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## February



2012





## Diary Dates

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

**Saturday 4th February**  
Men's Breakfast  
9-10am at Aroma Café, Irby

**Thursday 1st March**  
M.U. Mrs Angela Klabou  
' Mothers' Union'  
2.15pm at St Chad's

**Friday 2nd March**  
M.U. 'Women's World Day of Prayer'  
Venue t.b.a.

**Wednesday 7th March**  
Meeting about re-launch of  
'Praise & Play'  
1.30pm at St Chad's

## Notices



### 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.

**Thank You**

to all who have already paid.

## *From the Registers*

### *Baptisms*

*We welcome into the Lord's family*  
**22nd January**  
**Kaylee**  
**Blakemore**

### *Weddings*

*We ask for God's blessing upon the*  
*marriage of*  
**28th January**  
**David Furlong &**  
**Lisa Thomson**

## From your rector

Dear Friends,

February is the month which sees the shops full of hearts and all things representing love. That's because this month sees St Valentine's Day. But who was St. Valentine? In fact, there were two Christian martyrs of that name, both living in the third century, one a soldier and the other a bishop. No one has ever successfully found any link at all between either of them and courting couples and their desperate hopes.



The most likely explanation of the association of this date with hopeful lovers is a very old tradition (at least as old as Chaucer) that birds begin to pair on February 14th - St Valentine's Day. As they noisily go about choosing their mates, young men and women pursue a rather subtler, if more circuitous route to the same end.



I always think of February as the month in which the frogs return to my pond. It's always around St Valentine's Day when the cacophony of mating frogs can be heard in the Rectory Garden. And so this month I want to share with you a story about frogs!

There once was a bunch of tiny frogs.....  
Who arranged a running competition.

The goal was to reach the top of a very high tower.  
A big crowd gathered around the tower to see the race and cheer the contestants.....

The race began.

Honestly:

No one in the crowd really believed that the tiny frogs would reach the top of the tower.

You heard the statements such as "oh, way too difficult!"

Or "they will never make it to the top."

Or "not a chance they will succeed, the tower is too high!"

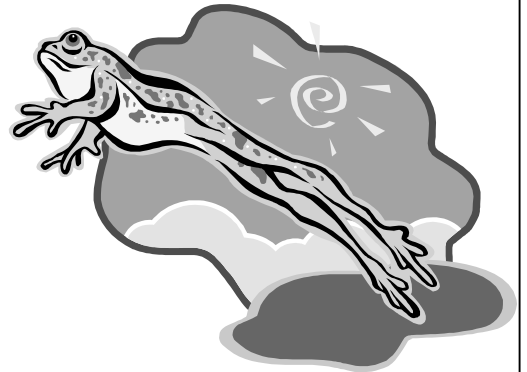
The tiny frogs began collapsing. One by one.....except for those who were in fresh temperament climbing higher and higher.

The crowd continued to yell “it’s too difficult!! No-one will make it!!”

More tiny frogs got tired and gave up.....but ONE continued higher and higher and higher.....this one would not give up!

After a while all the frogs had given up climbing the tower. Except for the one tiny frog, who after some effort was the only one to reach the top!

All the other tiny frogs wanted to know how the tiny frog had managed to complete the challenge. A contestant asked the tiny frogs how he/she had found the strength to reach the goal?



It turned out..... **that the winner was DEAF!!!**

**The wisdom of this story: never listen to other people’s tendencies to be negative or pessimistic ..... because they take your most wonderful dreams and wishes away from you. The ones you have in your heart!**

**Always think of the power words have. Because everything you hear and read will affect your actions!**

**Therefore: always be POSITIVE and above all be DEAF when people tell YOU that YOU cannot fulfill YOUR dreams!**

**Always think: I CAN DO THIS.**

As we enter Lent this year, let’s be DEAF to the temptations of the world, let’s be POSITIVE that we can grow in closeness to God, and let’s reach Easter with thankful hearts for the God in whom we CAN DO ALL THINGS.

**“I can do all things through him who strengthens me”  
Philippians 4 verse 13**

Wishing you every Blessing in Christ,

*Rev'd Jane*

## Mothers' Union



Inspite of the rain and cold winds 20 of us braved the elements to be at the service.

Rev. Jane presided at the Epiphany Communion Service. She gave us a few words reminding us of Gods' love in giving us His greatest gift - His Son Jesus Christ. A great blessing at the start of our year.

Our thanks to Jane for taking the service, to Craig for playing the organ, to Eleanor for serving and to Leslie for reading.

The February meeting is the AGM and we will also be having a sales' table. If you have anything for sale - home made cakes, jams etc. please do bring it along.

### 2012 Prayer

Grant Lord, that as the years change, we may find rest in your eternal changelessness.

May we be sure in our faith that while people come and go, and life changes around us,

you are always the same, guiding us with your wisdom, and protecting us with your love;

through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

### Diary Dates:

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

Mar. 1st. Thurs. 2.15pm St. Chads Mrs. Angela Klabou ' Mothers' Union'.

Mar. 2nd. Fri. 'Womens' World Day of Prayer' Venue tba.

Mar. 11th. Sun. 9am. St. Chads MU Wave of Prayer.

God Bless

Sue Burns

*Ways to Pray  
Alternate Thursdays in Lent  
Everyone Welcome  
8.15-9.30pm St Chad's*

*Feb 23rd: Rhythm - Patterns in Prayer - Diaries and Journals*

*Mar 8th: Colourful Prayer and other creative ways of praying*

*Mar 22nd: Silent Prayer and Lectio Divina*



**Third Thursday of each month**

this month: February 16th

**8.00pm at the Rectory**

**An opportunity to Listen to God and to  
Pray.**

All are Welcome

## OPEN DOOR PROJECT UPDATE GOOD NEWS!

You will be aware that the Open Door Project has been running for nearly 10 years and has been through various stages of planning and amendment during that time. Since the end of 2010, the priority has been on fund raising so that this project can finally come to fruition. Towards the end of 2011 we received letters from several grant providers stating that for various reasons they were unable to help, but we also received two which give us hope:-

1. The Beatrice Laing Trust wrote saying "... it is not our practice to give until building has started ... please write again when this point is reached ... for your guidance I anticipate that any grant we might make would be in the region of £2000.00"
2. The Garfield Weston Foundation wrote saying "the trustess will be happy to re-consider your application when you are further advanced with your fundraising or have exhausted local sources, in general we would look for a project to have raised at least half the funds ... we will be delighted to retain your application for a period of two years ... I look forward to hearing from you in due course."

So the figures as they stand at the moment:-

Income since 2002	£91,716	Expenditure since 2002	£ 37,261
Pledges made (to be given upon start of work)	£ 3,187	Expenditure for Build	£158,250
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£94,903</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£195,511</b>

Therefore current shortfall of £100,608

We are hopeful that Garfield Weston Foundation will provide match funding for just under half of the total cost, say £95,000

**This means that as a parish we NOW  
only need to raise approx £6,000  
to make this project a reality!  
WE CAN DO THIS!**

Further pledges or fund raising efforts would be greatly appreciated. Donations (payable to "The Open Door Fund") or Pledges can be given to the Treasurer c/o the Parish Office.



**Sally Lang and Sally Jackson are members  
of the West Kirby disabled swimming club**



# **Sponsored Swim**

**on Friday 10th February**

**For the Open Door Project**

**How far do you think they can  
swim in about hour?**

**See sponsor form at back of Church or call 6253296**

**Thank you for your support**



## **Meeting of the Parochial Church Council on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

### **Review of Christmas Service Arrangements**

Special arrangements had been made because Christmas Day and New Year's Day had been on Sundays. They were not entirely satisfactory, but the circumstances will not recur for several years. All services were well attended and the midnight service had a good mixture from all congregations.

### **Easter Service Arrangements**

We approved a schedule of services for Easter. Although the police have said that they will not support an Egg Run on Palm Sunday from 2013, it will be on Palm Sunday this year. An 11.15 service on that day will be impossible because the congregation will be unable to get home afterwards.

We discussed and agreed to another Taizé service on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April. We felt that the extremely positive response to the Taizé service in the summer and the effort required in planning and rehearsal fully justified it as a main Sunday service.

### **Provision and Outreach for Children**

After an introduction by the Rector, who said we needed more provision for children and young families, Mr Smale took the Chair. We had an information pack about the present arrangements, a letter saying that several of the 80 people who had signed it were willing to help with the management of the Pre-School, and two separate letters.

Dawpool School had been considering opening their own Pre-School, and Mrs Robson explained the difficulties involved. One option was to establish it at St Chad's, perhaps temporarily, and after discussion the Council agreed to that possibility provided that the conditions of the Planning Permission were not broken.

Members were concerned that the church had no other provision for young children. We needed to re-establish either or both a Mothers and Toddlers group and a Praise and Play group. These had closed some time ago, but no one had

offered help to revive them. One PCC member offered to organise an event on Wednesday afternoons, provided she received help, perhaps from people who were not church members. She hoped to start after Easter. If that was successful, we could move to other possibilities, perhaps following a survey of some sort. It was pointed out that the PCC had never refused an offer of help in arranging provision, but seldom received such offers.

## **Open Door**

Three grant applications had been rejected (by Biffa and two National Lottery funds). With a possible grant by Garfield Weston, the amount still to be raised might be as little as £5,700. Sally Lang asked for approval of a proposal for a sponsored swim by Sally Jackson and her, which was given with great enthusiasm. We noted that we had sought funds from all possible sources, so if the one remaining application was unsuccessful, we would have to reconsider our strategy.

## **Thanksgiving Sunday**

We decided after discussion that Thanksgiving Sunday would be a time to thank people for what they had done or given to the church, and to give thanks to God. The Rector will invite the Archdeacon to speak about Parish Share at the Family Service at the beginning of July. This might lead to new ideas. A favoured option was to provide a shared breakfast and finish with a very short service.

## **The Churches**

We heard that part of the churchyard wall had been demolished by a lorry, and that after repair it had been demolished again, more thoroughly. Further repairs were in hand. The lorries had not been identified. The lights in the belfry had failed leaving the bell ringers in darkness, but had now been repaired and was considerably better than before. More roofing tiles had been lost during recent gales.

This is an unofficial summary of the main points discussed at the meeting. The next meeting of the PCC will be on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2012.



# Praise and Play



Helen Boothman (a member of the PCC) has agreed to try and re-launch "Praise and Play". This will be on a Wednesday afternoon (approx 1.30-3.00pm) at St Chad's, and we hope to re-open in May. There will be a time of "free play" during which parents/carers will be responsible for the children that they bring, followed by refreshments, then a simple craft, story and/or songs. It will be open to ALL pre-school aged children and their parents/carers.

In order for this to happen we will need a number of people willing to be involved on a rota basis with making refreshments, helping with craft (on the day and advance preparation), reading the story, welcoming new people etc. Whether you are a mother, a father, a grandparent, a childminder, or just someone who enjoys being with small children and their families, your help will be welcomed.

If you can help in any way (regularly or otherwise), then  
**you are invited to a meeting to discuss this further on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 1.30pm at St Chad's.**

If you would like to offer help but can't make this meeting then please let Revd Jane know.

## February Recipe - Golden Topped Pork Chops in Barbecue Sauce

### INGREDIENTS

4 loin pork chops

### Topping

50g(2oz) white bread

few sprigs parsley

a strip of lemon rind

1 small onion, skinned and sliced

salt & pepper

### Sauce

1 small onion, skinned and sliced

1 small green pepper, seeded

25g (1oz) butter

30ml (2tbs) malt vinegar

45ml (3 level tbs) soft brown sugar

2.5ml (½ level tsp) dry mustard

15ml (1tbs) Worcestershire Sauce

45ml (3tbs) tomato ketchup

150ml (¼ pint) water

### Method

Remove rind from chops. Put topping ingredients into food mill/processor, a little at a time, when crumbed tip into a bowl. Chop onion and pepper and fry in butter for 5mins. Put into blender goblet with remaining sauce ingredients, blend until smooth. Brown chops on each side in hot fat, drain and place in shallow oven-proof dish. Pour sauce over, then spread each chop with breadcrumb mixture. Cover and cook in oven at 190C/375F/ Mark 5 for 30 mins., remove the cover and cook for another 20mins.

Serve with mashed potato and green beans.



This is a really tasty dish and one of our family favourites, it may look like a lot of preparation but it is really quite easy to prepare. I do hope you enjoy it.

Betty Rimmer.

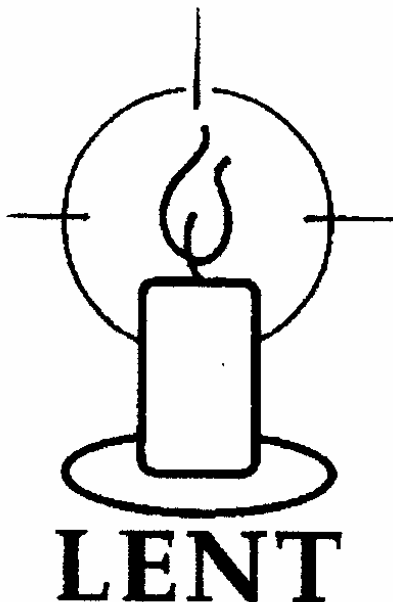
**Ash Wednesday: 22<sup>nd</sup> February**  
**10.15am or 7.30pm at St Chad's**  
**A service to mark the beginning of Lent**

The late medieval custom was to burn the branches used on Palm Sunday in the previous year in order to create the ashes for today.



The Collect for Ash Wednesday is:

Almighty and everlasting God,  
You hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:  
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.



## **Signs & Symbols: the timing of Lent**

Ever wondered why we start Lent on a Wednesday? It's not really a very convenient day is it if, like most of us, like to eat pancakes the day before, and it's a working day. It would be so much more convenient to have Pancake Tuesday on the Saturday then we could start Lent on the Sunday. Sounds so much more practical, doesn't it? So why didn't the church take up the idea decades ago?

There is, of course, a catch with this suggestion. How can we hold 'Lent' – a time of reflection on Jesus and our relationship with God and others – at the same time as we're rejoicing on the resurrection of Jesus on a Sunday? Now that would be a stretch too far.

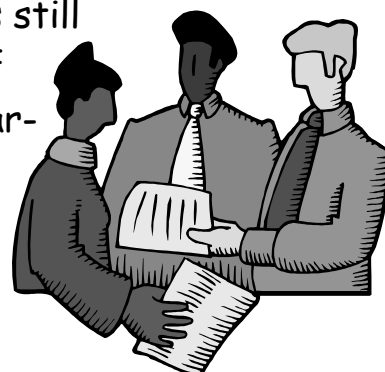
If Lent is intended to be a period of reflection how long does it need to be? Long enough for us to actually connect with the purpose, and not just skirt over it with a token gesture. Short enough so that we can see the hope within it, that there will be an ending and we shall see the glory of God revealed through the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ. If something goes on too long then we feel there's no end in sight so we don't engage, but if it's too short then there's not enough time to consider, test and try, and then actually commit.

It's like a family meal. Too long and the children start to get restless and the whole thing breaks down into chaos or shouting; too short and there's not enough time to enjoy each other's company, for each to have enough time to share their thoughts and news and to relax together.

This month: How long do you think Lent needs to be for you? Do you jump in from the very start or does it take you until the last week to make the connections? Then count how many days are in 'Lent' and work out why we start on a Wednesday.

### APCM Reports

We need your reports asap. **Thank you** to all who have already sent them in. 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](mailto:thurstaston.parish@btinternet.com)



## Men's Breakfast



Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2012

9 – 10am

Aroma Cafe, Irby Village

Eat, chat and share in fellowship.

Contact Matthew James on 07817625122 or [mjames@doctors.org.uk](mailto:mjames@doctors.org.uk) for further details.

**Dates for your diary:** Where possible Men's Breakfasts will take place on the first Saturday of alternate months.

Future dates for 2012 are:

Saturday 31st March

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December





CATHEDRAL AND  
CHURCH BUILDINGS  
DIVISION

## Church Chair Design Competition

The Cathedral and Church Buildings Division is holding a competition to seek well made seats for use in our church buildings. The competition aims to facilitate the production of the winning designs at affordable prices and to encourage good design in church seating across our 16,000 parishes. This is a unique opportunity for design students and leading designers to create a chair or bench that will enhance the buildings they are placed in and be celebrated by present and future generations.

**The competition has two categories:**

**1. *Design a chair to retail under £100, open to students & recent graduates.***

**Brief\*:** To design a chair that is light, stackable and ergonomic whilst sympathetic with historic interiors. Designers are encouraged to explore non-upholstered solutions.

**Prize:** Finalists will have the opportunity to pitch their design to leading church seating manufacturers and to win a cash honorarium.

**2. *Design a seat (bench or chair) for parish churches, open to all.***

**Brief\*:** To design a church seat (bench designs welcomed) to meet the criteria outlined in category 1 but within an 'affordable' price range.

**Award:** Finalists will be invited to submit models or prototypes to display at the awards event. The winning design will be used in our campaign to encourage parishes to seek good design in church seating.

*\*For full brief please refer to [www.churchcare.co.uk](http://www.churchcare.co.uk)*

**Entries can be submitted via ChurchCare ([www.churchcare.co.uk](http://www.churchcare.co.uk)) until the 30th March 2012.** Entrants to both categories will be expected to provide drawings, and photos of models if available, alongside a 500-word written explanation. The judging panel, chaired by the Bishop of London, will select the overall winners. **Winning designs will ultimately be chosen on the basis of affordability, functionality, comfort and aesthetic merit.**

Further details and an application form can be found at [www.churchcare.co.uk](http://www.churchcare.co.uk). Please contact Catherine Townsend with any further questions ([catherine.townsend@churchofengland.org](mailto:catherine.townsend@churchofengland.org) / 020 7898 1885).

# Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2012

The fourth annual Big Lunch will fall on the same weekend as the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. So anyone who would like to celebrate and commemorate the Queen's 60 year reign can do so by holding a **Big Jubilee Lunch!**

As announced by Buckingham Palace **The Big Jubilee Lunch** will be a part of the main programme of events over the central weekend of Diamond Jubilee celebrations in June 2012.

Some 10 million people came out in sunny 1977 to celebrate the Silver Jubilee so we hope a large number of people will take part in The Big Lunch for the first time in 2012 - joining the well over a million of us that have been doing it for the last 3 years!

The beauty of The Big Lunch is that people themselves decide everything about their own event. The venue can be wherever you want or have space, the theme whatever you fancy - food and people are the key ingredients. For example, if you want to raise money for charity do it, if you want to play music feel free (just so long as other neighbours are happy!). You can close your road if you fancy a big street party or use a local park for a small community BBQ - it really is up to you.

**More information at [www.thebiglunch.com](http://www.thebiglunch.com)**

Quite simply we want to get as many people as possible to sit down and have lunch with their neighbours on the first Sunday in June.

After all The Big Lunch is all about community, friendship and fun!

**Could you organise a BIG JUBILEE LUNCH EVENT for our Church Community? If so, please speak to Patsy (648 4379) who is our social events co-ordinator.**

## **Diamond Jubilee: Elizabeth - Child of Destiny**

*David Winter, former head of Religion for the BBC.*

In 1926 a baby girl was born to the younger son of King George V. She was named Elizabeth and was joined a few years later by a sister, Margaret Rose. Growing up in royal circles, in the custom of the time they were privately educated at home.

Elizabeth knew from an early age that her father was a royal prince, but it would probably never have occurred to her that he might one day be the King nor, even more improbably, that she would one day be Queen. After all, the Prince of Wales and heir to the throne was the very popular and personable Edward. Her father was altogether of a more retiring nature and - as the whole world now knows - was handicapped by a serious stutter.

When Elizabeth was ten an event occurred which shook the nation and was destined to change the whole course of her life. Edward, Prince of Wales, had become king on the death of his father in 1936. However, before his coronation he made it known that he wished to marry an American woman, Wallis Simpson, who was divorced. That would probably not seem an insurmountable problem today - after all, the current heir to the throne is married to a divorced woman - but in 1936 it provoked a constitutional crisis.

The Archbishop of Canterbury was opposed to the marriage. The Prime Minister, Stanley Baldwin, and his cabinet came to the conclusion that despite Edward's popularity it was unlikely that the people would ever accept Mrs Simpson as his Consort, let alone their Queen.

The newspapers had a field day, the nation was in uproar, and a new ditty was added to children's playground repertoire:

*Hark the herald angels sing,  
Mrs Simpson stole our king.*

Of course, she hadn't 'stolen' him. Far from it. Everything he said indicated that - as he put it in his last broadcast speech to the nation - he could not achieve anything 'without the support of the woman I love'.

The final outcome was inevitable. Edward signed an Act of Abdication, and as he did so his younger brother George automatically became king - and the young Elizabeth (though she may not at that moment have realised it) became heir to the throne.

A story was told at the time of the two sisters, Elizabeth and Margaret, being challenged in Windsor Great Park, where they were playing, by a security guard who didn't realise who they were. 'Now then, you two, what are you doing here? Who are you?'

Elizabeth, taking responsibility for her younger sister, replied, 'Oh, we're nobody. But our daddy is the King'. So he was - somewhat reluctantly. But he had an almost painful aversion to the public spotlight that now inevitably followed him, his strong and dedicated wife (another Elizabeth) and the two small girls.

Storm clouds were gathering over Europe. Hitler was demanding more territory in which to build his Arian dreamland. Already Jews were being rounded up and labelled in Germany and Austria. The new King and his family, together with the people he was pledged to serve, were about to face a monumental test of courage, character and resolve.



## **Taizé Service Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am at St Chad's**

Following the success of the Taizé service run by Sam Jackson in Sept 2011, the PCC has agreed to another service in the Taizé Style. There will be a Junior Church Session so that parents will be able to join in with the service.

There will be some rehearsals in advance of the day for those who would like to learn some of the music and help with the singing or play an instrument on the day. More details will follow of how you can get involved.

## **What is Taizé?**

Taizé is an interdenominational religious community in the Burgundy region of France which was started by Brother Roger when he bought a small church in the village, since when it has developed in size considerably. Each year Taizé is visited by tens of thousands of people from all over the world, who come to stand back from their everyday life and search for God's will in their lives. There are over 100 brothers, some in the community in France, and others in areas of extreme poverty all over the world. The lifestyle of the Brothers is very simple and visitors to Taizé fit in with the community which carries on regardless of whether there are 5 or 5000 pilgrims. There are 3 services a day for all pilgrims. These are of a simple style involving simple chants, silence and a reading, with translations so that pilgrims of all nationalities can worship together.

A week at Taizé is based on Holy Week, building up to prayers at the cross on Friday, a festival of light on Saturday evening with candles being lit and held by everyone in church, and on Sunday morning a Eucharist service.

## **Forgiveness**

A Sunday School teacher had just concluded her lesson and wanted to make sure she had made her point. She said, "Can anyone tell me what you must do before you can obtain forgiveness of sin?" There was a short pause and then, from the back of the room, a small boy spoke up. "Sin," he said.

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## **Kiss kiss**

An honest seven-year-old admitted calmly to her parents that Billy Brown had kissed her after class. "How did that happen?" gasped her mother. "It wasn't easy," admitted the young lady, "but three girls helped me catch him."



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## **What it's worth**

A man and his ten-year-old son were on a fishing trip miles from home. At the boy's insistence, they decided to attend the Sunday worship service at a small rural church. The father forgot to bring any cash, so he reached in his pocket and gave his son 10p to drop in the offering plate as it was passed.

As they walked back to their car after the service, the father complained. "The service was too long," he lamented. "The sermon was boring, and the singing was off key." Finally the boy said, "Daddy, I thought it was pretty good for 10p."

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## **One-liners that we promise will make you groan....**

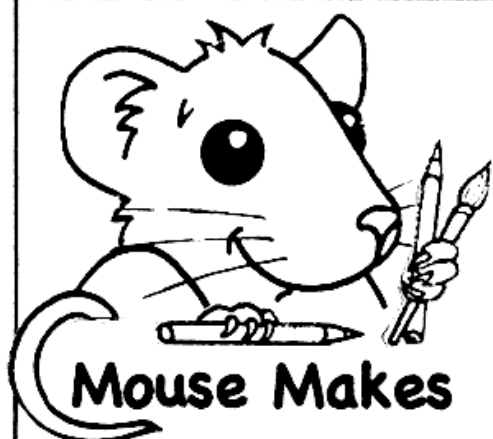
1. My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30 this morning, can you believe that? 2:30am?

Luckily for him I was still up playing my bagpipes.

2. A mate of mine admitted to being addicted to brake fluid. When I quizzed him on it, he reckoned he could stop any time.

3. My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were £70. "Blow this," I thought, "I can get one cheaper off the web."

4. I was driving this morning when I saw an RAC van parked by the road. The driver was sobbing uncontrollably. I thought to myself, "That guy's heading for a breakdown."

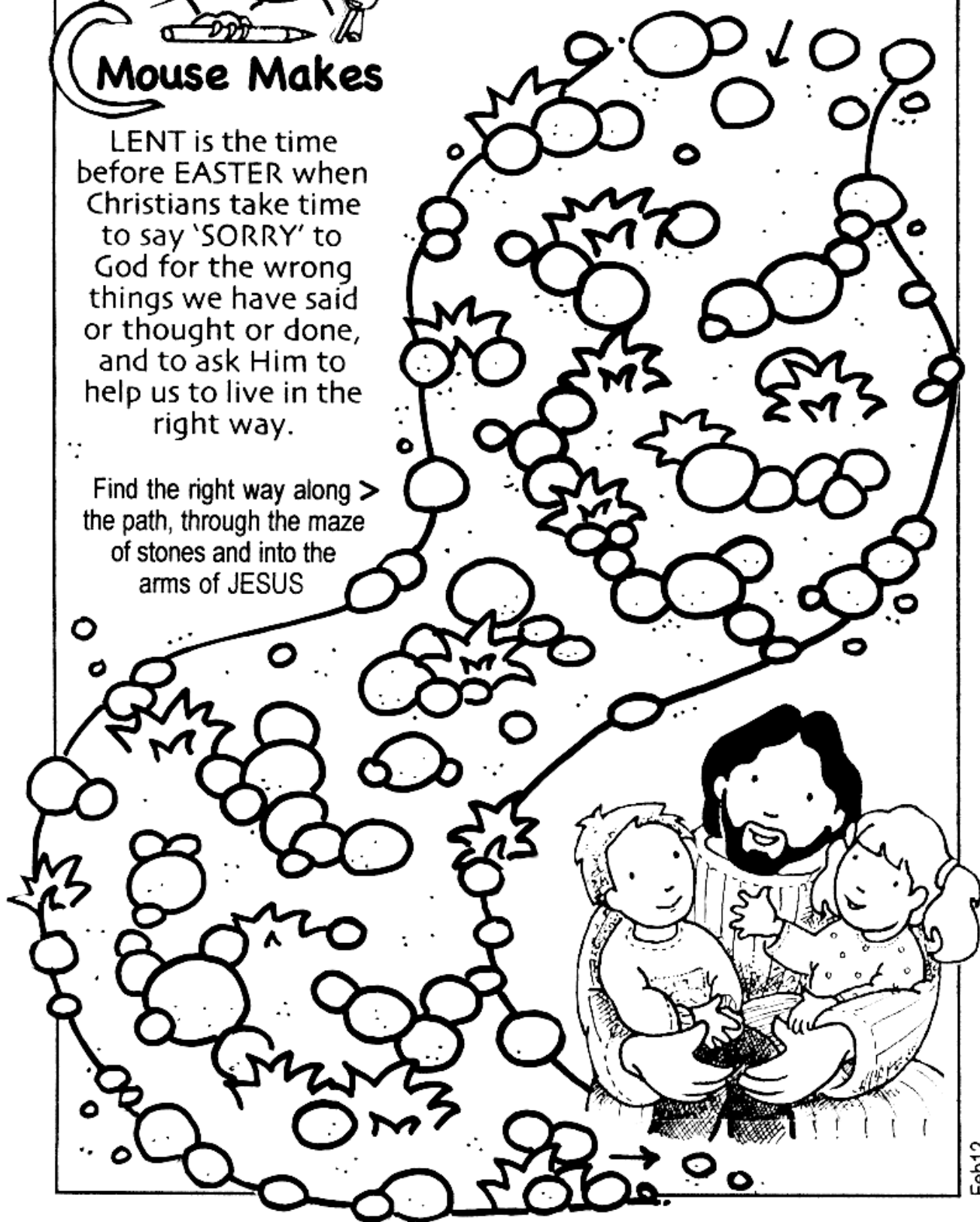


"Teach me how to live,  
O LORD.  
Lead me along  
the right path..."

Psalm 27:11

LENT is the time  
before EASTER when  
Christians take time  
to say 'SORRY' to  
God for the wrong  
things we have said  
or thought or done,  
and to ask Him to  
help us to live in the  
right way.

Find the right way along >  
the path, through the maze  
of stones and into the  
arms of JESUS



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## Lightline Pilgrimages

### **Bishop returns to Middle East to lead 2012 Holy Land Pilgrimage**

Bishop Lindsay Urwin, OGS, Administrator of the Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham ([www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk](http://www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk)) is to lead a second Walsingham Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 26 November - 4 December this year following a highly successful similar visit in 2010.

Pilgrims will follow in the footsteps of Jesus in Palestine and modern day Israel, on a journey of reflection and celebration.

A key aim of the pilgrimage will be to meet with local Palestinian Christians who will lead the group around the sacred sites and will also visit the place of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, meditate on the Sea of Galilee and follow the *via dolorosa* in Jerusalem.

Pilgrims will be able to renew their baptism vows in the River Jordan and their marriage vows at Cana of Galilee as well as taking part in services each day.

A highlight of the pilgrimage will be a visit to the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth. Walsingham is often referred to as "England's Nazareth".

To help enhance the pilgrimage visits to St Catherine's Monastery, the Red Sea and Mount Sinai where according to tradition God gave laws to the Israelites, are available as an extra five day excursion (3-7 December).

Bishop Urwin said today: "I hope many will want to join us on this spiritual journey following in the steps of our Lord and support our Christian brothers and sisters in this region. We will celebrate the Sacraments, pray together, and open up the Scriptures in the place where it happened."

#### **Notes:**

Many other important pilgrimage places are included on the programme. Brochures are available on [www.lightline.org.uk](http://www.lightline.org.uk) or by calling 01992 576065.

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## **Church Services**

### **Sunday Services**

#### **St Bartholomew's**

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

**5th February**  
3rd Sunday before Lent  
Education Sunday

#### **St Chad's**

9.30am Family Service

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

**12th February**  
2nd before Lent

9.30am Holy Communion

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

**19th February**  
Sunday next before Lent

9.30am Morning Worship

**22nd February**  
ASH WEDNESDAY

**10.15am Holy Communion**  
**7.30pm Holy Communion**

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

**26th February**  
Lent 1

9.30am Family Communion

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