

# Crosstalk

*The Parish Magazine of St Bartholomew with St Chad*


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## Diary Dates

### Thursday 3rd May

M.U. Margaret Fletcher  
'My visit to Buckingham Palace'  
2.15pm at St Chad's

### Thursday 10th May

Wellspring  
8pm at The Rectory

### Saturday 12th May

Christian Aid Afternoon Tea  
2pm-4pm at Irby Methodist Church  
Admission by ticket or at the door  
£3.50

### Tuesday 22nd May

M.U. 'Diocesan Festival'  
2pm at Chester Cathedral

### Wednesday 23rd May

EMU Persis Peters 'Aloe Vera'  
8pm at St Chad's

### Saturday 2nd June

Men's' Breakfast  
8.45-9.45am  
at Aroma Café, Irby Village

### Thursday 7th June

M.U. Members Afternoon  
2.15pm at St. Chad's

## Notices

### St Chad's Tots and Tinies

We are hoping to launch this group in May  
(provisional starting date 10 May 2012) 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.  
(see page 11 for more information )

## *From the Registers*

### *Weddings*

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

*21st April*

*Andrew Workman &*

*Victoria Turner*

## From your rector

Dear Friends,



This month sees the celebration of Ascension Day (17<sup>th</sup> May). Because it's not on a Sunday (being 40 days after Easter Day) it passes most people by, and yet it is a major festival in the Church calendar and one which I personally find very moving.

Surely the most tender, moving 'farewell' in history took place on Ascension Day. Luke records the story with great poignancy: "When Jesus had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands - and blessed them."

As Christmas began the story of Jesus' life on earth, so Ascension Day completes it, with his return to his Father in heaven. Jesus' last act on earth was to bless his disciples. He and they had a bond as close as could be: they had just lived through three tumultuous years of public ministry and miracles - persecution and death - and resurrection! Just as we part from our nearest and dearest by still looking at them with love and memories in our eyes, so exactly did Jesus: "While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven." (Luke 24:50-1) He was not forsaking them, but merely going on ahead to a kingdom which would also be theirs one day: "I am ascending to my Father and to your Father, to my God and your God..." (John 20:17)

The disciples were surely the most favoured folk in history. Imagine being one of the last few people on earth to be face to face with Jesus, and have him look on you with love. No wonder, then that Luke goes on: "they worshipped him - and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God." (Luke 24:52,53)



No wonder they praised God! They knew they would see Jesus again one day! “I am going to prepare a place for you... I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” (John 14:2,3) In the meantime, Jesus had work for them to do: to take the Gospel to every nation on earth.

For me, the essence of the day is captured in the following hymn:-

Jesus is King and I will extol Him,  
give Him the glory and honour His name.  
He reigns on high, enthroned in the heavens,  
Word of the Father, exalted for us.

We have a hope that is steadfast and certain,  
gone through the curtain and touching the throne.  
We have a Priest who is there interceding,  
pouring His grace on our lives day by day.

We come to Him, our Priest and Apostle,  
clothed in His glory and bearing His name,  
laying our lives with gladness before Him;  
filled with His Spirit, we worship the King.

“O holy One, our hearts do adore You;  
thrilled with Your goodness we give You our praise!”  
Angels in light with worship surround Him,  
Jesus, our Saviour, for ever the same.

I would encourage you to come to the service on Ascension Day (17<sup>th</sup> May) at 7.30pm at St Bartholomew's. Come and join with me as we give praise and glory to Jesus our Priest, interceding for us and pouring his grace on our lives day by day.

*Rev'd Jane*

# NEWS FROM THE APCM

The Annual Meeting was held at 6pm on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Present: 10 members of the PCC  
15 people from the church electoral roll  
2 retired clergy

Apologies: 3 members of the PCC  
8 people from the church electoral roll

## **Appointments made:-**

Church Wardens: Roger Jackson and John Roberts

Deanery Synod Member: Chris Turnbull (filling a vacancy which arose last year)

PCC Members: Jon Oliver, Julie DeBoorder and Liz Norton-Jones

## **The Treasurer's Summary of the Accounts:-**

Issues from the Annual Report

- ◇ General Fund now in negative territory - minus £3,060
- ◇ We withheld £10,422 of Parish Share, partly due to cash flow problems, but also because we have to spend £6,000 on church repairs.
- ◇ We hope we have reduced water/sewerage costs for St Chads. Volunteer input for grounds maintenance have reduced outgoings.

Where are we now?

- ◇ In the first 3 months of 2012 we have run a deficit of £3,200 which is covered by the Budget
- ◇ I am forecasting a year-end deficit of just under £3,000.
- ◇ By showing the 2011 Parish Share as Paid, for the first time the balance in our General Reserve differs from the cash balances.
- ◇ I am working on a cash balance of £7,362 (i.e. minus £3,060 plus £10,422)
- ◇ I am fairly confident we should be able to pay all our Parish Share in 2012 - but watch this space!
- ◇ We have this year received a legacy of £8,000 from the Estate of Eveline Powell. Most of this is already earmarked so is excluded from my figures.
- ◇ The Quinquennial repairs are almost under way. I need the work completed and invoiced before 30 September so I can recover the VAT!

## What's Next?

- ◇ Sometime in the future we will have to pay the Parish Share arrears of £10,422
- ◇ Archdeacon Mike is coming to talk to us later this year about the Parish Share and Planned Giving
- ◇ If we can encourage those who give less than £5.00 per week - and give on a regular basis by Standing Order - we would be well on the way to being a viable and financially secure parish.

## Three questions were put to the treasurer:-

- ◇ What happens if we don't pay the Parish Share. Mr Eden said that the Parish Share is a donation to the Diocese, set by the Diocese, which will have to be paid at some time, but there is no immediate pressure to do so. However a parish in Cheshire who were having difficulty paying theirs had been told that their parish would be merged with its neighbour if they were unable to pay.
- ◇ A parishioner asked if the new VAT rate affecting churches would be a problem for the Open Door project. Mr Eden said that as it is a new build, which will be self-contained i.e. events can take place separately, then the VAT would be zero rated. He also commented that the quinquennial repairs needed to be completed and paid for by September to enable him to recover the VAT.
- ◇ What has the legacy been "earmarked" for? Mr Eden explained that the legacy was for use at St Bartholomew's and the PCC have pledged £4000 for the Open Door fund which will mean we have enough in 2012 to hopefully receive matched funding which would make the project a reality. Some of the legacy will be used to purchase a new notice board outside St Bartholomew's.

**The annual report and accounts were received by the meeting.** Copies of these are still available at the back of both churches.

## Rector's Closing Remarks (abbreviated):-

Today is the fourth anniversary of my induction, so something of a special day for me personally. I hope that many of you will be able to stay for the short service of Compline following this meeting and indulge me in both the reading and a hymn from my induction service. I've also brought some little cakes and

I'd like each of you to take one home as a token of my thanks for your support over the past four years.

Anniversaries like Annual Meetings are times when we look back with thanksgiving and forward with hope.

At this time last year, I had just returned home from a Retreat and told you that we needed to go back to basics and to make prayer a priority within the life of our church. Wellspring started in May 2011 and has met each month since with anywhere between 3 and 8 people being present. What delights me about Wellspring is that it includes people from the 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.15am congregations, so it feels like the whole church praying together. I'd love to build on this in the coming year and would encourage more of you to come along. Some of those who come are comfortable speaking out their prayers, others are not, and that's just fine, as we spend some time in praying in silence.

As you've seen this evening, we are carrying some vacancies on the PCC and I'd love to see these vacancies filled ..... I'd love to hear from anyone who'd like to help in church life in anyway.

At this point, I'd like to express my thanks to Geoff Burns, who can't be here this evening, but has asked me to inform you that after 11 years as a server, he would like to retire. This leaves a gap in our Sunday service team at St Bartholomew's that will need to be filled and further information about what's involved is in this magazine.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to inform you that we will be starting a Mums and Tots style group in the next couple of weeks thanks to Carol Marwing and Allison Youds who've offered to run it for us.

On July 1<sup>st</sup> we are going to hold two special services to celebrate our church community and I have this week written to each church group asking for help and support in making that possible, and we will inform everyone of the full details nearer the time.

As I said in my letter at the beginning of the report, keeping our church community alive and active involves lots of people, and I am grateful to everyone who helps in any way.

However, special thanks must go to Roger and John for all that they do as Church Wardens and the many tasks that they undertake above and beyond the call of duty, also to Chris for his work with our finances and to Graham who quietly carries out his duties with such efficiency that most people don't notice how much work he does. Thanks also to Alan and all of the retired clergy who help to keep all of our various services running.



## Mothers' Union



Simon and Geoff entertained us in April with a sing-song of well known songs and Eastertide hymns.

We all joined in the singing - Simon had kindly printed song sheets for us in case we didn't know the words! It was a happy and relaxing afternoon after a busy Easter. Our thanks to Simon and Geoff for being with us for the afternoon.

As we can enjoy ourselves, meet together and relax at our meetings please remember MU members worldwide suffering hardships, and yet struggling to help their local communities in so many ways.

Do remember to pray for them all and to support them through giving as God leads you.

### Prayer

Across the world  
those who have so much  
please give to those who have so little.  
What does it cost?  
A compassionate heart,  
a pair of hands,  
a little time.  
Lord God, are you calling us now?  
Here we are, use us.

Amen

### Diary Dates:

May 3rd. Thurs. 2.15pm St. Chad's Rev. Margaret Fletcher  
'My visit to Buckingham Palace'

May 22nd. Tues. 2pm. Chester Cathedral 'Diocesan Festival'

June 7th. Thurs. 2.15pm. St. Chad's Members Afternoon

God Bless

Sue Burns

# **Servers and Sacristans Needed for St Bartholomew's**

## **Sacristan Duties:**

- Preparation of sacristy/altar with bread, wine and sacred vessels for all communion services held on Sundays and Festival Days (eg Easter, Christmas, Ascension etc.)  
This is normally undertaken the day before the relevant services and takes approximately 20 minutes.
- On completion of communion service - clean and return all sacred vessels and their contents to their secure holdings within the vestry (again approx 20 minutes)

The team of sacristans work together on this important duty (at the moment covering 1 month in three) and are always willing to help each other and dates can be arranged by mutual agreement. Basic training will be provided.

## **Server's Duties:-**

- To assist presiding minister at the altar during the Eucharist
- Serving the wine to communicants at the altar rail

Appropriate vestments and basic training will be provided. The PCC need to make a recommendation to the Bishop and acquire a license for any person undertaking this role.

There is a team of people who work together on a rota basis.

**Speak to Revd Jane, Geoff Burns, Elaine Kavanagh or Eleanor Dean if you would like to know more about either of these roles.**

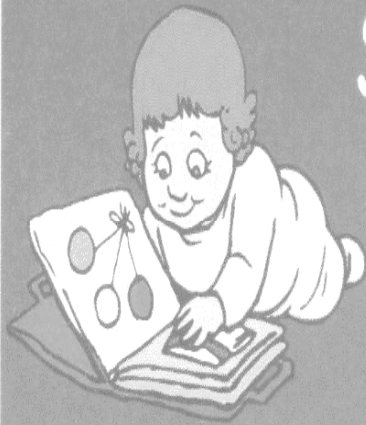
*If anyone from 8.00am congregation would like to be involved in this way, please speak to Malcolm Studholme.*

*If anyone from 9.30am congregation would like to be involved in this way, speak to Beverley Appleyard.*

*If anyone from Wednesday congregation would like to be involved in this way speak to Roger Jackson.*

# ST CHADS TOTS & TINIES

New Toddler Group  
Starting May 2012



St Chad's Church  
(Roslin Road, Irby)

Every Thursday 9.30-11.30am  
(Term Time Only)

£1.50 per child - All Welcome

Parents/Carers will be responsible for their child(ren) during the sessions  
For further information and date of first get together,  
please call Carol on 07790311340

**Provisional Starting date 10th May 2012**

## **Ten reasons NOT to legalise same-sex marriage in Britain**

Britain is coming under increasing pressure to legalise same-sex marriage, and the Prime Minister David Cameron is determined to drive it through. Many people are asking 'Why not?' Now the chief executive of the Christian Medical Fellowship, Dr Peter Saunders, has set out ten reasons why same-sex marriage should not go ahead. Here is a shortened version of what he says:

1. Marriage is the union of one man and one woman, throughout history in virtually all cultures and faiths throughout the world, marriage has been held to be the union of one man and one woman. The UN Declaration of Human Rights (article 16) says the family, headed by a man and a woman, 'is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State'. It is not up to governments to redefine marriage – but simply to recognise it for what it is, and to promote and protect it as a unique institution.

2. Same sex couples already have civil partnerships. All the legal rights of marriage are already available to same sex couples through civil partnerships.

3. Redefining marriage without consultation is undemocratic. None of the political leaders who are supporting the legalisation of same sex marriage announced it as a priority in their election manifestos. There is already a huge amount of opposition, and pressing ahead with legalisation will lead to considerable dissension and division. Legalising same sex marriage to appease a small minority is wrong and it should not be foisted on the British people without proper consultation about whether rather than how it should be done.

4. Equality does not mean uniformity. In a free democratic society we accept that many human activities are not open to

everybody. Not everyone is able to drive a car, buy property, attend university, visit Buckingham Palace. This does not mean that those who are not eligible for these activities are in any way denigrated, but just that there are eligibility criteria. Same sex couples do not fulfil the eligibility criteria for marriage, which should be reserved for the voluntary union of one man and one woman for life.

5. Protecting traditional marriage safeguards children and society. Stable marriages and families headed by a mother and a father are the bedrock of society and the state has a duty to protect the uniqueness of these key institutions. Though death and divorce may prevent it, children do best when raised by a married mother and father.

6. Marriage is a unique biologically complementary relationship Marriage is the only legal union which can naturally lead to children. It takes both a man and a woman to produce a baby. The fact that there is a natural link between sexual intimacy and procreation is what makes marriage distinctive and different. Redefining marriage will undermine this distinctness and risks normalising the technological instrumentalisation of reproduction and increasing the confusion of biological, social and family identity.

7. Redefining marriage will be complex and expensive Redefining marriage could cost billions and involve amending hundreds of pieces of government legislation. The word 'marriage' appears 3,258 times in UK legislation, which underlines the central role the institution plays in national law. This is simply not a priority for government at a time of economic recession as it will confer no new rights.

8. Schools will be forced to teach about the new definition of marriage. Under existing education law schools will be required to teach children that marriage can be between a man and a woman, between two men or between two women. Those parents who object could be undermined in their

children's eyes, stigmatised as homophobics and bigots and prevented from full involvement in schools.

9. Redefining marriage will not stop with same sex marriage. In Mexico same sex marriage was followed by two year fixed term marriage. In Canada legalising same sex marriage has led to supporters of polygamy demanding in the courts for their unions to be recognised. The best defence against this is to keep the legal definition of marriage unique and distinct – 'one man, one woman, for life'.

10. Redefining marriage will lead to faith-based discrimination. If same sex marriage is legalized, faith-based adoption and fostering services that place children exclusively with married couples would be required by law to place children with persons of the same sex who are civilly 'married'. Marriage counsellors from faith backgrounds would be denied their professional accreditation for refusing to provide counselling in support of same-sex 'married' relationships. All these moves would place faith groups in the invidious position of being forced to act against their consciences or face marginalisation, exclusion and litigation and would further fuel social fragmentation, sectarianism, antagonism and civil unrest.

Posted by Dr Peter Saunders, chief executive of Christian Medical Fellowship. For the full text visit:

[http://www.cmfblog.org.uk/2012/02/18/ten-reasons-not-to-legalise-same-sex-marriage-in-britain/?doing\\_wp\\_cron](http://www.cmfblog.org.uk/2012/02/18/ten-reasons-not-to-legalise-same-sex-marriage-in-britain/?doing_wp_cron)



## **Diamond Jubilee: Elizabeth - pt 4. The King is dead, long live the Queen!**

In the year when she became 21, the young princess Elizabeth, on a visit to South Africa, made a remarkable and solemn commitment. 'I declare before you all,' she said, 'that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of that great imperial family to which we belong'.

I wonder, as she uttered those brave words, whether she could possibly have imagined that the service to which she was committing herself would involve no less than sixty years as monarch, during a period of vast change in the world and to that 'imperial family' which was to become the Commonwealth of nations. If she could, she might have been relieved to know that she and her 'rock', Philip, would still be together 64 years later, well into the next millennium.

It was on another visit to Africa in 1952, on their way to Australia and New Zealand, that the next momentous event occurred in her life. Her father's health had deteriorated the previous year. In fact, on a visit to the United States in 1951 the Princess's private secretary carried with him the documents of accession, so that she could be instantly declared the monarch should her father die while she was overseas.

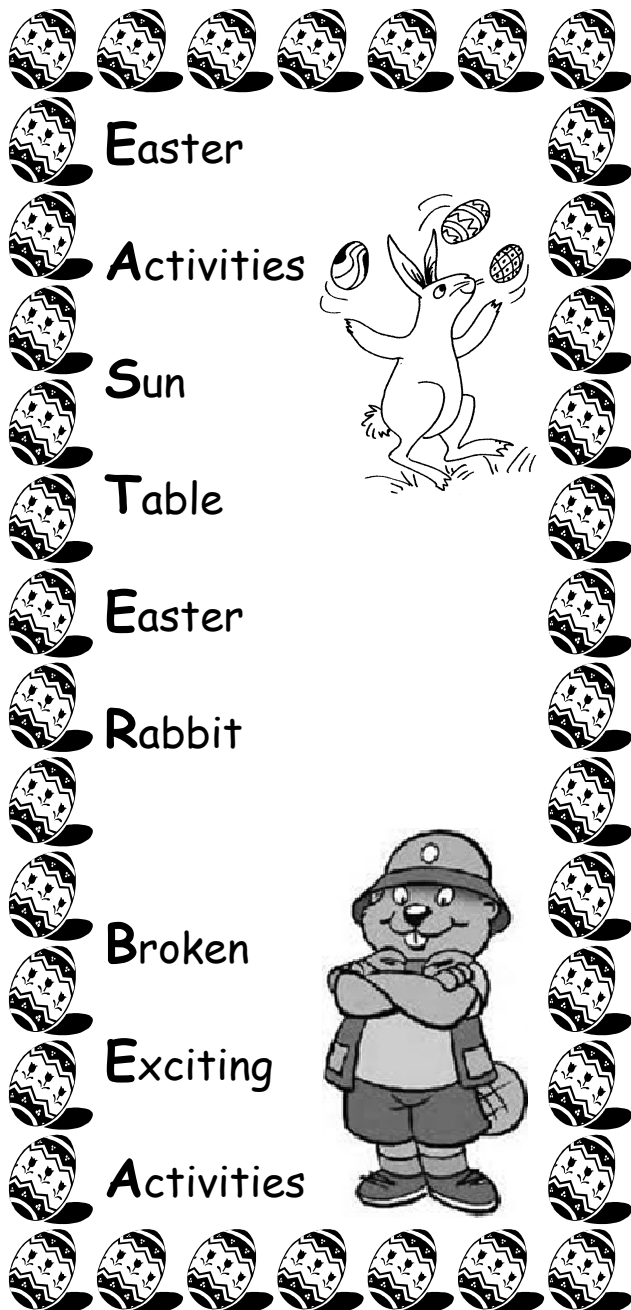
That visit passed without incident, but early in the following February, while Elizabeth and Philip were staying at a safari lodge in Kenya en route for the Pacific, news came of the king's death. There was a bit of a communications breakdown between London and Nairobi, and it was the Princess's private secretary, alerted by journalists, who tuned into the BBC World Service, and confirmed that King George VI had died.

Prince Philip broke the news to his young wife and immediately they flew back to London where she signed the papers of accession and was declared Queen Elizabeth II. It was her choice to retain her given name - that, of course, of the great Elizabeth I of Tudor times. She became Queen on February 6<sup>th</sup> 1952, at the age of 24. She and her husband moved immediately into Buckingham Palace.

The royal family name had already been something of an issue. Senior members of the royal family were strongly in favour of the retention of the name 'Windsor', but as a concession to Philip's paternal role, a few years later, after the death of the widowed Queen, some members of the family were permitted to use the name 'Mountbatten-Windsor'.

It was a hugely significant time for a new monarch to take her place as head of the Commonwealth. The Cold War was at its height, and had indeed become rather hot in several places - Berlin, during the air-lift when the Russians blockaded the western area of the city, and, of course, during the Korean War. Hideous nuclear missiles were lined up on each side and only the appalling consequences of firing them kept fingers off the nuclear buttons. Britain was still recovering from the effects of the War, there was rationing of many items and bomb sites were still visible in our cities (though redevelopment was well under way).

Nevertheless there was an air of hope, some of it centred on the new Queen. There was no doubt that the nation intended to enjoy to the full her coronation, which was planned for the following Summer. When it was revealed that it would be televised live and in full, excitement<sup>15</sup> knew no bounds.



This Easter Beaver Poem was written by Daniel during one of our Easter Services. He brought it to show to Revd Jane at the end of the service and agreed that it could be published in the magazine!

**WELL DONE DANIEL!**

PS. The words which to an adult look random - are not!

You put eggs on tables!  
Eggs have to be broken to  
be eaten!  
Rusty and Rainbow are the  
Beaver Leaders!  
Beavers meet at 6'o'clock!

**Wellspring**

**Third Thursday of each month**  
this month: May 10th

**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.





# Men's Breakfast



Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2012

8.45 – 9.45am

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 2011 are:

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December



## May Recipe - Cinnamon Whirls

### INGREDIENTS

3 tablespoons golden castor sugar, plus extra to dust.  
375g pack ready-rolled

puff pastry  
1 level tsp each ground cinnamon and ground mixed spice  
1 medium egg, beaten

### Method

1. Preheat oven to 200C/180C/Gas Mark 6. Sprinkle work surface with castor sugar in a horizontal rectangle 35.5cm x 23cm(14"x9"). Unroll pastry and lay it on top to fit the shape of the sugar rectangle. Trim the edges, then cut vertically down the middle to make two similar rectangles.
2. Mix the cinnamon, spice and castor sugar in a small bowl. Sprinkle half the spice mixture evenly over the rectangles. Fold the top and bottom edges of pastry into the middle so they meet at the centre. Sprinkle the remaining spice mix over the top and repeat, folding the upper and lower folded edges to meet in the centre. Finally fold in half lengthways to make a log shape.
3. Turn over each roll so that seam faces down, trim off ragged edges, then cut into slices 1cm (½") wide. Lay flat on two baking trays, set well apart. The pastry puffs up as it cooks.
4. Lightly brush each pastry whirl with a little beaten egg and a sprinkle of castor sugar. Bake for 20mins. or until pale golden. Cool on wire rack.

These biscuits freeze well for about one month.



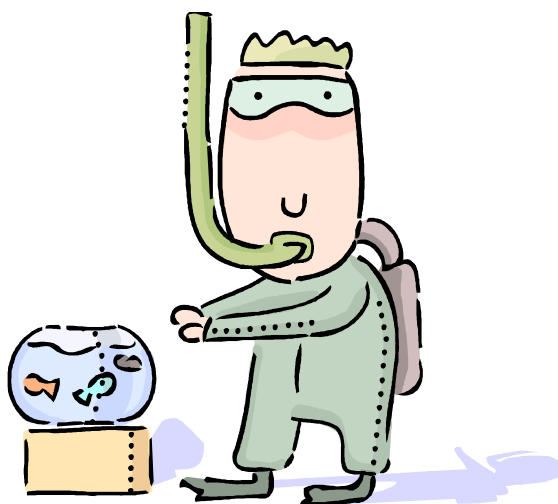
### **Catching oysters**

A story is told of about Wesley and one of the early Methodist lay preachers, a man with little formal education. On one occasion, the lay preacher took as his text Luke 19:21, "Lord, I feared thee, because thou art an austere man."

Not knowing the word 'austere', the simple lay preacher thought that the text spoke of "an oyster man." So he spoke about the work of those who retrieve oysters from the sea-bed. He described in detail how the diver must plunge down from the surface, cut off from his natural environment, into cold water. He gropes in the dark, cutting his hands on the sharp edges of the shells. When he has the oyster, he kicks his way back up to the surface, up to the warmth and light and air, clutching in his torn and bleeding hands the object of his search.

So Christ, declared the lay preacher, descended from the glory of heaven into the squalor of earth, and sinful human society. His purpose was to retrieve humans, and bring them back up with him to the glory of heaven. His torn and bleeding hands were a sign of the value he has placed on the object of His quest.

Twelve men were converted to faith in Christ that evening. Afterwards, someone complained to Wesley about the inappropriateness of allowing preachers who were too ignorant to know the meaning of the texts they were preaching on. Wesley simply said, "Never mind, the Lord got a dozen oysters tonight."



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

**In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dot. And Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.**

**And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?" And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?" And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. And the sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)." Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent. To prevent neighbouring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was known as Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures - Hebrew To The People (HTTP).**

**And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS.**

**And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land.**

**And indeed did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks. And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others." And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known. He said, "We need a name that reflects what we are." And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators." "YAHOO," said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.**

**Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside.**

**It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE).**

**That is how it all began. And that's the truth.**

**So help us all.**

You are Invited to the Flame Garden Party, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2 pm – 5 pm

FlameCCR are hosting a garden party at the Poulton Hall Gardens (courtesy of June Lancelyn-Green) on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May from 2.00-5.00pm and you are cordially invited

There are many wonderful attractions in the gardens: there's a walled garden, a Japanese garden, and even the Sword in the Stone, to name but a very few. You can sit in the Indian-themed Dave's Garden dedicated to David Gregory. You'll want to stroll along the Alice In Wonderland walk, between the beautiful roses, to see the Jabberwocky and the smile of the Cheshire Cat.

After you've had a look around, you can enjoy a lovely cream tea as you relax to the musical entertainment provided by FlameCCR. You'll also get to meet some of the Flame team and find out more about Flame Christian and Contemporary Radio which you can hear anywhere on Wirral and beyond on 1521kHz medium wave, day and night. Flame also broadcasts on-line worldwide via [www.flameradio.org](http://www.flameradio.org) (just use the "Click To Listen" button).

There's music for all tastes on Flame CCR: from contemporary to country to classics, and even never-heard-before releases from local musicians who send tracks to be aired. There are programmes to suit every taste and all ages: from the Breakfast Mix starting "your day in the right way" to the new 9pm weekday youth-orientated WRAP.

Admission to the Garden Party is £4; children are free with an accompanied adult. All proceeds will go to support Flame – Wirral's own Christian and Community radio station.

So, please come to the FlameCCR Garden Party. It will be a beautiful day out and we'd love to get to know you.

Poulton Hall, Poulton Lancelyn, Bebington, Cheshire & Wirral, CH63 9LN  
Find out more at [www.flameradio.org](http://www.flameradio.org) and [www.poultonhall.co.uk](http://www.poultonhall.co.uk).

Flame CCR has been broadcasting for over 2 years, bringing Christian music, message and chat to Wirral's airwaves. We welcome visitors to our Rock Ferry studio. Volunteers provide on-air programmes, behind-the-scenes support, and DIY to add another broadcasting studio. There's plenty of room for more people to help. Community radio is an opportunity to make new friends or fulfill a dream of being on air. Many of the voices on Flame had "never done that before" and anyone is invited to get involved.

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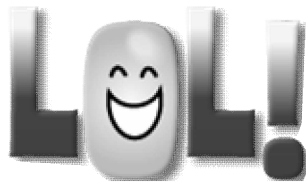
If you want more information on how to get involved, have an event or idea to share, or would like to make a financial donation, please phone Norman Polden (Station Manager) on 0151 643 1696 or e-mail [flameccr@googlemail.com](mailto:flameccr@googlemail.com).

### **Beryl Polden broadcasting at Flame**



### **Jono recording for Flame**





## Finding

The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in the dark.

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## Sportsmanlike



During a game, the coach asked one of his young players: "Do you understand what cooperation is? What a team is?" The little boy nodded yes. "Do you understand that what matters is winning together as a team?" The little boy nodded yes. "So," the coach continued, "when a strike is called, or you are out at first, you don't argue or curse or attack the umpire. Do you understand all that?" Again, the boy nodded yes.

"Good," said the coach. "Now go over there and explain it to your mother."

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## What did I do with the car?

Several days ago as I left a meeting at our church, I suddenly realised I could not find my car keys. They were not in my pockets. They were not in the church. Then I thought – I've left them in the car! As I burst through the doors of the church, my heart sank: the church car park was empty.

With a heavy heart I called the police, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen. Then I made the really difficult call: "Darling," I began (I always call her 'darling' at moments like this). "Darling, I have left my keys in the car, and it has been stolen."

There was a little gasp. "You did not *have the car*. I dropped you off. Remember?"



My heart sang as relief flooded through me. "Of course! Thank God! Well, come get me quick – I am already running late... what is keeping you?"

That was not smart. My wife replied with ominous calm: "What's keeping me? I'll tell you what's keeping me. The police are here. They think I've stolen your car..."

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## Chicken run

Idealistic politician: "I dream of a better tomorrow and not have their motives questioned."



where chickens can cross the road

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## Looking for a job this summer?

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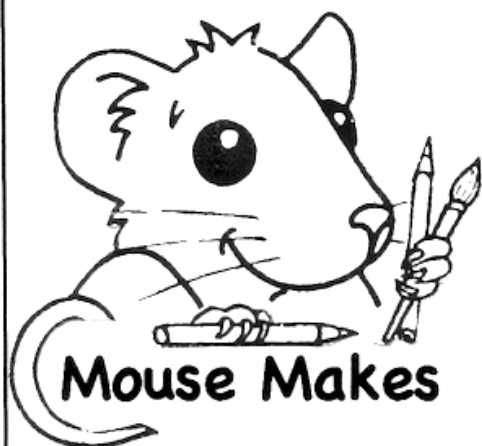
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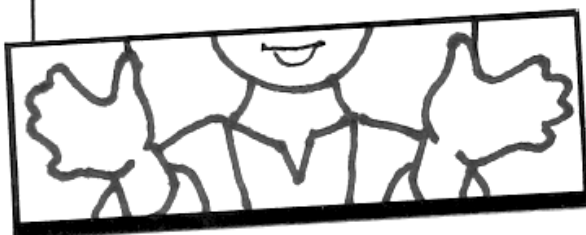
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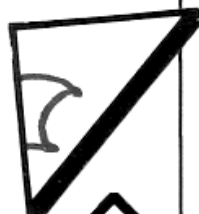
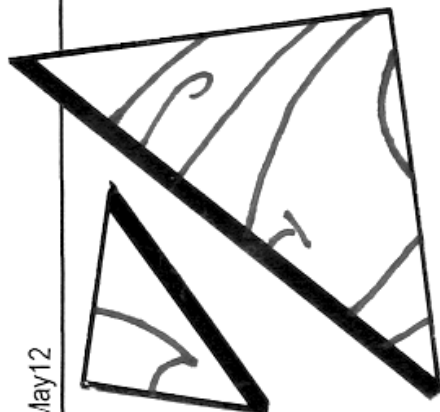
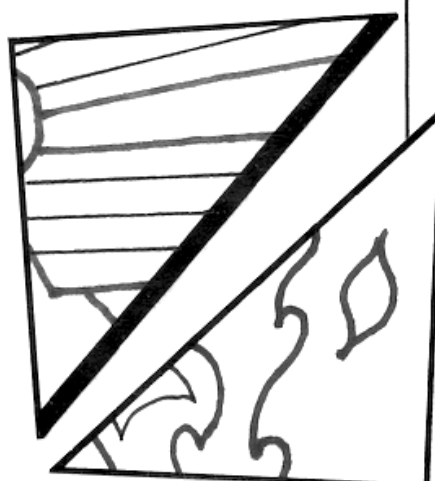
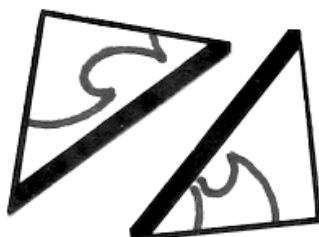


When the Holy Spirit came at **Pentecost** there was a noise from the sky which sounded like the blowing of a **violent wind** and what looked like **tongues of fire** which spread out and touched each person.



**I  
WILL  
POUR OUT  
MY SPIRIT  
ON  
ALL  
PEOPLE**  
ACTS 2:17

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The wind has mixed up these puzzle pieces. Cut them out and rearrange into a flame shaped picture →



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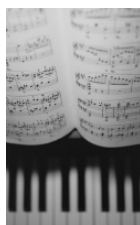
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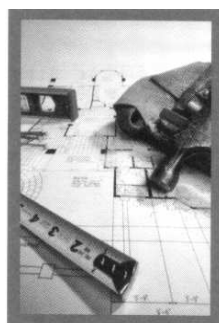
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