

<u>Thank You</u> The fantastic sum of £917.88, which includes Gift Aid, has been raised for Open Door from the Sponsored Swim. 69 people (some not connected with the Parish) generously gave for the Swim. Many thanks to both Sallys for completing this challenge. Also raised for the Open Door £220 from the Burns Evening (in conjunction with North Wirral Rotary) - thanks to Archie Peat; and £114 from the Birkenhead Land Registry Staff Charity Fund - thanks to Julie DeBoorder.

<u>PCC Meeting</u> The PCC will meet on Monday 12th March, 7.30pm at St Chad's. Main items on the agenda will be to confirm the accounts and the annual report. If you have any items of concern or questions about the life of the church, that you would like the PCC to consider, please speak to Revd Jane or any member of the PCC.

<u>Praise and Play:</u> We had a meeting last week regarding the possibility of starting a "Praise and Play" style parent and toddler group after Easter. Sadly only one grandparent came to the meeting. Without the support of parents/carers and other church members it will be impossible for the church to run such a group, so if you intended to come to the meeting and were unable to, or simply forgot when it was happening Revd Jane would love to hear from you. Alternatively, if the Wednesday afternoon timing was the issue but you'd love to be involved with this kind of group on

a different day or time of day, please let me know.

Wellspring Thursday March 15th, 8pm at The Rectory.

EMU Wednesday 21st March 'Through the Keyhole', Interview with Revd Jane.

Ways to Pray Alternate Thursdays in Lent. March 22nd: Silent Prayer and Lectio Divina.

<u>Guides</u> We are again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers and Tesco for Schools and Clubs vouchers. If you don't normally give them to anyone else , please place them in the box or give to Revd Jane, we will be very grateful. <u>'Mothers' Union on the Move' Quiz</u> Lands' End to John O'Groats by Public Bus August 9th - 15th 2012. Please see Chris in the office if you would like to purchase a quiz for £1. Answers to sports and games quiz on notice board.

<u>Electoral Roll</u> Revised Electoral Roll now being displayed. The roll will be revised by Saturday 31st March. Current members need take no action, except to check details are correct. Anyone wishing to be added to the roll must be resident within the parish or be a regular attendee at worship. Please complete an application form and return to John Roberts c/o the parish office.

<u>West Wirral Scout & Guide Gang Show</u> present 'A Night at the Movies' at Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight on Thursday 29th - Saturday 31st March at 7.30pm, (2.30pm Sat Matinee). Adults £8, Concs/child £6. Ticket Hotline:07905 534 906 http://www.wwgangshow.org.uk

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All :Glory to you, O Lord

13The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables.

15Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. 16He told those who were selling the doves,

'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!'

17His disciples remembered that it was

written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

18The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?'

19Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.'

20They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?'

21But he was speaking of the temple of his body.

22After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Collect

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,

grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings for Today Ex 20:1-17 1 Cor 1:18-25 John 2:13-22

Readings for 18th March 1 Samuel 1:20-28 Col 3:12-17 John 19:25-27

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For the World: Please pray for the family & friends of the six soldiers killed in Afghanistan.

For the parish: Please pray for the APCM to be held on Sunday 22nd April.

For the sick: We continue to pray for Joseph Da Costa, and those known to us.

For the bereaved: Please pray for the family and friends of Josie Wakenham.

From the Anglican Prayer Cycle:

PRAY for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

The Most Revd Dr Paul Kwong Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island.

From the Diocesan Prayer Cycle:

Great Budworth Deanery

Worship, work and witness of all churches in the Deanery.