancer Research (UK). (Gerry is having a pacemaker fitted on Monday, so to me next weekend seems a long time away.) The other charities represented this year are the same as last year - Lifeboats, Hope House, Friends of Church Stretton Library, Parkinson's UK, Riding for the Disabled and West Shropshire Talking Newspaper. All Cancer Research cards are recyclable, have no glitter and they're cheaper than the others. (Every year we feedback to HQ that the cards are too cheap, but nothing changes.) We have a selection of religious cards. For the first time since the pandemic pandemic there will be refreshments available, so please come along to what has always been a happy social event.

**Christine Richards**

### **STRETTON FOODBANK UPDATE as at 21.1024**

A quieter week last week. Thanks to everyone who donates each week as feeding so many people needs a lot of food. We are very grateful for all donations we receive, big or small.

This week we need your help with: , Microwave rice , Digestive biscuits , Pasta sauce , Tinned Sardines , Cooking oil , Tinned potatoes.

Of course, if you wish to donate something else, we are grateful for everything we receive. Food donations can be left in the baskets at the Coop or at the Mayfair Centre. Each week we also have to buy a substantial amount of food. This is funded by donations. To help us financially, the easiest way to donate money is by using this link to make a payment. <https://tinyurl.com/SFBgive>

### **REFLECTION..... on the word "Personality".**

Personality is an interesting feature of men and women. It is not easily defined but nonetheless effective in its impact on others. It has the ability of persuasion, calling on the admiration and following of many people. The personality of former President Trump of the United States controlled the mass mind of his admirers, despite his being suspected of wrong behaviour. They broke the rules which protected the White House from invasion by protesters, in order to support him.

Personality is a feature of preachers. Some are able to immediately command the interest of the congregation. Others, good as their message may be, lose the people's attention, their minds centred on other concerns.

We may enquire as to the personality of Jesus. His appeal to little children may be a measure of his appeal to the ordinary person of that time. The common person, those suffering sickness or maldevelopment, had no standing in the eyes of the Pharisees and Sadducees, who claimed that their religious authority came from their conception of God. Jesus showed them by his kindly personality that the least considered of men and women, like little children, matter to God, who is as a Heavenly Father. They believed and trusted him.

Our personalities may differ, but we are all united by God's all embracing, loving personality. His truth is shown to us in the person of Jesus. Everyone is accepted, no one rejected. He alone shows the supremacy of God's loving graciousness.

**Tony Hearle**

### **COMMUNION SERVICE - SECOND COLLECTION**

As is our custom at Communion services there will be a second collection this morning for our Benevolent Fund.

**Items for next Sunday's notices 3<sup>rd</sup> November to be sent to email: [cdgtorridon@aol.com](mailto:cdgtorridon@aol.com) or telephone: 01694 328319**

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