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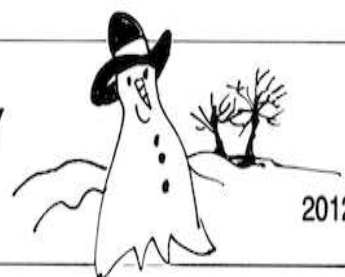
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 **THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND**
Diocese of Chester

January



Diary Dates

Saturday 14th January
 EMU 'Tea & Toast, Bring & Buy'
 St Chad's 9.30-11.30am

Monday 16th January
 PCC Meeting
 8.00pm at St Chad's

Sunday 22nd January
 St Michael and all Angels Newton
 West Kirby CH48 6EP
 Wedding Fair 1 - 5pm

for more details and exhibitors
 booking forms contact:

m: 07768418942 or
 weddingfairstmichael@hotmail.co.uk

Monday 23rd January
 Christianity Explored

7.45-9.00pm at St Chad's

Thursday 2nd February
 M.U. AGM & Mosquito Drive
 2.15pm at St Chad's

Notices

Thank You

The Children's Society box holders raised £954.56.
 Many thanks to all who hold a box. If you have not received
 your box back or would like one, please contact Jean Heath on
 648 6015

From the Registers

Weddings

*We ask for God's blessing upon the
 marriage of*

10th December
Paul Robinson &
Katie Arrowsmith

Funerals

We commend to God's eternal care

5th December
Eve Powell

From your rector

Dear Friends,

The 1st of January 2012 was a Sunday and one of the readings was Numbers 6:22-27:-



The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

The LORD bless you and keep you;

the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

The following is an extract of the sermon which I preached on 1st January.

Blessing is what God does.

It's an action.

It's a promise of the presence of God with his people.

The words of the Blessing in the book of Numbers gives us some idea of how significant it should be and of how much more it means than simply wishing someone well.

It contains six significant words or phrases:-

The first is obviously **Bless**, and that as I've already said is what God does, it's his promised presence with us.

Keep contains the idea of safety from evil and the effects of evil.

Make his face to shine upon you is using human imagery to convey something beyond our understanding. This is a reference to the light of God bringing us out of darkness.

And be gracious. This is like saying "may God smile upon you". When we can imagine in our minds eye, God smiling upon us, then we know deep in our hearts that we are loved for who we are.

Lift up his countenance upon you. This is God moving towards us. This is God enfolding us in his love.

Give you peace. This contains so much more than we might at first understand. Wrapped up in this phrase are the ideas of prosperity, longevity, safety, security, good health, friendship and general well being.

So let's make 2012 a year in which we take time to ponder the significance of being God's people, chosen and blessed.

Rev'd Jane Turner

Mothers' Union



The end of another year - do the years really pass more quickly or is it just the white hair and the ageing memory?

As we planned our Christmas Service and party at the start of Advent we began, once again, to be filled with awe and anticipation and joy thinking about the birth of our Saviour -

Gods great gift to us all.

We welcomed our friends, our Prayer Partners from St. Nicholas, Wallasey and our menfolk - the Male Voice Choir-to our Christmas 'Do'. Singing the Advent Carols and hearing the Bible Readings is always a joy at the start of Advent. And we heard a few snippets of Christmas Traditions from long ago as well as a very amusing sketch read by 4 of our ladies. It was a modern take on the Christmas Story with the animals - or should I say animal sounds - playing a leading role!

My thanks to all who gave so generously to our Christmas collection for the MU Literacy Fund - £150 was collected for this important work.

The service was followed by tea and a good chat catching up on all the news.

We were sorry not to have Rosemary and Robin Law with us this year and we wish them well and ask God to bless them in their new home in Kent.

I do trust that our members who have been unwell during the Christmas season are now feeling a lot better.

Prayer

At Christmas time, dear God, we remember your birth as a baby, in a manger lying on straw, with the cattle and donkey close by, and Mary and Joseph looking at you in amazement and love.

Thank you for coming to earth and we pray that the joy of Christmas may bring peace and hope to all the world.

Amen

Diary Dates:

Thurs 2nd Feb St. Chads 2.15pm AGM and Mosquito Drive.

A very Happy and Blessed New Year to you all.

Sue Burns

Hope for 2012

'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.' (Isaiah 9:6)

As the start of this New Year we are all aware of the uncertainties which we face, especially in terms of our finances, jobs and economic prospects. We have to face the big questions of life: what shall I do?; who can help me?; who cares for me? and what do I say?

The familiar words of the prophet Isaiah were also given by God in a time of political and economic uncertainty. The Assyrians had just conquered the northern kingdom of Israel, fulfilling Isaiah's warnings to the people, who had turned their back on God and his ways. However, Isaiah also brings a word of hope, 'The people walking in darkness have seen a great light' (Isaiah 9:2). For Isaiah, it felt as if the future had already arrived! However, after 700 years the promised child was fulfilled in the birth of Jesus. For us, facing a New Year, he continues to be an answer to both our needs and questions:

Wonderful Counsellor: he will give us the wisdom we need, when we have difficult decisions to make at work or home, or in dealing with our finances or future direction.

Mighty God: he will provide the help and strength to face the difficult diagnosis, the family crisis or relationships breakdown, as we trust his plan and purpose for our lives.

Everlasting Father: he cares for us as a father cares for his children, so we can come to him when we feel alone or we are really struggling, knowing that he hears and will answer our prayers.

Prince of Peace: he has secured peace by his cross and resurrection, and so we can find in him true acceptance, forgiveness and peace for our lives, relationships and future.

Therefore at the start of 2012, may 'our joy be increased' (Isaiah 9:3) as for the people in Isaiah's day. For only Jesus can truly turn our sorrow into joy and save us from the vicious spiral of sin and death. Whatever the mess and mistakes we have made over the past year, he can deal with them. With him both our present and future are secure. This is no pipe-dream, for 'the zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.' (Isaiah 9:7)

Magazine subscriptions

These are now due for 2012. If you see your deliverer please pay them, or alternatively post a cheque for £4.00 payable to Thurstaston PCC, to St Chad's Church Office, Roslin Road, Irby, CH61 3UH.



APCM Reports

We need your reports asap so that they are ready for a draft at the PCC meeting on 16th January. Whilst everything that has happened in the last year is still fresh in your mind, please start writing your reports of activities from Jan-Dec 2011 and e-mail them to the parish office at thurstaston.parish@btinternet.com



More Than A Book

A new way of raising funds for our church



We have registered our Church with this scheme set up by the Bible Society. Our registration number is 10171.

When you make a purchase from their website www.bibleresources.org.uk please enter our registration number (or search for our church details) and then our church will receive 10% of the value of your purchase (excluding p&p)

It's money in the bank for our church plus great quality products for you, your friends and family

"Where is God?"

Two little boys, ages 8 and 10, were excessively mischievous.

They were always getting into trouble and their parents knew all about it; if any mischief occurred in their town, the two boys were probably involved.

The boys' mother heard that a preacher in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys.

The preacher agreed, but he asked to see them individually.

So the mother sent the 8-year-old first, in the morning, with the older boy to see the preacher in the afternoon.

The preacher, a huge man with a booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Do you know where God is, son?"

The boy made no response, sitting there wide-eyed with his mouth hanging open.

So the preacher repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God?"

Again, the boy made no attempt to answer.

The preacher raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "Where is God?"

The boy screamed and bolted from the room, ran directly home and into a closet, slamming the door behind him.

When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?"

The younger brother, gasping for breath, replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time; GOD is missing, and they think we did it!"



Keeper of the Spring

The following story was a favourite of the late Rev Peter Marshall, who for several years served as the chaplain of the US Senate.

An old man who lived near an Austrian village high in the Alps was hired by his village council to clear away the debris from the pools of water high up in the mountain crevices. These pools fed the spring that flowed through the town. So with faithful regularity, year after year, the old man patrolled the pool, removed the leaves and branches, and wiped away the silt.

In time the village became a popular attraction. Swans and ducks floated along the sparkling spring, the mill wheels of various businesses turned day and night, farms were irrigated, and the view of the spring from restaurants was picturesque beyond description.

Then one evening the town council met to review the budget. Someone queried the salary paid to the obscure keeper of the spring. Others joined in: "He is a waste of money. Drop him." And so they did.

For several weeks, nothing changed. Then in early autumn, the trees shed their leaves. Small branches snapped off and fell into the pools. Down in the village, they soon noticed a slight yellowish-brown tint in the water. Soon a slimy film covered sections of the stream. The mill wheels got entangled with twigs. Soon the stench of rotting vegetation in the water drove away the swans and ducks and the tourists.

In a panic, the village council met. Quickly they set off to visit the old man, and pleaded with him to keep the spring clean again. Within a few weeks, the village's 'river of life' began to clear up. The water ran pure and clear, the birds returned, the mill wheels turned, and even the tourists came back.

Are there leaves of anger, twigs of resentment, or a silt of unforgiveness clogging your spring of living water? Just as little by little the stream became contaminated by debris, so our spirits can become obstructed by the 'small sins' of daily life. Let's allow our Keeper of the Spring to do his job in renewing and cleansing us, so that we can 'run free' and bring blessing to others.



January Recipe - Rather Different Bakewell Tart

This makes a delicious tart, although it contains only almond essence, it tastes very almondy

INGREDIENTS

Pastry

175g (6oz) flour

75g (3oz) margarine, cut into small pieces

about 2 tablespoons cold water

Filling

100g (4oz) margarine

100g (4oz) caster sugar

100g (4oz) ground rice or semolina

½ teaspoon almond essence

1 egg beaten

about 2 tablespoons apricot jam

a few flaked almonds (optional)

Method

First make the pastry. Measure the flour into a large bowl, add the margarine and rub in until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Mix to a stiff dough with the water, add all the water at once and mix, then gather the lump of pastry together. Rest the pastry, wrapped in clingfilm in the fridge for 30 minutes.

Heat the oven to 400F/200C/Gas Mark 6.

Line an 8-9inch (20-23cm) flan tin.

Prick the base well.

Filling

Melt margarine in pan, add the sugar, ground rice or semolina, almond essence and egg. Spread the base of the flan with the jam, then pour on the filling. Sprinkle the top with flaked almonds. Bake in the oven for about 35 minutes, until the pastry is golden brown at the edges and the filling golden brown too. Remove from the oven and leave to cool in the flan tin for a few minutes.

Serve cut into wedges.



Christianity EXPLORED

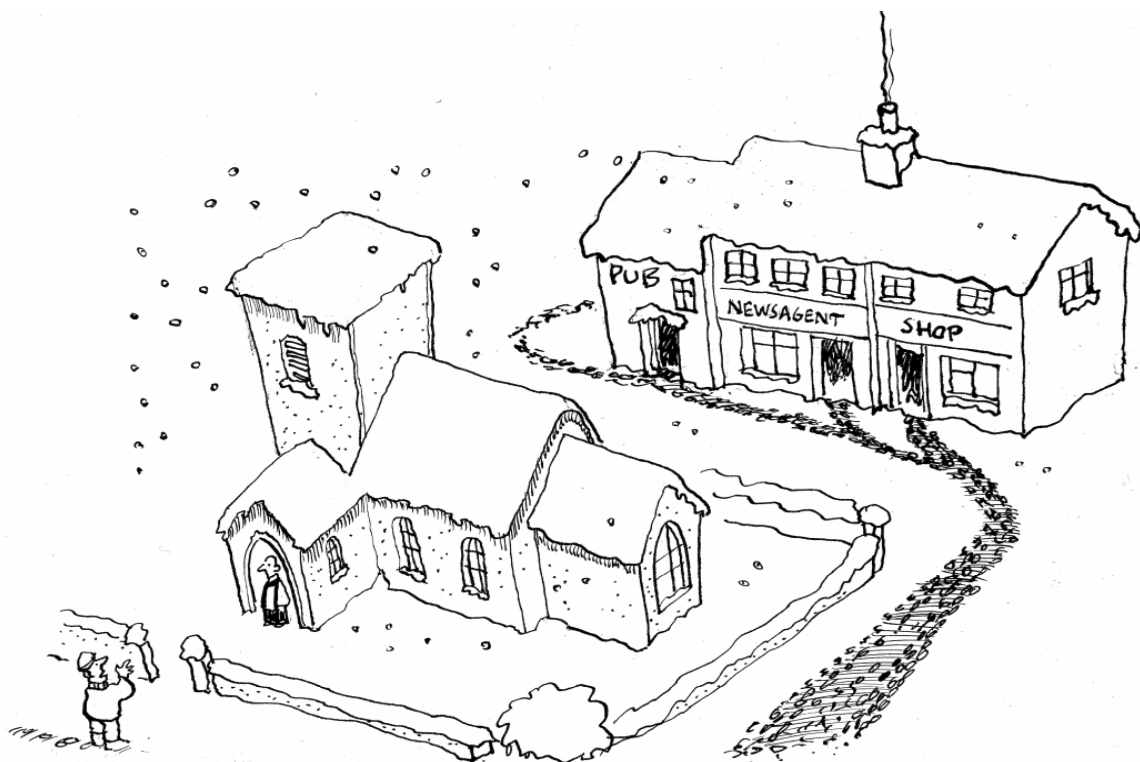
You don't need to know anything about the Bible.
You won't be asked to read aloud, pray or sing.
You can ask any question you want.

Monday Evenings: Starting 23rd January 2012

23rd; 30th Jan, 6th; 13th; 20th Feb, 5th; 26th Mar
(and option of Sat 17th March)

7.45-9.00pm, St Chad's Church, Roslin Rd, Irby

If you'd like to come or want to find out more,
please contact rector@thurstaston.org.uk (phone 648 1816)



...I am so sorry Vicar - but with all the snow this week - no-one has managed to get to church...

1952 – 2012 – Celebrating 60 years of The Queen's reign

Queen Elizabeth II came to the throne on 6 February 1952. Her coronation took place on 2nd June 1953. She celebrated her Silver Jubilee (25 years) in 1977 and her Golden Jubilee (50 years) in 2002. The only other British monarch to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee was Queen Victoria, in 1897. The main celebrations for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee will be from Saturday 2nd June to Tuesday 5th June. For your interest, here's how that weekend will look:

Saturday 2nd June:

The Queen will attend the Epsom Derby.

Sunday 3rd June:

The Big Jubilee Lunch Building on the already popular Big Lunch initiative, people will be encouraged to share lunch with neighbours and friends as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. This might be a traditional street party or even a picnic lunch. Visit: <http://www.thebiglunch.com/>

The Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant: This event will consist of up to 1,000 boats assembled from across the UK, the Commonwealth and around the world. The Queen will travel in the Royal Barge which will lead the flotilla.

Monday 4th June:

BBC Concert at Buckingham Palace:

There will be a televised Diamond Jubilee Concert at Buckingham Palace, with tickets being available to UK residents by public ballot. The musical programme will feature British and Commonwealth musicians.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons: A network of 2,012 Beacons will be lit by communities and individuals throughout the United Kingdom, as well as the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Commonwealth. As in 2002, The Queen will light the National Beacon.

Tuesday 5th June, 2012

Service of Thanksgiving and Carriage Procession: There will be a Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral and a formal carriage Procession by The Queen.

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Where were YOU when you heard that King George VI had died?

60 years ago next month (6th February) King George VI died peacefully in his sleep at Sandringham House. He was 56, and had a serious lung condition. The official announcement from Sandringham, given on 6th February at 1045 GMT, said the King was found dead in bed at 0730 GMT by a servant. Princess Elizabeth, who was at the Royal hunting lodge in Kenya, immediately became Queen, at the age of 25. She flew back to London to take the Royal Oath, which sealed her accession to the throne.

60 years is a long time ago, but some of us were children back then. What can you remember of the day that King George VI died? Can you remember where you were when you heard the news, and who told you?

Looking at God

The well known writer and broadcaster Canon David Winter is a former Head of Religious Broadcasting at the BBC.

The Way I See It: RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW

It's probably because I'm just a Grumpy Old Man, but I do find it hard to see the point of 'celebrating' New Year. For me, the event has all the stupendous excitement of the milometer in the car clicking over from 39,999 to 40,000. It isn't the solstice or equinox. Nothing actually happens. It doesn't commemorate anything, except that we're all that much older, that much nearer a pension or the great retirement home in the sky.

Nevertheless, whatever the weather, New Year always sees vast crowds on the streets of our great cities, cheering, getting drunk and dancing in the fountains of Trafalgar Square. Dark men for some obscure reason carry bits of coal into neighbours' houses, and people who have no idea what the words mean, sing 'Auld Lang Syne'. So what is it that they're celebrating?

Surely not 2011 and its miserable economic news, recession and unemployment? Surely not, either, the remorseless tread of time. I suspect in fact most of them have simply turned up for the party, or perhaps it's not 2011 at all that they have in mind, but the new year, 2012 - hope triumphing over experience.

Of course the gloom of 2011 was lightened by personal highs - the birth of a child or grand-child, perhaps, a marriage, a new friend. But reason (and in my case long experience) tells me that 2012 will be very much like 2011, but, hey, hope springs eternal.

So is it stupid, or pointless, or even wrong to celebrate the New Year? No, of course not. Time is too serious, too important for us to take it lightly. The Old Preacher in the Bible assures us that 'for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven'. He sees the passing of time as part of the way the Creation works - 'God has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into our minds' (Ecclesiastes 3:11). Humans, in other words, have an understanding of past, present, future: we live in a world with *tenses*. And he has done this 'so that all should stand in awe before him'. Time, a gift of God, is awesome, and its passage deeply significant.

No reason, then, not to mark the passing of the old year and the birth of the new one, but every reason to recognise that we too are part of the process, carried along by time's tide but not helpless to make choices. Some of those choices may change us, or our families, or our neighbours during the coming year. Some may eventually change the world.

In God's purpose, there is no reason at all why 2012 has to be like 2011. Let the old year go, with all its memories, joys and hurts. And turn to the new one with faith and prayer and - yes - hope. For myself, definitely no freezing fountains, excess alcohol or lumps of coal. But even this Grumpy Old Man will raise a glass, say a prayer, and watch the clock tick past midnight into a brave new year.

Forthcoming training event

Heart Notes Ministries...*enriching the worship of the churches*

Encouraging worship skills



Developing your singers, guitarists, keyboards & service leaders

1-4pm, 21st Jan 2012 (Hill Cliff Baptist, Warrington)

Click here for [on-line bookings](#) / [download form and poster](#)

We will spend time exploring how to work as worship team, learning how to create different moods, rhythms, flows and feel with the resources we have available whilst encouraging our congregations to worship. The afternoon will close as we apply ourselves to be servants and enablers of worship. There will lots of practical work.

Suitable for absolute beginners to the more experienced.

Leaders are experienced musicians and teachers

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Looking at You

How to reduce your pain

It seems that laughter really is a great medicine, if recent research at Oxford University is anything to go by. Researchers found that hearty laughing with friends for 15 minutes a day was enough to raise a person's pain threshold by 10 per cent. Laughing makes us exhale several times in a row, which prompts the brain to release pain-killing chemicals known as endorphins.

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What is your ideal night in?

The internet and a glass of wine are essential components for many of us planning an ideal evening at home. A third of us use a PC for more than two hours each evening. One in four of us say that our PC is 'the most irreplaceable thing in our life', according to research commissioned by Microsoft.

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For the New Year: more YOU time, less IT time....

Make 2012 the year you spent a bit more time with the people you live with and love. Advances in technology, combined with hectic schedules, have led to parents and children spending less and less quality time with each other.

Now recent research in Missouri has confirmed that too much digital technology is weakening family relationships, leading to poorer eating habits, less physical activity, and lower academic results. So instead of snacking in front of the TV or PC, why not eat as a family around a table occasionally, and go out for a walk together?

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Boomerang children

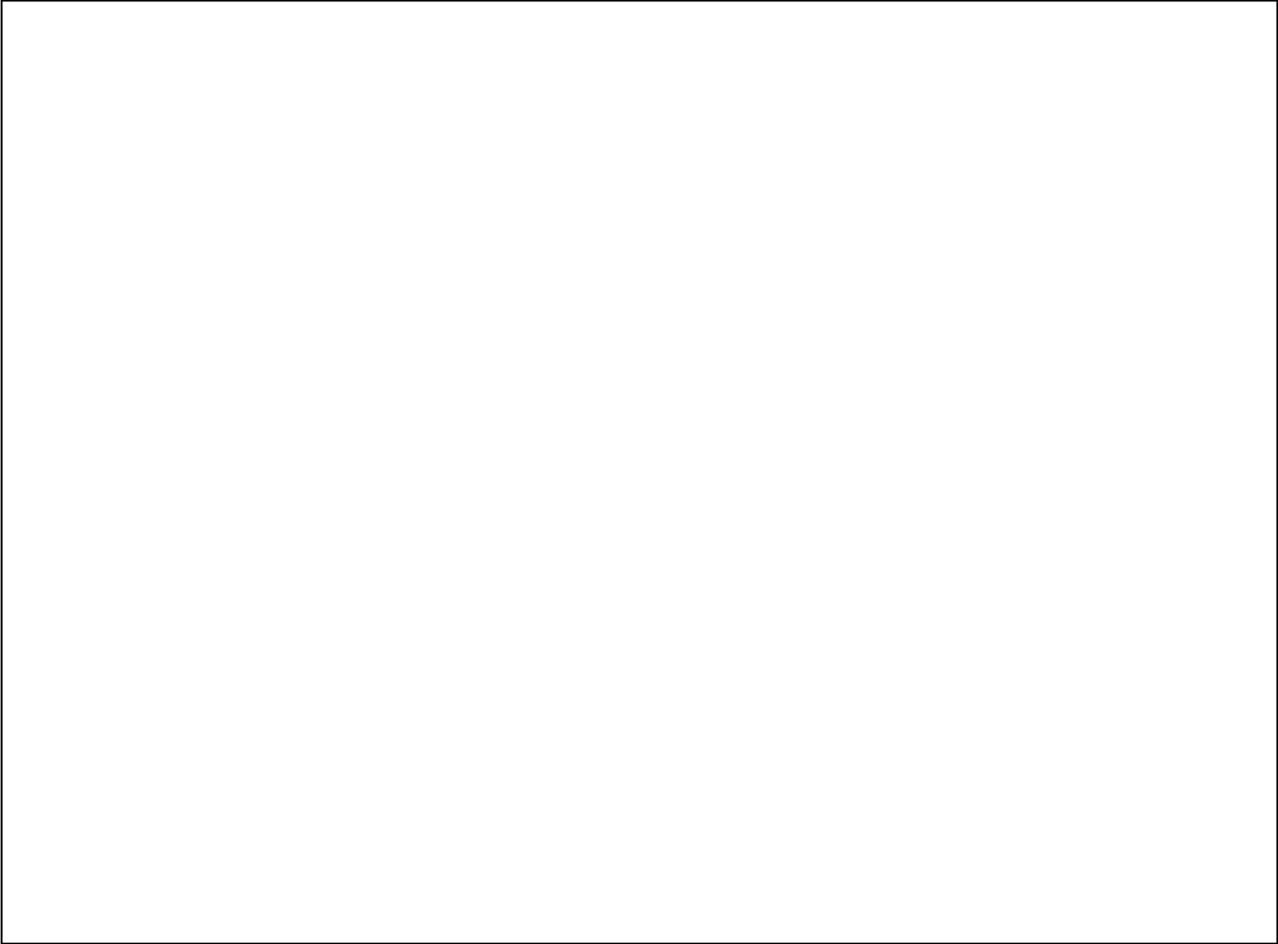
Do you have grown-up children? Where are they now? If they moved out – but are somehow back again, you've got a 'boomerang child' who could set your household back by £3,500 a year. Think of all the food, the snacks, the odd loans, the phone and utility bills, and the tabs for various meals out.

The Market Harborough Building Society, who did the research, observes: "Given the difficulty young adults now face with housing, job availability and education, it really isn't surprising that more and more are returning to the family home." 42% of 'boomerang children' remain under their parents' roof rent-free.

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All you need is love

Getting along with your fellow workers can have long-term health benefits for you, and can even increase your life-span. According to research carried out at Tel Aviv University, having a friendly work environment and a positive relationship with your colleagues can provide you with the vital emotional support you need for health.



Discover the story of the bible and where you fit in.

For children and their families or church groups.

Eight interactive zones will let you explore right through the Bible with storytelling, drama, makes, games, puppets, music and much much more. There is no age limit but activities will be great for children aged 5 to 11 with lots for the rest of the family to join in too.

Activity zones open: 9.30 to 12 noon, 2.00 to 3.45pm.

Main worship celebration: 1.00pm.

Tickets £2, families £7.00. Places limited.

Please speak to Julie DeBoorder if you or your children or both are interested in attending this event.

Strength through unity



Self-care group members soak their feet and check each other for injuries

There are approximately three million people in the world today living with leprosy-related disability. The big challenge for The Leprosy Mission lies in supporting individuals after the cure has been given, and helping them to live full lives alongside the lifelong complication of permanent nerve damage.

At first glance, Mozambique seems an unlikely place to have made such progress in tackling this daunting task. Ranking a very low 165 out of 169 on the United Nations' Human Development Index, Mozambique is a challenging place to live, particularly for more vulnerable members of society such as women, disabled or older people.

Albino, who is a member of a self-care group in the district of Montepuez in the province of Cabo Delgado, recalls how his life was diminished when he was diagnosed with leprosy in 1975: 'I was living in a leprosy village. I didn't go there through my own choice, the Government took me to this village. We were not allowed to come back to visit our homes.'

Albino goes on to explain that the leprosy villages have now disappeared and he and others from the former leprosy colony have been able to return home.

Today there are three self-care groups in the district of Montepuez, gathered together by staff from The Leprosy Mission who came from Pemba (the provincial capital) to share the idea of self-care.

Care and prevention of injuries

Members are in no doubt about the value of self-care groups in helping them to take care of wounds and prevent further injury. Nerve damage affects the condition of the skin, causing it to become dry and cracked, so hands and feet are inspected every day for signs of injury and soaked to keep skin supple. Hard, dry skin is removed by gently rubbing with a stone, and then the skin is massaged with oil or Vaseline to keep the precious moisture in. Alanu, another group member, describes their success: 'A while ago there would have been lots of flies, but now we are cleaning and looking after our wounds. I am not a teacher, but if I was I would give the person who came up with this idea a gold star!'

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World Leprosy Day 2012



Join us on

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29TH JANUARY

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ST BARTHOLOMEW

for

9.30am &

11.15am

SERVICES



THE LEPROSY
MISSION

Transformation

But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret.

We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! 1 Cor 15:51 *NLT*

www.worldleprosyday.org.uk

With Epiphany in mind...

I was telling my three boys the story of the Nativity and how the Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh for the infant Jesus. Clearly giving it a lot of thought, my six-year-old observed, "Mum, a Wise Woman would have brought nappies."



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What children have to say about angels



It's not easy to become an angel! First, you die. Then you go to Heaven, and then there's still the flight training to go through. And then you got to agree to wear those angel clothes. -Matthew, age 9

Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else. - Mitchell, age 7

My guardian angel helps me with maths, but he's not much good for science. - Henry, age 8

Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from holy cows. - Jack, age 6

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Foot in mouth

The vet in a small town was also in charge of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Late one night the phone rang, and his wife answered. An agitated voice inquired, "Is your husband there?"

"Do you require his services as a neighbourhood watch, or as a vet?" she asked. "Both!" was the reply. "We can't get our dog's mouth open, and there's an intruder in it."



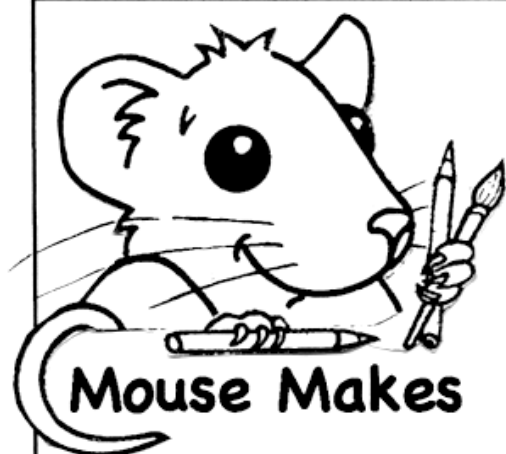
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Free travel

Living on earth may be expensive, but it includes an annual free trip around the sun.

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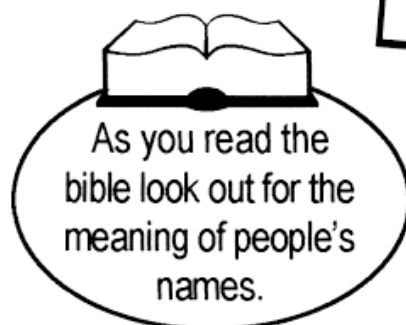




Eight days after their baby was born, **Mary** and **Joseph** named him with the name the angel **Gabriel** had given them long before he had been born. It was a very special name for a very special baby... the name **JESUS** which means **GOD IS SAVIOUR**.

"You are to give him the name JESUS because he will save his people from their sins".

READ: Luke 2:21-38



The NAMING of JESUS

Jesus is:

The Christ

Matthew 16:16



The LIGHT

John 8:12

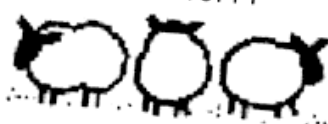


Bread of Life

John 6:35

The Good Shepherd

John 10:11



Lamb of God

John 1:29

J E S U S

'God is Saviour'

Matthew 1:21



Jesus is:

Saviour

John 3:16-17



Son of God

Matthew 3:16-17



The Word

John 1:1-5



THE WAY

John 14:6

LORD

John 20:28



KING

Revelation 17:14



To make your bookmark:

Carefully cut around the outside, fold in half along the dotted line and glue together. Add a tassel to the bottom with a length of wool or ribbon. You can make it stronger by gluing onto card before folding.



Jan12

of arms. The rhyme goes:

*Here is the bird that never flew
Here is the tree that never grew
Here is the bell that never rang
Here is the fish that never swam*

The bird was Serf's pet robin, which Mungo brought back to life. The tree was a hazel branch that he lit when the fire at the monastery had gone out. The bell was brought back from a visit to Rome and Mungo helped the Queen of Strathclyde find her lost ring inside a salmon.

There is even the story of his meeting the wizard, Merlin, who is said to have become a Christian and been baptised by Mungo. Mungo died around 612AD and his tomb is in the crypt of Glasgow Cathedral.

Where do fish wash?

In a river basin.

Why did the whale cross the road?

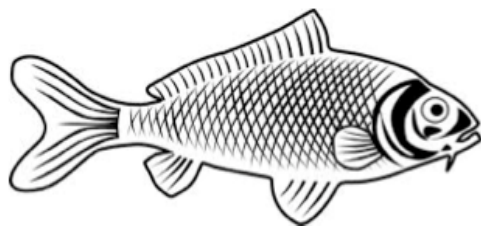
To get to the other tide.

Where do little fishes go every morning?

To plaice school.

What do you get from a bad-tempered shark?

As far away as possible.



SUMMER PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Celebrate the life of Jesus in August (4th-12th) 2012

Includes a visit to the Church of the Transfiguration on the Feast of the Transfiguration (6th August)!

A special pilgrimage to the Holy Land will be led by Thought for the Day broadcaster The Revd Rob Marshall next summer (4th-12th August 2012).

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St Bartholomew's

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10.30am Covenant Service
at Irby Methodist
 6.30pm Evening Worship

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
 11.15am Holy Communion
 6.30pm Holy Communion

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
 11.15am Holy Communion
 3.00pm Baptism
 6.30pm Evening Worship

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
 11.15am Morning Worship
 6.30pm Evening Worship

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
 11.15am Holy Communion
 6.30pm Evening Worship

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8th January
 Baptism of Christ

15th January
 Epiphany 2

22nd January
 Epiphany 3

29th January
 Epiphany 4

5th February
 3rd Sunday before Lent

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