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June



2011



Diary Dates

Thursday 16th June

Wellspring - 8-9pm at the Rectory

Fri-Sat 17th-19th June

@ The Movies Flower Festival

at St Michaels & All Angels, Newton

Free Admission, car park and children's activities. Refreshments all day

10.30-5pm on Fri & Sat,

12.00-4pm on Sunday

Wednesday 29th June

EMU 'Line Dancing'

8.15pm at St Chad's. All Welcome

Proceeds to 'Crossroads' The charity for 'Carers'

Sunday 3rd July

Junior Church 'Summer Barbecue'

12.30pm-4pm at

Thurstaston Country Park

Thursday 7th July

M.U. 'Strawberry Tea' &

sales table for the

MU Wheels Appeal

2.15pm at St Chad's

Saturday 16th July

Men's Breakfast

9-10am at Maluca Café, Irby

Notices



Thank You



The Children's Society house to house collections raised the fantastic sum of £1184.51.

A big Thank You to all the collectors who helped in any way.

We have raised £2108.84 for Christian Aid, (house to house collections £1600.77, soup luncheon £397.85 and Year 3 at Dawpool £110.22 with their cake sale).

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the house to house collection, the soup luncheon or the cake sale and many thanks to everyone who donated!

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family

15th May

Isabelle Catherine

Ledson

22nd May

Imogen Esme Burton

Weddings

We ask for God's blessing upon the marriage of

4th June

David Cederholm &

Kate Hickson

11th June

Andrew Rannard &

Michelle Wallis

Funerals

We commend to God's eternal care

1st June

Michelle Davies

1st June

Florence Seavor

3rd June

George Eastaugh

8th June

Megan Collier

9th June

Norman Purcell

10th June

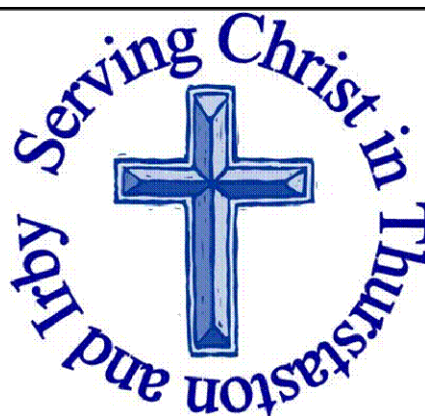
Margaret Jones

From your rector

Dear Friends,

"We are a welcoming Church!"

How many times have you said that or heard someone else say it? Is it true? Well if the comments that I have received from wedding couples, families new to the area, and the bereaved are anything to go by, then, Yes - it is true.



But before we sit back on our laurels and give ourselves a pat on the back, I'd like to share with an experience which I had in the middle of May - which is nothing to do with the Church, but may give us thought for contemplation.

About 18 months ago I started a new hobby and in the middle of May there was a social event at a pub in Cheshire. I decided to go along and meet other people who share my hobby. I was quite anxious as I didn't know anyone and walking into a pub full of strangers doesn't come high up my agenda of a fun evening! So I logged a note onto the website saying that I'd like to attend and expressing my anxiety. I quickly received an e-mail from someone else going to the event, encouraging me to attend and giving me a mobile phone number to ring on arrival so that they could come out and meet me so I wouldn't have to enter alone.

The evening arrived and I drove to the pub. I picked up courage and walked into the pub and found the reserved area. I wandered around the area, there were lots of people in small groups around tables, and others standing chatting to each other. I walked straight back out feeling very uncomfortable - who do I speak to? I sat at the tables outside the pub and rang the mobile number - it went straight to answerphone. I was tempted to get straight back in the car and drive away, but I was really hungry and decided to pick up the courage to go back inside. This time, I stood looking lost by the doorway to the reserved room and eventually picked up the courage to ask someone on a nearby table if they knew whether Hazel (the person who had organised the event) or Phil (the person who had given me the mobile number) were present. Phil was pointed out to me as being on the opposite side of the room. My heart sank - did I really have to walk all the way to the other side of the room and introduce myself again? Just then I was approached by someone who recognised me, although I had no idea who she was! She turned out to be the PA to Mark Mitchell (owner of the Mitchell's car group) who I had met through my family buying cars from him and subsequently as a member of St. Mary's Church in Upton. Suddenly I felt much more comfortable. I was introduced

The hobby is irrelevant. But for those of you with curious minds it is Geocaching – which is a combination between treasure hunting and orienteering. Since Gemma (my dog) is getting older and is less able to go for long walks, this new hobby gives me reason to get out and about into beautiful places and continue to enjoy walking.

to lots of other people, whose names I promptly forgot, ordered food and had a very enjoyable evening getting to know a small group of people who welcomed me to sit with them and included me in their conversation.

The following morning looking at the comments on the website following the event, I discovered that I was not the only new person there, and that one couple had had a completely opposite experience. They felt very unwelcome and described the event as "too cliquey for us - we won't be coming again!"

How is this experience mirrored in the Church? Who does the welcoming? Who spots the new people? Who takes them and introduces them to other people who make them feel welcome? How many people come through the door in fear and trepidation and go straight back out again because they feel so uncomfortable? How many people come once and never come back because they were ignored?

The job of welcoming others needs to be done by everyone.

If you see someone you don't recognise, say Hello! It may have taken enormous courage for that person to have walked into church, they NEED to be welcomed.

If you've been coming to church for years and someone asks if you're new here, don't be offended, rather thank them for being welcoming and introduce yourself and begin to get to know each other.

If you are new, take the courage to tell someone that this is your first time in church for a long time and ask them to show you how things work! (You'll have questions of where to sit, when do I stand up sit down, what page of the book are we on. Don't be ashamed to ask for help. We all had to come in for the first time at some point!)

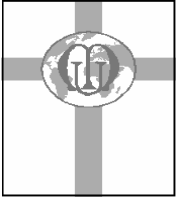
If you are reading this as someone who came once and had a negative experience then please do come again, or contact me and tell me what happened so that I can at least try to ensure that it doesn't happen to others.

God welcomes each one of us as his children and reaches out to us in love. As members of his Church we are called to be his hands and his feet. We are called to welcome others. Let's make sure that "We are a welcoming Church" is not just something we say, but continues to be something which everyone who walks through our doors experiences.

Yours in Christ,

Revd Jane Turner

Mothers' Union



Mrs. Penny Vernon, a member of the Friends Meeting House in Heswall, came to tell us about the wonderful ' Quaker Tapestry' housed in the Quaker Centre in Kendal.

I quote - ' The tapestry tells the story of the Quaker movement over nearly 350 years. The tapestry is not an academic history, but a celebration of the Quakers' ideas and experiences since the founding of the Quaker movement by George Fox in 1652.' From 1981 to 1996 over 4,000 men, women and children from 15 countries have helped to make this amazing example of storytelling through craftsmanship.

The 77 hand crafted panels tell the stories of George Fox, the founder, of Elizabeth Fry, John Dalton, scientist, John Rowntree, of the slavetrade, peace work, banking, industry, science, health, education, welfare, relief work, housing - to name but a few - of the areas of work undertaken by the Quakers over the past 350 years both at home and in the 56 countries where they have their meeting houses. This wonderful Christian work was started in 1652 and continues today. Penny not only told us about the Tapestry but she gave us a wonderful insight into the great Christian work ,past and present, of the Quaker movement worldwide.

'Be patterns, be examples in all countries, places, islands, where ever you come, that your carriage and life may preach among all sorts of people.

Amen'

George Fox

Diary Dates:

Thurs. 7th July St. Chads 2.15pm 'Strawberry Tea' and sales table for the MU Wheels Appeal.

God Bless

Sue Burns



Childhood is now a marketing opportunity worth £99 billion in the UK.

But we believe that children should be valued as children, not consumers.

How can we challenge the commercialisation of childhood?

Mothers' Union has launched a campaign to address this issue.

Here is how you can help!

Contact your local Mothers' Union at:

✓ Check my consumer habits—both children and adults

Bye Buy Test

Use this test when shopping to help you think about what or who is influencing your choices:

- ① Why do I want to buy it?
- ② How often will I use it?
- £ Can I afford it?
- X What will happen if I don't buy it?

✓ Speak or write to manufacturers, retailers and marketers asking them not to market goods of a sexualised nature to children.

✓ Speak or write to my political representative asking them to keep the issue on the agenda, promote awareness, and take further action to protect children from the "sex sells" approach.

Join us at
www.byebuychildhood.org



Pentecost (Sunday June 12th)

Pentecost took place on the well established Jewish festival of Firstfruits, which was observed at the beginning of the wheat harvest. It was exactly 50 days after the Passover, the time of Jesus' crucifixion.

A feast day to celebrate the country's wheat harvest does not sound exactly world-changing, but that year, it became one of the most important days in world history. For Pentecost was the day that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit - the day the Church was born.

Jesus had told his apostles that something big was going to happen, and that they were to wait for it in Jerusalem, instead of returning to Galilee. Jesus had plans for his apostles - but he knew they could not do the work themselves - they would need his help.

And so the apostles and disciples waited in Jerusalem, praying together for several days. And then on that fateful morning there was suddenly the sound as of a mighty rushing wind. Tongues of flame flickered on their heads, and they began to praise God in many tongues - to the astonishment of those who heard them. The curse of Babel (Genesis 11: 1- 9) was dramatically reversed that morning.

That morning the Holy Spirit came to indwell the apostles and disciples of Jesus: and the Church was born. The Christians were suddenly full of life and power, utterly different from their former fearful selves. The change in them was permanent.

Peter gave the first ever sermon of the Christian church that morning: proclaiming Jesus was the Messiah. His boldness in the face of possible death was in marked contrast to the man who had denied Jesus 50 days before. And 3,000 people responded, were converted, and were baptised. How's that for fast church growth!

Of course Pentecost was not the first time the Holy Spirit had acted in this world. All through the Old Testament there are accounts of how God's Spirit guided people and strengthened them. But now, because of Christ's death and resurrection, he could INDWELL them. From now on, every Christian could have the confidence that Jesus was with them constantly, through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.



Trinity Sunday (June 19th)



Trying to explain the doctrine of the Trinity has kept many a theologian busy down the centuries. One helpful picture is to imagine the sun shining in the sky. The sun itself – way out there in space – unapproachable in its fiery majesty – is the Father. The light that flows from it, and which illuminates all our lives, is the Son. The heat that flows from it, and which gives us all the energy to move and grow, is the Holy Spirit. You cannot have the sun without its light and its heat. The light and the heat are from the sun, are of the sun, and yet

are also distinct in themselves, with their own roles to play.

The Bible makes clear that God is One God, who is disclosed in three persons: Father, Son (Jesus Christ) and Holy Spirit. For example:-

Deuteronomy 6:4 'Hear O Israel, The Lord our God, the Lord is one..'

Isaiah 45:22 'Turn to me and be saved... for I am God, and there is no other'

Genesis 1:1-2 'In the beginning God created.... And the Spirit of God was hovering...'

Judges 14:6 etc 'The Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power..'

John 1:1-3 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.'

Luke 24:49 actually manages to squeeze the whole Trinity into one sentence. Jesus tells his disciples: 'I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power (the Holy Spirit) from on high.'

In other words, the sun eternally gives off light and heat, and whenever we stand in its brilliant light, we find that the warmth soon follows.



Junior Church 'Summer Barbecue'

Sunday 3rd July
12.30-4pm

Thurstaston Country Park

Food & games

Tickets available soon

(price to be confirmed)



Looking at God

The Way I See It

By David Winter, a former Head of BBC Religious Broadcasting who has contributed to Radio 4's 'Thought for the Day' for the past 22 years.

Most of us know that one of the Commandments tells us to observe a day of rest - a 'Sabbath unto the Lord'. We may well prefer to ignore the words that precede it: 'six days shalt thou labour'.

Truth to tell, it all sounds very remote from modern life. Some of us 'labour' on all seven days in the week - usually from choice rather than necessity. Others would love to have some work to do - any work, so long as it's paid. And in between there's the rest of us, some of whom do five days a week being paid to work and others - the mothers, mostly - who do some of that and then add on another sixty hours or so bringing up small children. As for the 'day' of rest, well, we have what we call a 'weekend', which is probably not exactly restful, except in the sense that 'a change is as good as a rest'. Whoever called shopping 'rest'?

These thoughts are stirred by the fact that this past month, May, held in many countries a 'Labour Day' - an idea probably reflected in our annual May Bank Holiday. It's a time when we are meant to celebrate the contribution of work to our daily lives - and the dignity of labour, whatever it is, because without work our whole society would be impoverished.

In the Genesis creation story God forms Adam from the dust of the ground and gives him work to do - a beautiful Garden of Eden to cultivate. Soon - 'it is not good for the man to be alone' - God adds a partner in the enterprise, Eve. It all sounds blissful, until they begin to think they know better than God, with catastrophic results. The punishment for their disobedience is on gender lines. The woman will have pain in childbirth and 'be subject to her husband'; the man will find that his work which had been a joy becomes a pain: 'by the sweat of your face you shall eat bread'.

Whatever you make of that story, I can confirm that in many years of ministry if a woman wanted to talk to me about a problem it was usually to do with a man, and if a man had a problem it was usually to do with work. I cheered myself up by the thought that these strange penalties were abolished by the death of Jesus. In Christ women are no longer to be dominated by men, nor is work for the males to be an unrewarding slog. 'All are one in Christ Jesus.' Hallelujah!



June Recipe - Sausage & Onion Pie

This pie can be served hot with potatoes and a green vegetable or cold with salad. It carries well for a picnic.

INGREDIENTS

225g(8oz) shortcrust pastry

225g(8oz) sausage meat

1 onion

1 egg - beaten

Mixed herbs

Method

Roll out the pastry and cut into two circles to fit a 7" pie plate or flan case.

Line the plate with one round of pastry.

Mix the sausage meat, chopped onion, beaten egg and plenty of mixed herbs. I use thyme and parsley.

Cover with the pastry lid.

Bake at 425F/220C/Gas Mark 7 for thirty minutes.

Betty Rimmer



Looking at Your Church

Signs & Symbols: The Church Porch

The front door of many homes opens straight into the hallway, so when someone calls they can not only see all the clutter in the house, but all the heat rushes out into the street. Some people add on a porch to this kind of house, which not only avoids those two things happening, but gives them somewhere to store wet shoes, umbrellas, hang coats, and so on. A really useful space.

When we look at church doors and their porches it's often assumed that that is what they're for also. A place to display notices, a nice bench on which to pause during a walk on a sunny day, somewhere to leave muddy boots; even a place to display flowers or have a bowl of water for visitors' dogs to drink from.

Well, that may be how we use them today, but it's very far from their original purpose. These were working areas of the church which had great significance. You have to remember that churches up to not so very long ago were not only the hub of the community but they were often the only formal public building in that area. They carried out many of the functions that today the local Council do. So yes, public notices would have been displayed here, but also matters of business would have been carried out: executors of wills made payments of legacies, and coroners sometimes held their courts here.

Many porches have a room above them which could have been used as the local strong-room. A custodian may even have lived there, and it would therefore have a window into the church for him to be able to keep watch. Later the room may have been used as an armoury, as a place to hold church papers, a depository for wills, or a library. Being above ground they'd have been nice and dry and a bit more secure from thieves.

Sometimes the upstairs room was used for a priest to sleep in, so he could be up in time to celebrate early Mass for travellers.



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Concert for Malawi

Friday 17th June

Mersey Synod of The United Reformed Church have organised a concert by

Liverpool Harmonic Gospel Choir on Friday 17th June, 7.30pm at Christchurch, Port Sunlight. Tickets cost £6 (£12 Family) in aid of the Women's Centre, Blantyre, Malawi. For more details or for tickets contact Rev Susan Flynn - 01244 3981490 - e-mail: sflynn@waitrose.com

Ecumenical Sea Sunday Service

St James Church

Victoria Road, New Brighton

Sunday 10th July 2011 at 6.30pm



Men's Breakfast



Saturday 16th July

9 – 10am

Maluca Cafe, Irby Village

Eat, chat and share in fellowship.

Contact Matthew James on 07817625122 or
mjames@doctors.org.uk for further details.

Dates for your diary: Where possible Men's Breakfasts will take place on the fourth Saturday of alternate months. Future dates for 2011 are:

Saturday 24th September

Saturday 26th November



Looking at your Community

Fair trade goes from strength to strength

Despite recession and rising food prices, the fair-trade movement continues to attract ever-increasing support in the United Kingdom. Over 6,600 churches are now affiliated to the Fairtrade Foundation and more than 500 schools have joined. There are also over 500 Fairtrade Towns.

UK shoppers are continuing to embrace Fairtrade, showing no downturn in ethical values despite the tough economic times. Sales soared in the past year by 40 per cent, reaching an estimated retail value of £1.17 *billion*, compared with £836 million in 2009.

Every day in the UK we are now consuming an estimated 9.3 million cups of Fairtrade tea, 6.4 million cups of Fairtrade coffee, 530,000 of certified drinking chocolate and 3.1 million Fairtrade bananas. New categories are also growing, with over one million cosmetic products using Fairtrade ingredients sold in 2010.

This expansion into new areas has opened up more opportunities for producers. Juliana Sampana, a shea-nut gatherer from the Akoma Co-operative in Ghana (which has recently started selling shea butter into the UK Fairtrade cosmetics market) says: "Many women in our region and elsewhere have worked so hard to put food on their tables for their families through farming and odd jobs but end up with an unfair income, leading to poor diet and diseases such as kwashiorkor and beri-beri. With Fairtrade, women are assured of a fair wage for their hard work."

Fresh commitments from the business world here include the Co-operative's plan to convert all commodities that can be Fairtrade by 2013, starting with bananas. Topshop has launched a new range of cotton denim, while Marks & Spencer have introduced a new cotton range under its Indigo Green label. The majority of Waitrose tea is now Fairtrade.

The Fairtrade Foundation has welcomed the setting up of a Fair Deal Food (FDF) Council of UK food producers to campaign for a price that covers costs of production. It seems that the North of England is leading the way on this concern. Barbara Panvel of FDF says there is a real danger that if action is not taken we shall lose milk production in the UK and have to rely on imported milk in our Fairtrade

The last 100 years

In the last 100 years, since the census of 1911, what has been the biggest, most significant event to happen? In a widespread recent survey, the invention of the internet beat even the Second World War and men walking on the moon into first place.



It seems that for sheer worldwide impact, there is nothing to compare to that eureka moment of Sir Tim Berners-Lee back in 1989. His invention has transformed daily life for billions of people the world over.

What of the next 100 years? Predictions for world-changing events include: a woman president in the USA, sea levels rising across the globe, men on Mars, the fall of the British monarchy, and World War Three. Seems we won't be bored, whatever else.



Come and Visit the Church Tent at the Cheshire Show 21st and 22nd June 2011

The Showground is situated off the A556
about 1 mile west of the M6 junction 19
Please follow signs when approaching the
Showground.



Thank You from 1st Thurstaston Guides

We collected
1200 Sainsbury's vouchers
1600 Tesco vouchers

We have ordered:-
Paint brushes, ribbon, beads and some foam footballs
from Tesco
and food vouchers from Sainsbury's which we will use
to buy food for camp in the Summer.

Looking at You



Visiting the Sick – part three: The Nearly-well

By David Winter, a former Head of BBC Religious Broadcasting

Nowadays people are generally not in hospital for long. Even a major operation only earns you a few days' stay in one of their beds. With almost embarrassing enthusiasm they get you out of bed, walk you up and down the ward and duly announce that you're 'well enough to go home'. On my last hospital stay the simple test was whether the patient could walk unaided up a flight of stairs. Frankly, those who were keen to get back home (to the telly, the garden or the beloved) shot up the stairs. Those who fancied a couple more days being waited on by that delightful Ghanaian nurse, didn't.

Visiting the recovering sick is a simple art. They want to be told how well they look, how bravely they've endured their treatment, and how good it is to see them about to return to the normal business of life. They'd like to be brought up to date on the local news and gossip, of course. And I've often found that they (and it has been 'me' a few times) value a little prayer of thanksgiving for recovery. Gratitude is never inappropriate!

A spell in hospital reminds us how 'shut off' patients tend to be, even in the very best institutions. Those who have recently experienced it are well placed to remind the rest of us that friends and fellow church members in hospital are not transferred to another planet. They may not expect frequent visits from those who are not close friends or family, but it's often quite easy to pick up the phone and speak to them on the ward - just the sort of contact we would have with them at home.

The same kind of simple contact can work very well when they are eventually back home - a brief call simply enquiring if everything's OK, with perhaps the offer of practical help with shopping, for instance, or a lift to the GP surgery. Thus the nearly-well become the completely whole!

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Art of letter writing dying out

More than a quarter of all seven to 14 year olds have not written a single letter in the past year. One in ten has never written a letter in their entire life. Yet about half of them in this age group regularly send emails or leave messages on a social networking site.

World Vision, who commissioned the recent poll, found that child education experts are concerned at these findings. It seems that many children are leaving primary school unable to even set out a letter. As one expert says: "If children do not write or receive letters, they miss out on key developmental benefits." A hand-written letter is more personal than an electronic message any day.



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So you think *you've* had a hard day's night?

Imagine being at sea for many months without sight of land and at the mercy of the elements or pirate attack. You might not see your home and family for weeks, and when you reach port thousands of miles away, there is no guaranteed ticket back home. Dangerous seas, pirates, harsh conditions, loneliness and isolation are just some of the problems seafarers face on a daily basis.

We depend on seafarers to transport 95% of imports. That could be your sofa, car, fuel, food, TV or a cup of tea. In fact, we would starve in three weeks without imports by sea.

But many seafarers struggle to cope with the practical and emotional hardships of being away from home for long periods of time. Liverpool Seafarers Centre provides information, practical help and support to thousands. We are a charity depending entirely on the generous support of the public to continue our work.

Please support our essential work.

Visit www.liverpoolseafarerscentre.org
or telephone 0300 800 8080 to make a donation.



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Don't forget
SEA SUNDAY
10 July 2011

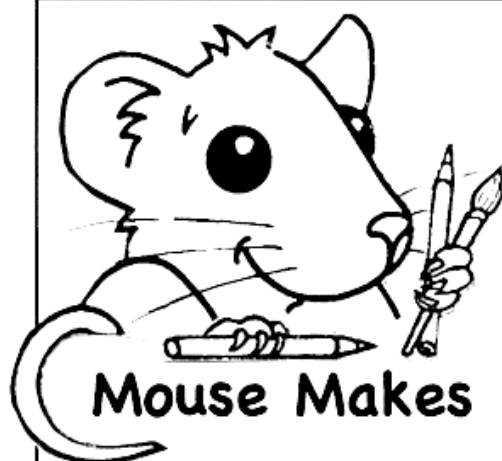
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Jesus said:
"I will ask the Father,
and he will give you
another **Helper**, who
will stay with you
forever. He is the
Spirit who **reveals**
the **truth** about God."
John 14:16,17

Read the story of
Pentecost in Acts 2

The Fruit of the Spirit

"The Spirit produces



LOVE

JOY

PEACE



PATIENCE

KINDNESS

GOODNESS

FAITHFULNESS

HUMILITY

and SELF CONTROL"



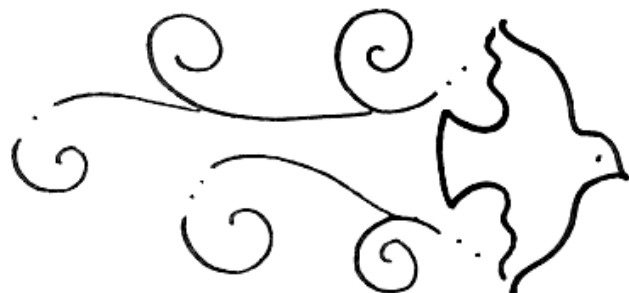
Galatians 5:22

Cut out , keep and learn these
Holy Spirit Bible verse cards.

Jesus said: -
"The **Helper**,
the **Holy Spirit**,
whom the Father will
send in my name, will
teach you everything
and make you
remember all that
I have told you."
John 14:26



Jesus said:
"..how much
more shall your
Heavenly
Father give the
Holy Spirit to
them that ask
him?
Luke 11:13"



"Let the Spirit direct your lives"
Galatians 5:16



"...the spirit also
comes to help us,
weak as we are.
For we do not
know how we
ought to pray; the
Spirit himself
pleads with God
for us"
Romans 8:26"

Prison Fellowship supports National Volunteers Week 2011

Prison Fellowship www.prisonfellowship.org.uk is launching a drive for Christian volunteers to support its extensive work in England and Wales prisons as part of National Volunteers Week 2011 (1st-7th June).

Prison Fellowship, through its volunteers, works to restore the lives of prisoners and victims, and their families. The volunteers support these groups in practical ways and help to break the cycle of reoffending.

The charity specialises in Restorative Justice through the successful Sycamore Tree programme and involves volunteers in Letter Writing, Prayer Groups and the Angel Tree scheme, which provides Christmas presents for prisoners' children.

Chief Executive Natalie Cronin said today: "Volunteers can make a huge difference to so many people involved in our prison service and I urge Christian men and women to get involved in trying to reduce the cycle of reoffending by offering real hope to those involved in and effected by crime."

In a series of short films for the Prison Fellowship YouTube Channel, to be broadcast over the next few weeks, Prison Fellowship volunteers stress the massive importance of volunteering in the current political and economic climate.

Revd Shawn Verhey, Coordinating Chaplain of HMP/YOI Thorn Cross Prison, says: "You can go into a prison and you can bring healing to the victims, offenders and communities, just by getting involved in that Restorative Justice process."

He adds: "You can change a life and you can make a difference."

Volunteer Brian Drinkwater, in his film, will explain: "Don't be reluctant, here's a chance to change lives: to make a difference to the Big Society we hear so much about. I had never been in a prison before, it was outside my comfort zone, but I soon felt the respect of prisoners and the Chaplaincy team."

Meanwhile Malcolm Carter said that, having spent 20 years as a Chaplain in Walton Jail, he is convinced that volunteers have a massive role to play: "Volunteering is a glorious work: these men and women are at the bottom of the heap - the volunteer might be the only contact this person has with the outside world."

Further information

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Pilgrimages Holidays Conferences

Celtic Journey announced

The increasing attraction of the Celtic saints and the emergence of Celtic Christianity will feature at a major course at St Chad's College, Durham starting on 18th July for 7 nights.

Details of the course have been released this week with BBC Radio 4 *Thought for the Day* presenter Revd Rob Marshall, who is also Media Adviser to the Diocese of Derby, once again leading the popular summer school.

The week will run from 18th-25th July and costs £448 (half board) in a university standard room.

Celtic Summer is open to everyone from this region. Participants register at the Durham College before a week of Christian pilgrimage and teaching focussing on the Celtic saints of Hilda, Aidan, Cuthbert and Cedd.

Those taking part visit Holy Island and Bamburgh as well as taking in Bede's World, Whitby, Lastingham and Durham Cathedral.

"Each day consists of talks, services and many of the day include a trip out to a well know site including a highly memorable pilgrimage to Lindisfarne itself," said Marshall this week.

"The Celtic saints have so much to tell us about the way in which we face up to the challenges of mission today," Marshall added.

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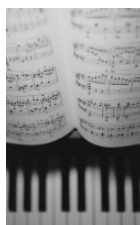
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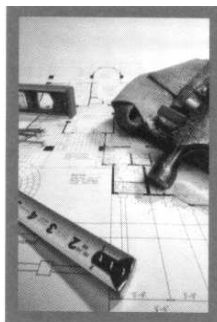
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