

# Crosstalk

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## March



2012





## Diary Dates

**Wednesday 29th February**

EMU

'Zumba' Taster Session

8pm at St Chad's

**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'

Afternoon Service at

Heswall Methodist.

Evening Service at

St Michaels & All Angels, Pensby

7.30pm

**Wednesday 7th March**

Meeting about re-launch of

'Praise & Play

1.30pm at St Chad's

**Sunday 11th March**

M.U. Wave of Prayer

9am. St. Chads

**Sunday 25th March**

M.U. 'Deanery Festival'

Christ Church, Barnston 3pm

**Wednesday 21st March**

EMU 'Through the Keyhole',

Interview with Revd Jane

8pm at St Chad's

**Saturday 31st March**

Men's Breakfast 9-10am

at Aroma Café, Irby

## Notices

# Sunday 25th March

*Set Your*  
**CLOCKS**  
*Forward*



## *From the Registers*

### *Funerals*

*We commend to God's eternal care*

*20th February*

*Ellis Evans*

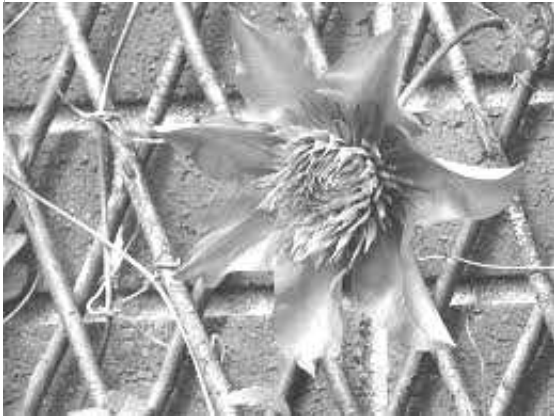
*29th February*

*Alan Frederick Joshua*

## From your rector

Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter on Ash Wednesday, and so my thoughts are on Lenten Discipline. Discipline is a word which can have negative connotations for us, but let me share with you an example of how we could consider our Lenten Discipline as something positive:-



"When I provide a trellis for my clematis plant and, from time to time, entwine a few more tendrils so that it may progress upwards, I'm disciplining it, not punishing it. The trellis provides stability, making the clematis less likely to be battered down by wind and rain. I keep the plant in contact with the

trellis because I want it to become all that a clematis can be. An undisciplined clematis in a heap on the ground is not only less able to benefit from the sunlight and display it's glory. It's also at the mercy of slugs and passing boots. I'm disciplining it for its own good."

"In an age in which "style matters" and appearance so often hold sway over substance, why should I spend time attending to my inner life? The short answer is that the scriptures see it as important: while "man looks at the outward appearance ... the lord looks at the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7). Medical campaigners champion the cause of the physical heart, for the sake of quality of life as well as longevity. The Great Physician would also have us attend to our inner being, to that other "heart", which includes the mind and the will. He wants us to open this heart to his scrutiny and to apply his wise counsel on how to care for it.



The book of Proverbs says, "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life" (4:23, italics mine). If I'm committed to following God's declared priorities, that's the issue resolved, then!

Far from being the preserve of those in ivory towers or hermit cells, matters relating to spiritual formation and transformation, and to character development, are foundational to Christian life and faith in every context and at every level - and these processes necessarily involve the heart.....

Our hearts are, among other things, the arenas for the battle to learn trust, and the places in which habits (godly or otherwise) are eventually solidified into character. God created them to be worship-filled, holy places with himself in residence; garden in which the fruit of his spirit may grow."<sup>2</sup>



So will you take care of your heart? Will you take time this month to "train yourself to be godly" (1 Timothy 4v7-8)? Will you make yourself a Lenten discipline of coming to church every week? Will you make yourself a Lenten discipline of coming to the sessions "Ways to pray" (details on page 7)? Will you make yourself a Lenten discipline to go out of your way to show God's love to someone each day? Will you make your Lenten discipline to .....

May God's blessing rest upon you "grow in discipline and faith" in this Lenten Season.

*Rev'd Jane*

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2. "Shaping the Heart" by Pamela Evans p9

## Mothers' Union



Our A.G.M. last month was followed by a discussion about the future of the branch. February 2013 will be the time for changes on the committee as we enter a new triennium. We will be needing a new branch leader, treasurer and several committee members. I realise it is early to be talking about next year but, as we are all getting older, we need to think

about things. We have started discussions with E.M.U.s' Jeanette Appleton, Deanery Leader, and our Rector Jane. What we would really like are some new younger members!!

After all the talking we had a 'Mosquito Drive' which was hilarious as none of us could understand the jumbled rules. In future we will stick with the 'Beetle'.

### Prayer

As we enter the season of Lent, Holy Spirit of God, inspirer of all that is good and true in life, come into our hearts and fill them with your light and strength. So that we may live no longer for ourselves alone, but for Him who died and rose again for us - Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Amen

### Diary Dates :

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

March 2nd. Fri. W.W.D.P.

March 11th. Sun. 9am. St. Chads M.U. Wave of Prayer

March 25th. Sun. 3pm. Christ Church, Barnston 'Deanery Festival'

God Bless

Sue Burns

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

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

*Mar 22nd: Silent Prayer and Lectio Divina*



**Third Thursday of each month**

this month: Mar 15th

**8.00pm at the Rectory**

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

All are Welcome

Together we will seek God's Vision for our church communities.

# 'Food for Thought'

Keith Sinclair Bishop of Birkenhead



Five Talks, Five questions, Five Evenings

7.00-8.00pm Free admission

St.Mary's Church

Church Road/Ford Road Junction

Upton Wirral CH49 6LZ

Join us for any or all of the talks.

30th March to 4th April 2012 (see below)

## **Friday 30th March**

What about suffering and a God of love?

## **Saturday 31st March**

What about science and a God who creates?

## **No meeting on Sunday evening**

## **Monday 2nd April**

What about Jesus and a God who becomes human?

## **Tuesday 3d April**

What about the future and a God of judgement?

## **Wednesday 4th April**

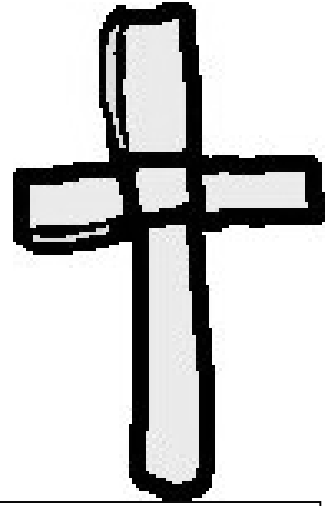
What about Me and a God who saves?

[www.stm-upton.org.uk](http://www.stm-upton.org.uk) for directions

0151 677 1186 for more information



## Holy Week and Easter Services



### Palm Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's  
9.30am Morning Worship at St Chad's  
11.15am NO SERVICE due to EGG RUN! (see below)  
6.30pm Evening Worship at St Bartholomew's

### **Egg Run and Palm Sunday**

In June 2011, Revd Jane discovered that the Egg Run was once again planned for Palm Sunday (despite assurances in 2010 that this would not be the case) she contacted the Egg Run Community Liaison Officer to express concern about the difficulties this creates for St Bartholomew's. Following months of negotiation, in Nov 2011, Revd Jane received a letter from Merseyside Police stating that they "would not support the event taking place on Palm Sunday in 2013 in recognition that you and your congregation should have the opportunity to worship at your own church on this date, having not been able to do so for a number of years."

If you usually attend the 11.15am service  
PLEASE do come to either 8.00am, 9.30am or 6.30pm on Palm Sunday

### Maundy Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April

7.30pm Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's  
*There is also a service at 11.00am at Chester Cathedral*

### Good Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April

10.00am Walk of Witness  
followed by Hot Cross Buns. Start and Finish  
at St Chad's  
2.00pm "Hour at the Cross"  
Meditative Service at St. Bartholomew's

### Easter Day 8<sup>th</sup> April

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's  
9.30am Family Communion at St Chad's  
11.15am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's  
6.30pm Evening Worship at St Bartholomew's



## **Diamond Jubilee: Elizabeth - pt 2. The War Years 'Not Majesty, but Service'**

Elizabeth was 13 when the Second World War began, and 18 when it ended - five years that undoubtedly influenced in profound ways the rest of her life. Her father and mother, the King and Queen, decided to remain in London or at Windsor throughout the War, and were conspicuously present through the years of the blitz - not only in London, but visiting other cities which suffered from bombing, usually on the morning after the attacks.

There were many press and newsreel pictures of them standing in the ruins of bombed streets talking to those made homeless or to the tireless volunteer air raid wardens and the members of the emergency services. When eventually a bomb struck Buckingham Palace, the King remarked that his family was now truly one with his people, because they too had experienced their home being attacked.

The two young sisters shared all these experiences. They were not sent to safe hide-outs in the country, but endured the full horror of night after night of incessant air raids. Doubtless Elizabeth, knowing that she was heir to the throne, noted her parents' total identification with their people and learnt that royalty was primarily about service, not majesty.

Towards the end of the War she joined the Women's Royal Army Corps, training as a driver, and was also appointed Counsellor of State, which would mean that she could assume public responsibilities in the event of her father being absent or incapacitated for any reason. She had undertaken her first public appearance in 1943, visiting the Grenadier Guards and being appointed their Colonel in Chief. All of this happened while she was still in her teens - a fast track to adulthood, indeed.

Her childhood and adolescence were in any case hardly 'normal', not only because of the way royal children were brought up in those days, but also because of the impact of the war. Those were strange times in which to be young. Bombs, food shortages, air raid shelters, evacuation and conscription for National Service at eighteen were simply part of the growing up process. Even those not directly involved knew that these were day to day experiences for millions of young people.

Eventually the War in Europe came to an end, with massive celebrations all over the country, but especially in London. The princesses were given permission to slip out of Buckingham Palace anonymously and join the crowds in Trafalgar Square and the Mall. It was a memorable experience - as Elizabeth recalled, "linking arms and walking down Whitehall, swept along on a tide of happiness and relief". Somehow the two royal teenagers went unrecognised, and were able to share in that extraordinary display of joy and thankfulness. Hostilities would continue in the Far East for a while, until the dark shadows of atomic bombs brought that conflict to an end as well.

When Elizabeth was 13 she had met for the first time a tall and handsome distant relative, Philip, the son of a Greek prince and princess, who was serving as a young officer in the Royal Navy. She was deeply smitten, we later learnt, and the seeds were perhaps sown in her thoughts of an alliance that would eventually prove one of the most enduring love stories of modern times.

For now, though, it was a new life of increasing responsibility. Her father did not enjoy robust health and his elder daughter, an attractive young woman who became the spotlight of what we would now call media attention, was quietly learning a role in life with which she would one day become totally familiar.

*By David Winter*

# **Your local RSPCA needs your help!**

*The RSPCA are desperate for cat supplies. If you could possibly help in anyway with the items below then it would be greatly appreciated, and you could drop them off at the collection point at the entrance in St Chad's **before 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2012.***

## *Supplies needed*

- ◇ *Cat food*
- ◇ *Cat toys*
- ◇ *Old clean towels and blankets.*

*The RSPCA are pleading for people to help so please if you can, do so.*

**Ellie**

(1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston  
Guides)

## MAKE WAY FOR MUM

It's possible to make a few fairly specific forecasts about Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup>. The most certain is that all over Britain mothers will receive cards, the best ones being home-made with crayons or felt-tip pens and featuring hearts and smiley faces. There may well be presents, too, carefully if clumsily packaged and containing one or more of the following: chocolate (in various forms), cosmetics, handkerchiefs or funny aprons.

From a more senior source (if the recipient is lucky) might come some flowers, a book, some half-decent perfume, or a subscription to a fashion magazine. If, however, he's got it wrong (as he usually does) she might find herself with a toaster, a new iron or even a season ticket for the local football club. It's *Mothers' Day*!

Of course, as far as the Church is concerned it's nothing of the kind. It's 'Mothering Sunday', which sounds quite menacing, really - too near 'smother' for comfort. Yet it did all start in church long ago, with a Lesson for the fourth Sunday of Lent which included the phrase 'Jerusalem which is above, the mother of us all' and a tradition of welcoming apprentices home halfway through the Lenten fast, bearing simnel cakes for their mothers.

But then the greeting card industry got interested, the occasion spread to America and *bingo* - it was suddenly big business. Of course it's more than that. It's also a very welcome opportunity to recognise that mothers tend to play a rather big role in everyone's life and to say 'thanks' to them. On the whole, Mothering Sunday/Mothers' Day is definitely a 'good thing'.

It's also quite a good thing for the church, because families like to come together on this particular day, and by tradition (fairly recent, I suspect) posies of flowers are provided for the children to give to their mums - and sometimes grandmas, too. Because the following weekend is the feast of the Annunciation (the angel Gabriel telling Mary that she was going to have a baby), preachers may justifiably point out how crucial the role of motherhood is in the whole Christian story. All those paintings and stained glass windows of the Madonna and Child remind us that, just like all the rest of us, Jesus had a mother who fed and nurtured him, guided him through the years of childhood and stood by him later on when things were dark and dreadful.

Some chocolate, some flowers, a phone call, a nice lunch out - only a gesture, perhaps, but they are ways of saying 'thank you, mum'. She deserves it, doesn't she?



## Housing crisis – for barn owls

Catching sight of a barn owl flitting through the dusk is a magical but increasingly elusive experience.... in the past 80 years, the number of barn owls has declined by more than 70 per cent.

A major problem is that nowadays barn owls struggle to find somewhere to call 'home'. The loss of old hollow trees and the conversion of barns into houses all over the country has dramatically reduced the supply of traditional nesting sites for these wonderful birds. It is estimated that as many as four in every five barn owls now use nestboxes.

So – how can you help? By adopting a box in one of seven regions across the country. During the breeding season conservationists carefully monitor the boxes, and report on the birds who have moved in. Nest boxes can be as big as a kennel, and require expert installation. Sometimes eggs are laid and young are reared. Sometimes a box set up for barn owls has another family move in, instead: tawny owls, little owls and kestrels have become happy lodgers. The nests of all birds of prey are protected, and barn owls have additional legal protection. Visit: [www.hawkandowl.org/](http://www.hawkandowl.org/)



## Don't let a fall get you down

It may surprise readers to know that falls are costing the NHS over £800 million a year. As the population ages, slips and trips are also causing pain and anguish to thousands of unwary victims. Around 30 per cent of adults who are over 65 and living at home will experience at least one fall a year. The figure rises to 50 per cent of adults over 80 who are either at home or in residential care.

Older people are being urged to see their GP if they have a fall or start feeling unsteady, even if they feel fine otherwise. There could be many reasons and the GP can, with your agreement, refer you for a falls risk assessment which will be geared to your individual needs.

A fall can change your life. Apart from hip and other injuries, a person can lose confidence, become withdrawn and feel as if they have lost their independence. The following tips from the charity Age UK may help you, or someone you know, to avoid injury:

- \* If you have arthritis in your spine or neck, move your head slowly to avoid dizziness.
- \* Keep warm. Cold muscles don't work as well and may lead to accidents.
- \* Sitting or standing up too quickly can make you feel light-headed. Move slowly and in stages. Tensing your arms and legs a few times before getting up from a chair, or sitting on the side of the bed for a while before rising, can be helpful.

Apart from heart disease or dementia, there are less obvious conditions that can cause people to fall. Low blood pressure (hypotension) can cause dizziness, as can disabilities that affect balance, such as labyrinthitis (inflammation deep inside the ear).

*For more information on this issue, call Age UK Advice free on 0800 169 65 65*

*The Rev Dr Roger Roberts considers a problem we all have...*

### **Lent – a time to think about sinning**

Lent is a month to think about sinning. When people sin against us, we get hurt. (Have you ever been lied to? Been robbed? It hurts.) When we sin against others, we also get hurt: we feel guilty before God, we lose our self-respect, and we feel isolated.

The little book of 1 John, in the New Testament, talks a lot about sin. John did not write in anger, but out of deep pastoral concern. His desire was that those who name Jesus as their Lord face the reality of sin in their lives. He wanted them to learn to avoid it as a pattern that ruled their lives.

John reminded his readers that God is perfect light, holy, and the source of all life, truth and beauty. Christ, his son, the Light of the World, came to redeem us from our separation from him caused by sin, which has marred the world since the fall of Adam and Eve.

So what is sin? The Bible says that sin includes not only physical indulgences of our selfish appetites, but also our lustful, angry and hateful thoughts, as well as our self-righteousness, selfish ambition, divisive spirit, and pride.

All of the Law of God, Jesus said, is summarized in the Great Commandment to love God with our entire being and our neighbour as ourselves (Mark 12:28-34), and not one of us in light of these commands can claim to be without sin (Luke 10:25-37).

As John makes clear in his short epistle, even God's being-saved, true believers will be guilty, perhaps even daily, of single acts of sin. Even though true believers have been released from the dominance of the habitual patterns of sinful behaviour, and have access to the liberating, victorious power of the Spirit for new life in Christ, we still, as long as we remain in these sin-prone bodies, will commit sin.

Yet this is not to discourage us, but to encourage us to take action. Our Father in heaven is a loving Father, waiting for us to come back to him, confessing each sinful failure, each hour of each day, if necessary. There's no sin so great as to separate you from the Father's mercy, grace, forgiveness and love. And through the Holy Spirit, we can become more Christ-like in our nature. It is a growth process, and we need to start growing now. This month is the perfect time for you to return to the Father's house, and receive and celebrate his complete forgiveness.

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## March Recipe - Sticky Toffee Pudding

This pudding is now so popular that I am afraid its originator may be forgotten. It was Francis Coulson who in 1945 opened his hotel at Sharrow Bay on Ullswater, he brought a hint of luxury cooking in those grey post-war days. His fortieth anniversary was celebrated in 1988 by many friends and with good wishes from all over the world. This recipe is very much in the English tradition.

### INGREDIENTS

75g(3oz) butter

140g (5oz) castor sugar

2 eggs

170g (6oz) S.R. flour

170g (6oz) stoned dates

150ml (½ pint) boiling water

½ tsp vanilla extract

2 tsp coffee essence

¾ tsp bicarbonate of soda

### Method

Grease an 18cm (7") loose-bottomed square cake tin.

Put dates into a pan, pour boiling water over them and bring them to the boil. Remove from stove, stir in bicarbonate of soda and leave to stand.

Cream butter and sugar, add eggs bit by bit. Fold in flour then the dates and their juice, plus the vanilla extract and coffee essence. Pour into the tin and bake for 30-40minutes.

### Sauce

200g (7oz) soft brown sugar

140g (5oz) butter

6 tablespoons double cream

½ teaspoon vanilla extract

Make the sauce by mixing the ingredients and bringing them to the boil, simmer for 3 minutes. Pour some of the sauce over the cooked pudding, put back in the oven for the sauce to be absorbed and bubble to a nice golden brown. Serve the rest of the sauce in a separate jug. To serve, cut into squares.

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If you think the sauce is too rich, a spoonful of golden syrup is rather nice. In fact some of my family prefer this. It is worth buying the vanilla extract, not the vanilla flavouring.

Hope you enjoy this pudding.

Betty Rimmer



# **Annual Parochial Church Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2012 6.00pm St Chad's**

Please put the date in your diary  
More information next month.



## **Men's Breakfast**



Saturday 31st March 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 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December



## Paws of Praise

This month Crufts will attract thousands of the most glamorous dogs in the country to the NEC in Birmingham. But there are other dogs, who are also very deserving of praise: the 'canine partners' who act as assistants to people with disabilities throughout the country.

A 'canine partner' can do things you would hardly believe possible. 'Shake hands', 'roll over', 'heel' are all just puppy-stuff....these 'canine partners' fetch house keys, pens, purses, boxes and letters. They can put dirty laundry into a washing machine and take clean laundry out of a washing machine. They can give the purse to the check-out girl at the supermarket, and take it back and carry it home. They can open doors, pull light switches on and off, work lifts and pedestrian crossing buttons. All in all, these dogs can transform the daily life of a person with disabilities.

If you love dogs, and would like to consider helping the charity in some way, or even becoming a 'puppy walker' for Canine Partners, visit [www.caninepartners.co.uk/](http://www.caninepartners.co.uk/) or ring 08456 580 480

*Nigel Beeton used to love to watch the skylarks when he was out for a walk, but he has neither heard nor seen one for ages! Where have they all gone?*

### **The Lark Ascending?**

O where have all the skylarks gone?  
O how I miss their thrilling song  
That so enlivened times gone by,  
As skylarks circled in the sky.

How I recall that, as a boy  
I'd lay me down and just enjoy  
The larksong high up in the air,  
As they would make their music fair.

Today we listen out in vain  
To hear the skylark's sweet refrain,  
For they have vanished, with their joys,  
Instead we just hear traffic noise.

And yet, perhaps, it's not too late,  
To spare the lark the dodo's fate;  
Please Lord, I pray, before I die,  
I'll hear a skylark in the sky.

*By Nigel Beeton*

# 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.**

# **Taizé Service**

## **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

### **10.00am at St Chad's**



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

Rehearsal dates are for anyone who would like to learn some of the music and help with the singing or play an instrument on the day. Just come to as many of the rehearsal dates as you can manage. They are deliberately on different days of the week to make this more possible! We need as many people as possible at the final rehearsal!

#### **Rehearsals:-**

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> March 7.30-8.30pm**

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> March 8.15-9.15pm**

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> April 7.30-8.30pm**

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Apr 8.15-9.15pm**

**This service is open to ANYONE from ANY  
Congregation**

8.00am, 11.15am and 6.30pm will all run as usual.

**See February Cross Talk magazine  
for more information about Taizé.**

## **CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL – 2012 REVISION**

This year the roll will be subject to the usual annual review. Current members will automatically remain on the roll and new members can be added until the end of March.

Members are reminded that to be a member of the roll a person's main place of residence must be within the parish or they must be a regular attendee at worship.

Only members of the roll will be entitled to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which will be held on 22nd April 2012, and be elected to hold office in the parish and/or deanery.

We ask existing members to check their entry, correct any errors and/or update their address.

The roll is the official record of all those who are members of our churches and reflects the depth and strength of our parish. Anyone aged 16 years or older who is baptized and is a member of the Church of England, (or a church in communion with the Church of England) and lives within the parish boundary, or lives outside the parish boundary but is a habitual attendee at our services is entitled to be a member of the roll. We, therefore, strongly encourage all those who regularly attend our churches to become members of the roll.

Application forms are available at the back of each church or from the Parish Office (648-8169).

## How God works

A grandmother was taking her young grandson for a walk in the park. The daffodils were in bloom, and it was a beautiful Spring day. Wanting to encourage her grandson's spiritual understanding of the world, she said: "Doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God did all this?"

Her grandson replied: "Oh yes, and God did it left handed, too." In astonishment, the grandmother asked what he meant. "Well, he must have done," said her grandson, "because we learned at Sunday School last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand."

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## Ask children about angels...(and this is what you get!)

Angels talk all the way while they're flying you up to heaven. The main subject is where you went wrong before you got dead. - Daniel, age 9

When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath and counts to ten. And when he lets out his breath again, somewhere there's a tornado. - Reagan, age 10

Angels have a lot to do and they keep very busy. If you lose a tooth, an angel comes in through your window and leaves money under your pillow. Then when it gets cold, angels go south for the winter. - Sara, age 6

Angels live in cloud houses made by God and his son, who's a very good carpenter. - Jared, age 8

All angels are girls because they gotta wear dresses and boys didn't go for it. - Antonio, age 9

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## Naughty mummy



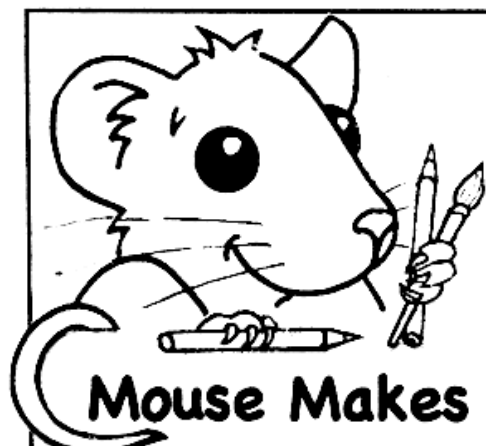
A mother asked her young son, as they waited for the bus, to tell the driver he was five years old, because then he would ride for free. As they got into the bus the driver asked him how old he was. "I am five years old," said the little boy proudly.

The driver had a son of his own that age, and smiled. "And when will you be six years old?" he asked. "When I get off the bus," answered the boy.

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## On the road

A teenager was always asking his parents if he could borrow the family car. Pushed to the limit one day, the father demanded of his son why he thought 'The Almighty' had given him two feet. Without hesitation, the son replied: "That's easy, one for the clutch and one for the accelerator."



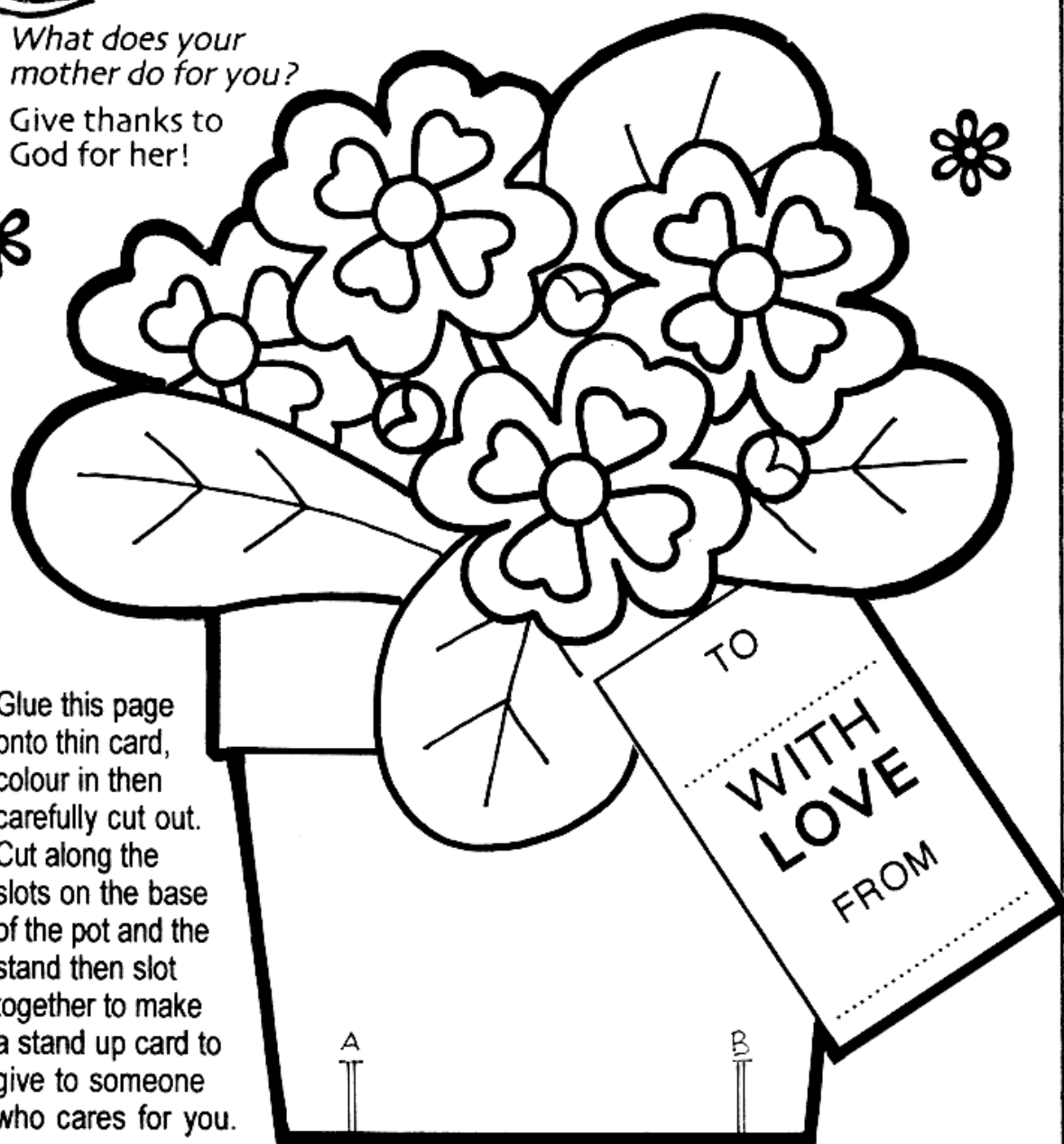
What does your mother do for you?

Give thanks to God for her!

Jesus was **loved** by his mother Mary...  
...she **cared** for him, **worried**  
about him and **prayed** for him,  
she washed his clothes,  
cooked his food and  
**hugged** him when he cried.

Mary cuddled Jesus when he was  
born, cried when he died and rejoiced  
when he rose from the dead.

Glue this page  
onto thin card,  
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of the pot and the  
stand then slot  
together to make  
a stand up card to  
give to someone  
who cares for you.



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### **Sunday Services**

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

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

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

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

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion (Bishop Keith)  
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 **NO SERVICE (See page 9)**  
6.30pm Holy Communion

7.30pm Holy Communion

2.00pm

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

**26th February**  
Lent 1

**4th March**  
Lent 2

**11th March**  
Lent 3  
Thanksgiving Sunday

**18th March**  
Lent 4  
Mothering Sunday

**25th March**  
Lent 5

**1st April**  
Palm Sunday

**5th April**  
Maundy Thursday

**6th April**  
Good Friday

**8th April**  
Easter Day

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9.30am Family Communion

9.30am Family Service

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Morning Worship  
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10.00am

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