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Diary Dates

Thursday 6th October M.U. Sheila Melton 'Faith in Action' St. Chads 2.15pm Thursday 20th October 'Wellspring' 8pm at the Rectory Wednesday 19th October EMU 'Crossroads' by Pam Morris 8pm at St Chad's Saturday 22nd October The Children's Society 'Thank You' Coffee Morning and 'Bring & Buy' 10.00-11.30am at St Chad's Thursday 3rd November M.U. Mr. Colin Ratcliffe 'Flower Miscellany' St. Chads 2.15pm

Notices

Clocks Go Back

Sunday 30th October

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family 25th September

Ethan Lowey

We ask for God's blessing upon the marriage of 3rd September

Darren Davies &

- Alaina Merrett
- 10th September

Anthony Maddocks &

- Lucy Bailey
- 23rd September
- Simon Green &
- Anna Barton

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Funerals

We commend to God's eternal care 26th September

Trudi Purcell

20th September

Derek Foster

Funeral held at Christ Church Barnston



From your rector

Trick? Treat? The Festival of Halloween takes place on October 31st when people celebrate ghouls, ghosts, magic and all things scary by dressing up, playing games and trick or treating. One familiar feature of Halloween is the

lighting of a candle and placing it inside a pumpkin - commonly known as a Jack O'Lantern.

The Jack O'Lantern is thought to be based on the legend of Stingy Jack an irish playboy farmer who was followed by the Devil. To get rid of the Devil, he tricked him into climbing a tree. Jack then carved a Cross into the trunk to represent Jesus. The Devil was so scared of the Cross that he stayed in the tree.

Jack was a bit of a lad but he knew that the Cross was significant and it would scare the Devil - because it represents Jesus. In fact, because Jack knew Jesus, he was set free. He certainly wasn't perfect but he knew that Jesus' light shone from him, similar to a pumpkin. Through having Jesus and that light, he was saved from the Devil.

Having the light wasn't just for Stingy Jack. Jesus promised to be the light



"But, Mum, if the vicar wasn't coming here Trick-Or-Treating, why did she still take the chocolates I gave her?"

of the world to all who followed Him and show the Way for man to know God. To show this, Jesus died for you and came back to life. You can be saved by the power of the Cross. Know that power and it will change your life forever. Find a real treat this Halloween - get to know Jesus.

May the light of Christ shine in your hearts and lives.

Revid Jane

ab note

Cut out the next page and put it in your window or on your front door if you don't want to bothered by Trick and Treat!



Mothers' Union

At the September meeting we had the pleasure of hearing Canon Bob Evans telling of his work of many years with the 'Mersey Mission to Seamen'. He told us of the sailors, port trade, conditions on the ships and the Mission work - comparing it with the very different conditions today. Especially the present day restrictive life of the foreign sailors with the

rapid turn around of the cargo ships. But in spite of this the work of the Mission continues. Bob has long since officially retired but his work and involvement continues!

We invited our men folk to join us for the meeting, some of them knew Bob and others had worked with him. Many of us have enjoyed reading his latest book 'A Welsh Boy', which he kindly signed for those who bought it.

Saturday 24th September was our 'Coffee Morning' where we raised £415 for MU Worldwide charities. It was a happy morning and our grateful thanks to all who came to support us and helped to raise this enormous amount, and to our 2 kind 'Friends of MU' who gave generous donations. We all feel somewhat over-whelmed by everyone's kindness.

Lord, empowered by your love, and supporting each other, help us to reach out as your hands here in Irby and around the world today and always.

Amen

Diary Dates:

6th Oct. St. Chads 2.15pm Mrs. Sheila Melton 'Faith in Action' 3rd Nov. St. Chads 2.15pm Mr. Colin Ratcliffe 'Flower Miscellany'

God Bless Sue Burns

Evening of Remembrance and Thanksgiving on Sunday 30th October 2011 at 6.30pm at St.Bartholomew's, Thurstaston

I come into contact with a lot of families who are going through the sad and difficult circumstances of bereavement. Sometimes the loss of a loved one helps people to come to faith and there are many people in church today who came back to God as a result of bereavement.

I will be writing personally to all whom I am aware have experienced a bereavement in the last 12 months. If you have experienced a recent bereavement of which I am unaware, then please accept this invitation to join us at the service. If your bereavement was further back in time but you would find this service helpful, then you too are also welcome.

This will be a quiet, reflective service in which we will remember our loved ones by name and say thank you to God for the good times we shared with them throughout their lives. In this service we will be reading out a list of names of those you would like us to remember, and so **if you are planning to come to this service** and would like your loved one to be mentioned by name please fill in the form below and return it to me.

Please feel free to extend this invitation to other members of your family.

Rev'd Jane Turner
"_____
An Evening of Remembrance and Thanksgiving
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Your Name:

Your Address: _____

Please return to:-

How would you explain God?

This was written by an 8 year old, Danny Dutton for a homework assignment. The assignment was to explain God.

"One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

"God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.

"God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere, which keeps him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your Mom and Dad's head asking him for something they said you couldn't have.

"Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in my town. At least there aren't any who come to our church.

"Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his Father and he told his Father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K. "His Dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his Dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.

"You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

"You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God. Don't skip church or do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway."

"If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp or to school, but God can. It is good to know he's around you when you're scared in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids."

"But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases. And...that's why I believe in God."

Let's make Christmas trees more meaningful

A campaign to make the UK's 20 million Christmas trees a bit more meaningful this December has been launched. The campaign is in response to news research that only 12% of adults, and only 7% of people aged between 18-24, know the Christmas story*. To help parents, grandparents and godparents communicate the Christmas story to the next generation, The Meaningful Chocolate Company has produced the UK's first ever interactive set of chocolate Fairtrade tree decorations, based on the characters of the Nativity story.

Each box of Meaningful Chocolate Tree Decorations contains a limited edition Christmas card, a sticker set and six hand wrapped, high quality, Fairtrade chocolate decorations. The Christmas story, which can be found on the card, enables adults or children to read the story while placing character stickers on the decorations. Once completed, the decorations can be hung on the tree as a reminder of the real meaning of Christmas.

David Marshall, from The Meaningful Chocolate Company, said "We estimate that most of the UK's 20 million Christmas trees don't have anything religious hung on them. The Meaningful Chocolate Tree Decorations are an opportunity to buy an interactive gift that allows the telling of the Christmas story at home. The card also includes and invitation for people to go to church to hear the Christmas story there. So, not only is it educational, it's also a piece of evangelism."

The Meaningful Christmas Tree Decorations cost £3.95. Church orders can be made through www.MeaningfulChristmas.co.uk or exclusively from Traidcraft. Orders should be made by mid November 2011 as supplies are limited.



If anyone would like to take responsibility for co-ordinating a bulk order for Church Congregation Members (so saving on postage etc.) then please let Revd Jane know ASAP.

Six Days You Shall Work and on the Seventh you shall rest - which doesn't mean do DIY

Our God put an order into everything from the movement of the stars and the planets to the consistency of time. As CS Lewis said "The future is something which everyone reaches at the rate of 60 minutes an hour, whatever he does, whoever he is". Time is the great leveller, but some people seem to make better use of the time at their disposal.

The day is evenly balanced with eight hours to sleep, eight to work, and eight hours of personal time (although many would find that hard to believe as work seems to dominate the week). We were created to keep this schedule for six days a week. However, on the seventh day we are supposed to rest and make the day holy for the Lord.

Athletes know they need rest days, yet some feel guilty and overtrain, which can actually weaken the body. We feel the same when we are leading a very busy life; it is hard to shut down even for a day. In sports they have found it is not just the physical side of the body that needs repairing, but also the physiological. In the case of a Christian it is physical, physiological and spiritual renewal that is needed.

Most of us have two days off nowadays, so we should plan our time off to do all the chores, shopping, and DIY on one of the days, and then to keep the second day for what it was designed for, reconstitution. The week is 168 hours so giving the 16 waking hours to the Lord is giving a tithe of 10% of your time.

If you want to ensure that you can make best use of your waking hours, then you must also give yourself the luxury of sleep, as without proper sleep your body's energy battery won't be charged for the day ahead, so you may find that your ability to think clearly may be impaired, and that jobs take longer to fulfil.

When we keep the day in the even thirds of eight hours and give our body a day of rest then everything in life seems to stay in balance.

October Recipe - Cider Baked Gammon or Bacon

INGREDIENTS

Piece of gammon about 1.3k(3lb) Black treacle Cloves About 300ml (½ pint) cider



<u>Method</u>

Soak the gammon overnight or at least for 4/5 hours to remove the salt.

Cover with cold water and bring to the boil and simmer for half the cooking time, this would be ³/₄ hour for a 1.3k (3lb) piece of meat.

Remove the meat from the pan and cut off the rind.

Score the fat in a criss-cross pattern using a sharp knife and making a diamond pattern. Press a clove into the fat in each diamond. Place the meat in a roasting tin or ovenproof dish and trickle over a large tablespoon of black treacle.

Pour the cider into the dish around the meat and bake in the oven for the remainder of the cooking time, about $\frac{3}{4}$ hour to one hour, but test with a skewer to make sure it is quite cooked.

Baste a few times with the cider mixture.

Serve with this mixture as an unthickened gravy.

Oven 180c/350c/Gas Mark 4.

Serve with mashed potatoes and broad beans or peas.

Betty Rimmer

October Recipe - Coffee Kisses

(No I don't know why they are called that!) They are just right with a cup of tea or coffee.

INGREDIENTS

170g self raising flour 85g butter or margarine 55g white sugar 1 egg yolk or very small whole egg 1 large tsp liquid coffee or dissolve 1 tsp instant coffee in boiling water.

<u>Method</u>

In a large bowl, mix the flour, butter and sugar until the mixture has a breadcrumb-like texture. Add the egg and coffee and mix again to a firm dough. Pre-heat the oven to 190C/Gas5. Take teaspoons of the mixture and roll into small balls with your hands. Place the balls on a baking sheet, leaving space between each one as they will spread. Bake for 15 minutes. Remove and place on a wire rack to cool.

Icing

55g very soft butter 120g icing sugar, more if needed Few drops of vanilla essence

To make the butter icing:

Put the soft butter in a bowl and beat in enough icing sugar to make a thick butter cream icing. Add the vanilla essence. When the cookies are cold, spread half of them with butter cream and top with the rest to make sandwiches.

Dust with icing sugar if you like more.

Betty Rimmer





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Launch Event Monday 26th Sept 7pm Music and Christian Aid Presentations All Welcome





October 1st - Bearing Witness

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www.christianaid.org.uk/ActNow/climate-justice/ bearing-witness.aspx

October 15th - Goodwill Supper 7pm

St. Andrew's Church Hall, Longton, PR4 5AA Speaker: Yacouba Kone (Christian Aid Country Manager for Mali) Tickets £12.50 available from Cath Greenlees 01772 613500



For further information on all these events contact the North West office;

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November 12th - Swimathon 6pm

Join the ranks of champion swimmers AND raise funds to fight poverty and injustice across the world. Get your team together for the 2011 Christian Aid and Rotary Club Swimathon at the **Manchester Aquatics Centre** (used for the Commonwealth Games in 2002). (entry forms from Warrington office - teams of up to 6)



November 25th Evening with The Elizabethan Singers 7pm Rufford Old Hall, Ormskirk, L40 1SG

Tickets £15 includes mulled wine and mince pies available from Cath Greenlees 01772 613500

Advent Hope Services led by Christian Aid North West Staff

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Nov 27th	11am 6pm	St Mary's, Acton, CW5 8LE The Heath Methodist Church, Runcorn WA7 4PB	
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	6pm	Rosemount Methodist Church, Hyde, SK14 4SS	
Dec 18th	10:45am 4pm 7pm	Garston Park Church, L19 1QL St Mary's, West Derby, L12 5EA Seacombe URC, CH44 6PW	





To everyone who donated money for the harvest flowers and thank you to all those who helped with the arrangements.

Joyce Ratcliffe



The St Chad's Christmas Fair is provisionally booked for Saturday 26th November. A volunteer is needed to co-ordinate, otherwise the fair cannot take place. Please speak to Patsy Brady on 648 4379 if you think you could take on this role.





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Payback Time

Yes I'm an old person now On your knees and give me a bow Now at the age of 63 I think my children should look after me

I've been in this house for years and years Some have been full with tears Now my children have all grown up I'll get a bit of spare time with some luck

If only we could swap jobs for a day They will see the price they need to pay Buying clothes, toys and all other things But then rule over me as kings

If I took them out for a relaxing lunch It would end up as a fight and a punch So therefore I'd say never again If I could make them write 100 lines with their paper and pen.

But it has been a pleasure being their dad Those fun times I've been very glad If you ever end up to be a dad one day I'm sorry but you'll just have to stay.

Edward Rudd (12) Calday Grange Grammer School

Mothers'UNION

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Sally Spencer (Faith and Policy Unit Coordinator)



The Children's Society 'Thank You' Coffee Morning and 'Bring & Buy' will take place on

Saturday 22nd October, 10-11.30am at St Chad's. All Welcome.

Please bring your boxes for emptying then or to church from September onwards.

Contacts: Jean Heath 648 6015 Elaine Kavanagh 648 1721 Barbara Kozer 648 3523

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The Cow and the Bible

A religious farmer lost his Bible out in the field. A few days later he went to answer a noise at his door. Standing there was a cow, with his Bible in its mouth. The farmer raised his eyes to heaven and thanked the Lord for this miracle. "Not really," said the cow. "Your name was written inside."

Glass

The two window panes were arguing as to which one was made of the better glass. One said to the other, "Well, you may think you are a better glass, but I know what you are trying to prove. Believe me, I can see right through you."

Shampoo

I don't know why I didn't realise this sooner. It's the shampoo we use in the shower. When I wash my hair, the shampoo runs down my whole body, and printed very clearly on the shampoo label is this warning , "FOR EXTRA VOLUME AND BODY." No wonder I have been gaining weight. I am getting rid of the shampoo and am going to use dishwashing liquid instead. It's label reads, "DISSOLVES FAT THAT IS OTHERWISE DIFFI-CULT TO REMOVE." Problem solved.

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Broad

Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places. **

Stories

As part of his talk at a banquet, our minister told some jokes and a few funny stories. Since he planned to use the same anecdotes at a meeting the next day, he asked reporters covering the event not to include them in their articles. Reading the paper the following morning, he noticed that one well-meaning cub reporter had ended his story on the banquet with the observation "The minister told a number of stories that cannot be published." Stay-at-home Christmas?

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Flower Guild (St Bartholomew's) Mrs E Jones	648 1400			

Church Services						
Sunday Services						
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