

# Crosstalk

*The Parish Magazine of St Bartholomew with St Chad*


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 THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of Chester





## Diary Dates

**Thursday 12th April**

M.U. "Simon, Geoff"

2.15pm at St Chad's

**Sunday 15th April**

Taize Service

10am at St Chad's

**Thursday 19th April**

Wellspring

8pm at the Rectory

**Sunday 22nd April**

APCM

6pm at St Chad's

**Wednesday 25th April**

EMU

all about 'Flame Radio'

(Christian and Community  
Radio station)

8pm at St Chad's

**Monday 30th April**

M.U. Coffee Morning

10.30am at St Nicholas, Greasby

**Thursday 3rd May**

M.U. Margaret Fletcher

2.15pm at St Chad's

## Notices

### St Chad's Tots and Tinies

We are hoping to launch this group in May on Thursday mornings. It will be run along the style of a parent/carer and toddler group and will be open to all. If you have a toddler and want more information (or would be willing to help on a rota basis) please give your name and contact details to Revd Jane or leave them at the parish office.

## *From the Registers*

### *Baptisms*

*We welcome into the  
Lord's family*

*25th March*

*Rupert Brickles*

### *Weddings*

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

*10th March*

*Jeremy Taylor &*

*Anna Green*

### *Funerals*

*We commend to God's  
eternal care*

*28th March*

*Humphrey King*

## From your rector

Dear Friends,

This month we celebrate the awesome good news of the risen Christ. When did you last share this awesome news with a friend or work colleague? Do you find it hard to explain to other people why you believe what you do? Maybe this story will help:-



### Faith and the barbershop

A man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed. As the barber worked, they began to talk about various subjects. When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said: 'I don't believe that God exists.'

'Why do you say that?' asked the customer.

'Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving God who would allow all of these things.'

The customer thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument. The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop. Just after he left the barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkempt. The customer turned back to enter the barbershop again and said to the barber: 'You know what? Barbers do not exist.'

'How can you say that?' asked the surprised barber. 'I am here, and I am a barber. And I just worked on you!'

'No!' the customer exclaimed. 'Barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside.'

'Ah, but barbers DO exist! That's what happens when people do not come to me.'

'Exactly!' affirmed the customer. 'That's the point! God, too, DOES exist! That's what happens when people do not go to him and don't look to him for help. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world.'

Why not invite someone to join you at Church this Easter? Let's tell the whole of Irby and Thurstaston that "Jesus is Alive"!

May the peace of the Risen Christ be Yours this Easter.

*Revd Jane Turner*



...rumours that we would be giving out easter eggs are unfounded - er, there aren't any left!

## MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Church Meetings will be held on Sunday 22 April 2012 at 6:00 pm in St Chad's. It is an opportunity for all parishioners to contribute to and be involved in the affairs of the Parish. Please come and give your support. The meeting will be followed by a short service for those who wish to stay.

We shall receive reports on the matters discussed by the Parochial Church Council, the financial affairs of the Church, the Deanery Synod and the associated Organisations. We shall also:

- ◇ discuss the independently inspected accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2011
- ◇ elect Church Wardens, who must be nominated and seconded in writing before the meeting (Churchwarden's Measure 2001)
- ◇ elect members of the Parochial Church Council
- ◇ appoint Sidespersons for the year
- ◇ receive a report on the Electoral Roll
- ◇ discuss any topics raised by parishioners.

Sidespersons' names are displayed in the churches on the duty rotas. If you wish to bring any topics forward for discussion, please notify the Rector or Secretary in advance of the meeting.

The Parochial Church Council currently comprises the Rector (Revd J Turner), the Churchwardens (Mr R Jackson and Mr J Roberts), the representatives to the Deanery Synod (Mr M Studholme, Mrs H Boothman and Mr C Smale, with one vacancy), all as *ex-officio* members, Mrs J Abbott, co-opted in 2010, and the following elected representatives of the congregation:

- ◊ Mr J Oliver, Mrs J DeBoorder and Dr E Norton-Jones, elected until 2012
- ◊ Mrs K Robson, Dr M James, Mrs S Lang, Mrs E Jones and Mr C Eden, elected until 2013.
- ◊ Mr A Whelen, Mr E Jones, Mr G Barley, Mrs B Appleyard and Mr C Vickers, elected until 2014.

Mr J Oliver, Mrs J DeBoorder and Dr E Norton-Jones retire from office this year but may be re-elected for a further three years. There are two further vacancies for election until 2015.

This means that there are five vacancies for elected members of the PCC, with three currently elected members available for re-election and one vacancy for a Deanery Synod representative until 2014, who will be ex-officio a member of the PCC. Mrs Abbott, who is currently a co-opted member of the PCC, may be elected to any of those vacancies.

Nominations for churchwardens must be received in writing in the proper form by the Rector before the meeting and may not be made after the meeting has begun.

Lists for nominations of Wardens, Sidespersons and members of the Council will be posted at the two churches. Please enter the names of nominees and sponsors. Any other members wishing to retire are asked to inform the Secretary well before the meeting.

**G.J. Barley (Hon. Secretary)**

**St Bartholomew's, Thurstaston and St Chad's, Irby**  
**Annual Meetings 2011**  
**27<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 6.00 pm**

**Welcome**

The Rector welcomed the 28 people present and opened the meetings with a prayer.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for Absence were received from Mrs L Barley, Mrs J Oliver, Mrs B Rimmer, Mr F Rimmer, Mrs K Robson, Dr P Robson, Mrs S Smale, Mr C Smale, Mrs S Turnbull and Dr C Turnbull.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS**

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Mrs M McKie seconded by Mrs J Ratcliffe proposed acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2010 and published in the March edition of the Church magazine. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

**Election of Churchwardens**

Mr R Jackson (first elected 26<sup>th</sup> April 2009) and Mr J Roberts (first elected 18<sup>th</sup> April 2010) had been nominated and seconded, and had signed to say they agreed to the nomination and were not disqualified. As no further nominations had been received prior to the meeting, Mr Jackson and Mr Roberts were declared elected.

The Meeting of Parishioners closed.

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Mr G Burns seconded by Mrs L Ormsby proposed acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2010 and published in the March edition of the Church magazine. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

**Approval of Reports**

The Rector referred to formal reports published in the Annual Report and, for each one in turn, asked if there were any questions. Mrs C Rostock, seconded by Mrs M McKie, proposed acceptance of the following reports published in the Annual Report:

- The Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of St Bartholomew's
- The Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of St Chad's
- The Business of the Church Council during 2010
- The Electoral Roll
- The Sunday School
- The St Chad's Seniors

The proposal was agreed unanimously.

**Approval of Reports on Parish Organisations**

Mrs L Ormsby, seconded by Mr J Oliver, proposed acceptance of the reports from the Mothers' Union, the Evening Mothers' Union and other parish organisations, all published in the Annual Report. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

**Report on the Financial Affairs of the Church**

Mr C Eden, the Honorary Treasurer, presented and amplified on the report and accounts published in the Annual Report. He said that reserves were very low and that if losses continued at the present rate, the Church would have no funds remaining by mid-2012.



He emphasised that the Church gave no financial support to organisations such as the Playgroup. He was concerned that, at just under £7, the average weekly amount given to the Church by parishioners was considerably less than the average for the Diocese three years ago (more than £10). The Rector thanked him for his work on the accounts and for his work throughout the year.

### **Approval of the Independently Inspected Annual Accounts for 2010**

Mrs S Burns, seconded by Mrs E Jones and Mr C Jones, proposed approval and acceptance of the independently inspected Church accounts for 2010 and the proposal was agreed unanimously. On behalf of the meeting, the Rector thanked Mr Turner for his work on the accounts for 2010.

Two questions were raised by members of the congregations. Mrs H Boothman asked if it would be possible to ask for a contribution to the Church at events such as funerals and christenings. This was referred to the Church Council (PCC). Mrs S Burns asked if we could reduce our Parish Share, currently £1,000 a week. The Rector stated that the Diocese was about to consult parishes on the Parish Share system.

### **Appointment of an Independent Examiner of the Accounts for 2011**

Mr J Oliver, seconded by Mr M Studholme, proposed inviting Mr R Turner if he would examine the accounts for 2011. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

### **Report on the Proceedings of the Deanery Synod**

Mr M Studholme reported on the proceedings of the meetings of the Deanery Synod during 2010. The Rector thanked him for his report.

### **Election of Deanery Synod Representatives to serve until 2014**

The following members of the congregations were elected unopposed:

Mr M Studholme, sponsored by Mr E Bezant and Mrs L Roberts  
Mrs H Boothman, sponsored by Dr E Norton-Jones and Mrs J DeBoorder  
Mr C Smale, sponsored by Mrs M McKie and Mrs S Turnbull

One vacancy was unfilled.

### **Election of Members of the Parochial Church Council**

Five members elected in 2008 had come to the ends of their terms of office, creating vacancies until 2014. In addition, there were three casual vacancies until 2012 and one until 2013. The seven members of the congregations listed below were elected. They had all previously confirmed their willingness to stand:

Mrs B Appleyard, sponsored by Mr R Jackson and Mr G Barley  
Mr G Barley, sponsored by Mrs M McKie and Mrs S Turnbull  
Mr C Eden, sponsored by Mr G Burns and Mrs S Burns  
Mr E Jones, sponsored by Mrs L Worral and Mrs L Ormsby  
Dr E Norton-Jones, sponsored by Mrs J DeBoorder and Dr C Turnbull  
Mr C Vickers, sponsored by Mrs M McKie and Mrs J Bardsey  
Mr A Whelen, sponsored by Mrs J DeBoorder and Dr C Turnbull

Two casual vacancies were unfilled.

The Rector thanked Mr Bezant, who was retiring after 21 years service as Honorary Treasurer and at least another 16 years service on the PCC. She presented him with a gift from the PCC. She also thanked Mr D Wolstencroft and Mr A Tempest, who had retired during the year.

### **Appointment of Sidespersons**

By unanimous agreement, the currently serving sidespersons were reappointed and Mr G Burns was appointed.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business

### **Rector's Remarks**

The Rector thanked all who had supported her in her ministry. There were too many to name individually but she picked out the members of the Standing Committee and David and Ian, who had accepted responsibility for the 8.00am services. She said she had recently attended a conference at Scargill House, Yorkshire, entitled "Leaders learning to listen". She said it had been extremely valuable personally and for our ministry together in Irby and Thurstaston. She had also recognised God's will through prayer that she should focus more on "basics" through a prayer group, to discern where God is at work in the parish, and that growth would follow. The prayer group would commence in May 2011. She read a passage from Acts 2: 42-47 and focused on the sentence, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers", concluding that, "at the centre of any growing church is prayer".

### **Closing Remarks by Mr R Jackson**

Mr Jackson thanked the Rector for all she was doing for the parish, for her organisation, faith and positive approach.

The meeting closed at 7.05pm and was followed by a service of Compline.



**"I hope this bullhorn will make this meeting a little less boring."**

## **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).

## Mothers' Union



Last meeting we welcomed Angela Klabou, Chester Mothers' Union Diocesan President. She gave an interesting talk about all aspects of M.U. work at home and overseas, especially the news of new work and the latest projects. Her talk was illustrated with colourful slides.

Angela stressed the importance of M.U. as a second tier in major emergencies, as well as the everyday supply of needs to some of the poorest and deprived people in the world. May we continue to give generously to all M.U. projects now and in the future.

On Lady Day, Sunday 25th March, a few members went to the Deanery service at Barnston.

### Hope

God of peace, give a sense of hope to your people who live in countries where there is conflict and great need. May they receive the love, aid and help they deserve. And may they strengthen each other through circumstances we cannot begin to imagine. Encourage those who work for and with them. May they all know the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

M.U. Australia

### Diary Dates:

April 12th, 2.15pm St Chad's, "Simon, Geoff".

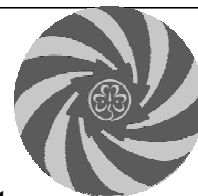
April 30th, 10.30am St Nicholas, Greasby, Coffee Morning.

May 3rd, 2.15pm St Chad's, Revd Margaret Fletcher.

God Bless

Sue Burns

## **Thinking Day 2012**



The girl guiding website sums up thinking day pretty well:-

‘World Thinking Day, is an annual event when 10 million Guides around the world in 145 countries think of each other, of the world they live in, of all that makes them different and all that makes them the same. This happens on the same day each year.

‘It is a day when they come together in thought to celebrate the opportunities that guiding offers them whether they are in a rural community in Africa, in the Australian outback or in the busy streets of Aberdeen. Not only do girls in guiding have a better future because they belong, their communities benefit too. ‘

World Thinking day was created in 1926 when it was agreed that there should be a special day when girl guides and girl scouts around the world think of each other and give thanks for the international friendship they find in the guiding/scouting movement. The 22<sup>nd</sup> February was chosen as this is the mutual birthday of Lord Baden Powell (founded boy scout movement) and his wife Olave (who was world chief guide).

The theme for Thinking Day this year was “we can save our planet” with the aim to raise awareness of the environment and the impacts our lifestyles and choices have on it.

As a district (Irby and Thurstaston) we held a special evening for Thinking Day, on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. This involved about 20 rainbows (from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Irby rainbow units), 40 brownies (from 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Irby brownie units) and 40 guides (from 2<sup>nd</sup> Irby and 1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston guide units) all meeting at the Methodist Church in Irby.

There was a special ceremony in the middle of the evening where all the girls got together, and a promise ceremony was held for some of the new rainbows, brownies and guides, where they made their promises for the first time in front of everyone.

Many different events/games and challenges were arranged for the evening, all around the theme of saving the planet. As there are such a range of ages when rainbows (5-7), brownies (7-10) and guides (10-14) get together, special activities were tailored to each section. For the guides, these included making origami birds using recycled paper, creating a poster to encourage people to save electricity, making a pin-wheel turbine and others. All the girls from all the units were asked to write one thing that would help to save the environment on a foot shaped piece of paper (to symbolise the environmental footprint) and these were collected in and put on one huge poster, creating a huge visual display of ideas to help save the planet!

All the girls had a wonderful evening, and it was nice to have all the different units from the district together in one place celebrating this special day.

### **Diamond Jubilee: Elizabeth - pt 3. 'To love and to cherish'**

In 2011 the marriage of Prince William to Catherine Middleton was the celebrity event of the year - and not just in Britain. The world-wide television audience for the wedding in St Paul's cathedral was numbered in hundreds of millions and the media coverage bordered on the hysterical. It may be hard for people under seventy to believe, but the engagement and later the marriage of Princess Elizabeth to Lieut. Philip Mountbatten attracted a similar level of public interest 65 years ago, though the celebrity scene was somewhat more restrained in those days.

People had known for some time that love was in the air. The dark and petite princess was often to be seen with her tall and fair-haired escort. Speculation in the popular press was rife. Was the heir to the throne about to be engaged to this handsome young naval officer, despite his Greek and Danish family background - and even family connections with Germany?

Eventually the engagement was announced, to be followed by the information that Philip would renounce his Greek and Danish titles. Indeed, when they married he even gave up his family name, Mountbatten, though not without regret. 'Am I the only married man', he asked, 'whose children will not bear his name?' He became Philip Windsor - a more reassuringly British surname than his foreign-sounding family name, I suppose.

The wedding was eagerly anticipated. Britain was in the middle of long years of post-war austerity. Food was still strictly rationed, and the first months of 1947 saw a cruelly cold Winter, when the temperature refused to climb above freezing for weeks on end and coal was in short supply because trucks full of it were stuck in ice-locked sidings. People were wondering - if this was how it was for the victors, how were the vanquished faring? (The answer was, about the same, as it happens.)

So the prospect of a glamorous and splendid public occasion lifted the spirits. Thousands of people camped out on the streets of London on a damp November day to watch the royal carriages sweep past on their way to Westminster Abbey, to catch a glimpse of the bride, and then the married couple on their way back. Even in black and white photographs one could see how happy they were and the depth of their love for each other. This marriage, at least, was certainly made in heaven.

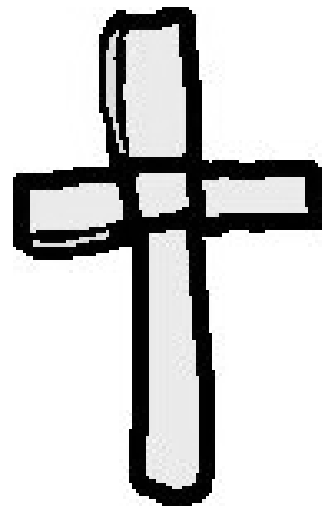
There was more public rejoicing the following year when their first child, Charles, was born, to be followed by Anne in 1950, Andrew in 1960 and Edward in 1964. The House of Windsor was truly in business again!

### **Queen's Jubilee Celebration for Merseyside on Pentecost Sunday**

**Starting at the Metropolitan Cathedral before processing along Hope Street to end at the Anglican Cathedral**

**Sunday 27th May starting at 3pm**

## 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



## April Recipe - Fruity Chicken

This recipe was given to me by someone at St Chad's, but it did not have a name on it. Anyway I would like to thank the person who left it for me, it is very tasty.

Serves 4 - I made it for just the two of us and found it made enough to warm through the second day, the portions are very generous.

### INGREDIENTS

Small amount of sunflower oil

175g/6oz sliced leeks

1 red pepper

25g/1oz plain flour

275ml/½ pint chicken stock

450g/1lb chicken breast,  
chopped

175g/6oz sliced mushrooms

175g/6oz eating apples, sliced

4 tbsp Mango chutney

Black pepper

### Method

1. Prepare vegetables
2. Cut up chicken breast
3. Heat small amount of oil in pan and fry the leek and red pepper for 4/5 mins.
4. Make up stock.
5. Stir flour into vegetable mixture and work well in to create a roux and cook for approx 1 minute.
6. Slowly add the warm stock mixing well with a wooden spoon.
7. Add the remaining ingredients.
8. Add black pepper to taste.
9. Cover and cook for approx. 45 mins. making sure the chicken is cooked through.

Serve with new potatoes and green veg of choice.

Betty Rimmer





## **Third Thursday of each month**

this month: Apr 19th

**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.

Response to the poem 'The Lark Ascending' by Nigel Beeton in the March issue of magazine.

Skylarks are alive and well here on the Wirral!

One Thursday morning, walking along Red Rocks Marsh, I heard and watched at least eight or nine singing and flying about - in fact there wasn't a minute of that mile-long walk between West Kirby and Red Rocks Point when their song wasn't filling the air.

Other good places locally are the meadows above Heswall Fields, Dawpool Nature Reserve, and the marshes between Gayton and Burton. There are also some on Moreton Common.

I also hear them regularly on my walk along Telegraph Road from Thurstaston to Heswall, where they are often singing above the fields.

So the situation isn't as depressing as the poem makes out!

Best wishes

Kenneth Burnley



**1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston Guide Weekend Away**  
**Ashley 2nd-4th March 2011**

Sleeping bag . . . tick, boots . . . tick, waterproofs . . . tick and tooth brush . . . tick!

Right now that we are all packed it's off to Ashley we go. We arrived on the Friday night to the added excitement of a power cut, so we began our craft badge by torch light. Making bugs and designing hama bead patterns wasn't too bad - but the cross stitch key rings proved a little more tricky. Fortunately the cooker used gas so we were able to have soup and cheese on toast for our supper. At last! 11pm and we could see again with the power back on.



We woke up to glorious sunshine on the Saturday morning and were ready to go with our 'Madagascar Challenge' Badge. After looking at many pictures of different traditional tribal masks we had the opportunity to design our own – the results were outstanding!



After lunch we were challenged to a 'Bush Tucker Trial'. In teams of 3 we had to vote for 1 member of our team to be blindfolded who then had to taste various Madagascan delicacies such as peeled cockroaches, comet moths and beach worms! (AKA: cola bottles, pasta bows and jelly worms)

In our patrols we competed in an International Show Jumping Course and although I have never seen horses playing hockey it was great fun to watch!



The evening brought 'The Worlds Got Talent' where each sleeping room had prepared a short performance – they were pretty fantastic and much time had been spent with costumes and music. Although the act that won was from Egypt with an amazing dance to 'Walk Like an Egyptian'.

An unplanned moonlight walk brought some very exciting sightings. Was it a shooting star? A comet? A burning plane? We all stopped in amazement as we saw (what we found out later to be) an asteroid travelling right in front of us across the field.

Unfortunately we woke up to rain on Sunday morning but that didn't stop us from building Madagascan huts - our challenge was to make sure that it didn't fall over which was easier said than done using the bamboo sticks!



After we had packed up our bags and been awarded our 2 badges it was time to bid farewell to our friends from Patricroft Guides and head back home after a fantastic and fun-filled weekend.

*Ellie Randall*

# **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:-**

**Approx 12 people have indicated they will come to rehearsals – more are welcome!**

**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.**

## Teachers and Pupils



Teacher: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?

Glenn: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L

Teacher: No, that's wrong.

Glenn: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

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## What can I eat for Easter?

Can't eat beef.....mad cow.

Can't eat chicken..... bird flu.

Can't eat eggs..... Salmonella.

Can't eat pork.....fears that bird flu will infect piggies. Also trichinosis.

Can't eat fish..... heavy metals in the waters.

Can't eat fruits and veggies..... insecticides and herbicides.

Can't eat potatoes, pasta, bread, rice.....nasty carbs .

Hmmmmmmmm! I believe that leaves.....*chocolate*.

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## Twitter

A man walked into a church and approached the minister. "I need help. I think I'm addicted to Twitter." The minister looked at him and said gently, "I'm so sorry, I don't follow you."

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## Mr Bones

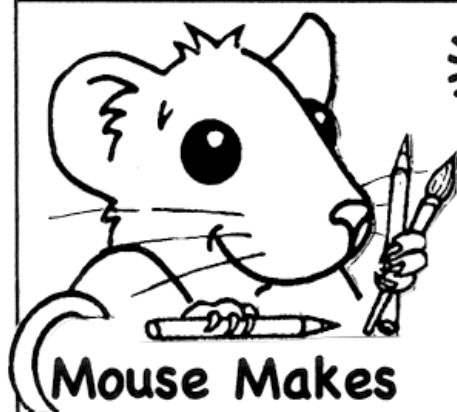
The orthopaedic surgeon I work for was moving to a new office, and we, his staff, were helping transport many of the items. I sat the display skeleton in the front of my car, his bony arm across the back of my seat. I hadn't considered the drive across town. At one traffic light, the stares of the people in the car beside me became obvious, and I looked across and called, "I'm delivering him to my doctor's office." The other driver leaned out of his window. "I hate to tell you, lady," he said, "but I think it's too late!"

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## Letter to God

A Sunday School teacher invited her children to write a letter to God. They were to bring their letter back the following Sunday. One little boy wrote, "Dear God, We had a good time at church today. Wish you could have been there."





Jesus Christ is risen today!  
our triumphant holy day,  
who did once upon the cross  
suffer to redeem our loss.

Sing we to our God above  
praise eternal as his love,  
for the Lord from death is raised  
Father, Spirit, Son be praised!  
**ALLELUIA!**



**Into Jerusalem**  
Luke 19:28-48



**The Last Supper**  
Luke 22:7-38

glue to 'Betrayed'



**Betrayed**  
Luke 22:1-3, 39-53



**Condemned**  
Luke 22:54-23:25

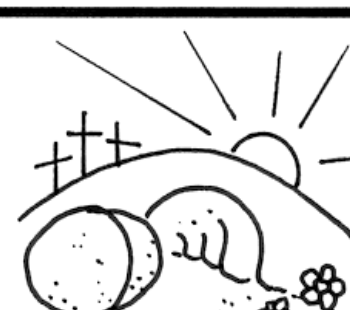


**Crucified**  
Luke 23:26-49

glue to 'Buried'



**Buried**  
Luke 23:50-56

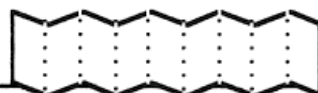


**Risen**  
Luke 24:1-12



**Jesus is Alive!**  
Luke 24:13-53

**Make a mini Easter book:** Cut out the strips, glue them together then zig-zag fold along the dotted lines.



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## PILGRIMAGES

### **Retreat to Iona with The Ven. Bob Fitzharris 14-18 May 2012 (£493)**

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The two volume book has just been published by Canterbury Press to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It contains 44 anthems chosen to reflect the very best of choral music by British composers from the beginning of the 21st century, including 11 new compositions that have been specially commissioned.

The production of the Choirbook for The Queen ([www.choirbookforthequeen.org.uk](http://www.choirbookforthequeen.org.uk)) grew out of an idea which Robert Ponsonby, former Controller of Music at BBC Radio 3, proposed to Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, Master of the Queen's Music, back in 2004 to celebrate the creativity and excellence of the choral tradition in our cathedrals.

The Choirbook is available to buy from Amazon: [www.amazon.co.uk/Choirbook-Queen-Collection-Contemporary-Celebration/dp/1848251157](http://www.amazon.co.uk/Choirbook-Queen-Collection-Contemporary-Celebration/dp/1848251157)

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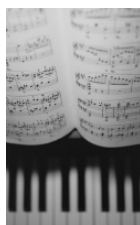
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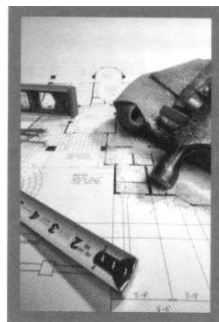
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### **Sunday Services**

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

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

7.30pm Holy Communion

2.00pm Hour at the Cross

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

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Palm Sunday

**5th April**  
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**6th April**  
Good Friday

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Easter Day

**15th April**  
Easter 2

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Easter 3

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Easter 4

**6th May**  
Easter 5

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10.00am Walk of Witness

9.30am Family Communion

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**6.00pm APCM**

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