

Notices and announcements!!!

<u>Jan Trigg</u> is running the Edinburgh Marathon on 22nd May. She is raising money for the 'The Prince's Trust'. If you would like to support Jan by sponsoring her, please complete the form at the back of church or contact Jan direct on 648 1245 or at janet.trigg@wmc.ac.uk

Special Celebrations

As a Church Family it is good to celebrate significant events. So if you know a church family member is about to celebrate a special birthday (18, 21, 40, ..., 80, 90) or a special wedding anniversary (25, 40, 50,60), then please let Revd Jane know at least a few days in advance, so that a card can be arranged.

<u>Christian Aid Week</u> is between 15th & 21st May. If you would be willing to help with the house-to-house collection in Irby and Thurstaston this year, please contact Wendy Wolstencroft either via St Chad's Parish Office, Roslin Rd, Irby (Tel 648 8169, e-mail: thurstaston.parish@btinternet.com) or on 9295778 or email at <u>wwolstencroft@msn.com</u>

<u>Diocesan Lay Conference 20-22 May 2011</u> Join with over 200 lay people at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. The title of the weekend is "The Greatest Story - Never Read?" There will be key speakers, a choice of workshops (around the theme of the Bible in practical use), as well as opportunities for worship, fellowship and some fun and relaxation. Each parish is encouraged to send 4 delegates. If you are interested in being one of our representatives then please speak to Revd Jane who has the booking forms. The cost is £140 (if that is prohibitive then the PCC will consider supporting you).

Thursday 5th May M.U. 'Quaker Tapestry', Mrs Penny Vernon, 2.15pm at St Chad's.

Monday 9th May PCC Meeting. Communion followed by social, 7.30pm at St Chad's.

<u>Tuesday 10th May</u> Archdeacon's Visitation, 7.30pm at Holy Cross, Woodchurch. Churchwardens must attend, sidespersons if possible please.

Tuesday 10th May M.U. Deanery Festival, 7.30pm at St John's Meols.

<u>Saturday 21st May</u> Soup luncheon for Christian Aid at Irby Methodist Church, 12.30 - 2.00pm. Tickets £3.00.

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Gospel Reading: (John 20:19-31)

All : Glory to you, O Lord

19When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

20After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

21Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

22When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.

23If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' 24But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

25So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' 26A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

27Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

28Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' 29Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

30Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and

that through believing you may have life in his name.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Collect

Risen Christ,

for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

Readings for
Today
Ex 14:10-31,15:20-21
Acts 2:14a,22-32
John 20:19-31

Readings for 8th May Zeph 3:14-20 Acts 2:14a,36-41 Luke 24:13-35

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for doctors, nurses and their colleagues serving God overseas in medical missions.

For the parish: Please pray for all young people returning to school, college and university and taking exams in the summer term.

For the sick: We continue to pray for Finlay Joyce, Andy Kemp, Lucy Bailey, Anita Fath, Diana Martyn and Bethan Shone.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

New Guinea Islands - (Papua New Guinea) The Rt Revd Allan Migi.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Whitegate Saint Mary and Little Budworth Saint Peter

Lesley Eden (Rural Dean); Geoffrey Swift, Joyce Scholefield, Duncan Goodwin (Readers); Nathan Long (Youth Minister).