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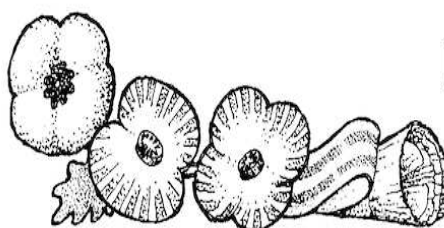
Serving Christ in
Thurstaston & Irby

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November
2012



Diary Dates

Thursday 1st November

M.U. St Chad's 2.15pm

Craft Afternoon - "Christmas Cards"

Wednesday 7th November

EMU 'Jewellery making' with

Jane Young

Christmas gifts to buy

8pm at **The Rectory**

Thursday 15th November

Wellspring

8pm at The Rectory

Saturday 1st December

Men's Breakfast

8.45-9.45am at Aroma Café Irby

Saturday 1st December

Church Christmas Fair

1pm-4pm at St Chad's

Thursday 6th December

M.U. St Chad's 2.15pm

Christmas Meeting & Tea

Notices



Thank you to all who attended The Children's Society Coffee Morning.

It was good to see so many people of all ages.

A record amount of £80.58 was raised from donations and the 'bring & buy'.

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the

Lord's family

28th October

Lulu & Dolcie

Roberts

Weddings

We ask for God's blessing upon the

marriage of

20th October

Ben Thomas &

Helen Mockridge

27th October

Stephen Chaplin &

Ann Flenley

From your rector

Dear Friends,



I am writing this at the end of a beautiful autumnal sunny day in which I have enjoyed the beauty of the colour of the leaves on the trees as well as the childishness of kicking the fallen leaves. This set me to thinking about Autumn and wondering what we can learn from it.

“Autumn” occurs only seven times in the Bible, the first six are purely a reference to “autumn and spring rains”. The seventh is Jude 1:12, where false teachers are compared to “autumn trees without fruit,” implying that autumn should be a fruitful season, the most abundant of the year. This seems strange, as we think of Autumn as the season in which everything shuts down for winter.

As church congregations get older, we could simply see this as decline and shut down or we could ask the question “How can we take advantage of the ‘autumn of life’?”

Remember the Unchanging Nature of God

The seasons come and go, so focus on the God who remains unchanged and unchanging.

“Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God” (Ps 90:1-2).

There’s a lot of unwelcome change in our world. Moral and societal changes bother us most when we turn on our television or glance at the magazines. We’re painfully aware our children are growing up in a world far different from the one we knew as children.

And personal changes - children leaving home, the passing of dear friends, and the slow, steady decline in our vitality and health. Sometimes we feel outdated at work.

But amid all the changes, one thing, one person, never changes - our eternal God. Remember this verse from “Abide with Me”?

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me

J. I. Packer points out that God does not change. His life is always the same. His character is always dependable. His truth, ways, and purposes do not change. His Son does not change. He's the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

His children will enjoy His fellowship a million years from now. The world may fade, the stars may fall, the seasons may change, and winter may come. But the God who has been our help in ages past is our hope for years to come. In Him we have permanence, stability, joy unshakable, and life unending.

Remember the Wonderful Blessings of God

The autumn of life is a great time to focus on God's wonderful blessings - family, friends, strength, shelter, provision, guidance, care, fruitful ministry, opportunities to serve, more time to pray and study His Word, and eternal life still to come.

During life's autumn, we have a richer perspective and can count more blessings than ever before.

Make a Renewed Commitment to God

Autumn is a good time to focus on your commitment to God. Some of the saddest words in the Bible are in Jeremiah 8:20,

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

If you've never made a commitment to Jesus Christ, do it now, while there is still time.

If you are a follower of Christ, remember to remain close to Him during the shifting seasons of life.

**During autumn, we all know that winter lies ahead,
but if winter comes, can spring be far behind?**

Mothers' Union



At our October meeting Mr. and Mrs. David Casement took us on a trip to the Islands of Samoa in the Pacific Ocean. They had spent a holiday with their daughter in Samoa on Upolu Island, and had taken many interesting slides and had found out the history

and present day living conditions on these islands.

They gave a most enlightening and amusing talk illustrated with their slides and all the memorabilia they had brought home. David even dressed as a Samoan man - skirt and all! Life isn't easy on the islands and they need our prayers and practical help.

Our Church Christmas Fair is being held on Saturday 1st December. We will be doing the ' Cake and Grocery Stall ' - all contributions for the stall will be very welcome.

Prayer

God of justice and equality, in our prayers let us remember the hands and hearts that harvested our food and drink. Let us not seek a bargain today in the shops and markets that will leave another hungry tomorrow.

Amen

Diary Dates:

Nov. 1st. Thurs. St. Chads 2.15pm.
Craft Afternoon - Christmas Cards
Dec. 6th. Thurs. St. Chads 2.15pm.
Christmas Meeting and Tea

God Bless
Sue Burns

The way I see it: What's it worth?

Canon David Winter, a former Head of Religious Broadcasting at the BBC presenting a point of view...

Television is currently full of programmes whose major question is, very simply, 'What's it worth?' *Cash in the Attic*, *Flog it*, *Antiques Road Show* and several similar spin-offs parade before us people who own, or have acquired, something rare or beautiful, which they always vow they would 'never part with', yet are desperate to know its monetary value. One suspects that in many cases the next stop is the auction room. And in *Flog It* and *Cash in the Attic*, it always is.

In many ways it's a normal human reaction. After all, most of us aren't rich, but, well, that picture great-aunt Louise left in the cellar looks exactly like one we saw valued on TV last week at several thousand pounds. Of course, for sentimental reasons we ought to keep it, but then Rachel's off to Uni and we all know the difference a few thousand pounds would make where the tuition fees are concerned.

'What's it worth?' is a question that would have concerned St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of Italy, where they celebrated his feast-day last month. But his answer wasn't in the auction room. He believed that poverty could be a blessing and riches a curse. Eight hundred years ago he and his friars, and their female counterparts, the Poor Clares, lived by their beliefs. Francis gave away all his possessions (and he came from a rich family), lived in what he called a 'hovel', ate frugally, drank water, and preached the grace of a simple life-style.

Thousands flocked to follow him, and his message of 'godly poverty' had an enormous influence on the society of his time. Of course there were still rich and poor. Francis didn't have a social programme to create wealth for the poor, or a political programme to tax the rich. His message went deeper than that. 'What is it worth?' meant to him 'What is its *real* value'? He saw poverty, willingly embraced, as freedom from the chains of ambition, power and success. He took the words of Jesus literally: 'blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of heaven is yours' (Luke 6:20).

Francis cared for the poor passionately and tried to improve their lot, but he also recognised the dangers of wealth - the kind of obsession with making money and always wanting more of it that has led the western world into our present financial mess.

He did not despise the rich, but nor did he envy them. He simply felt that there was a better way of living than measuring everything by its monetary value. Looking at much of our present-day society, one wonders whether we aren't ready for a widespread infusion of Franciscan values.

St. Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday, 1st December, 1-4 pm

- * Santa's Grotto
- * Children's Stalls
- * Barbecue
- * Mulled Wine
- * Craft Stalls
- * Raffle



**Christmas Fair at
St Chad's
Sat 1st December
1pm-4pm**



Grotto and Christmas Stalls

We need Donations of:-

Second Hand Books CDs and DVDs

Clean and in good condition, paperbacks or hardbacks

As new clothes

children's and adults - think love to receive, please!

Pretty teacups

Jam Jars and washed used Tin Cans

Old children's drawing crayons

(not new as we are only going to melt them!)

Toys - "Good as New"

Fancy goods

Cakes and Groceries and Preserves - on the day

These are for the Cake stall only.

And as many volunteers as possible!

Please contact Deanne Wiseman on 345 4136 or deannewiseman@yahoo.com,
Viv King on 648 4114 or Sharon Perlaki on 648 6482 if you can help in any
way. Many thanks.

Please bring donations to St Chads on Sunday mornings or
Tues, Wed, Thurs mornings (term time) 9.30am-12.30pm

Thank you for your help.

Support your local Hospice this Christmas!

Wirral Hospice St John's Christmas Coffee Mornings, 10am

Thurs 8th Nov, Heswall Hall

Tues 13th Nov, Wallasey UR Church

Fri 16th Nov, Westbourne Hall, West Kirby

Wed 21st Nov, St Lukes Church, Hoylake

Tues 27th Nov, Christ Church, Bebington

A great opportunity to buy your Christmas Cards & Gifts!

Call 0151 343 0778

Raffles Games Tombola Cards & Gifts

Cards For Good Causes shop has opened a shop in Newton West Kirby

A Cards For Good Causes shop has opened at St Michael's church centre from October 23rd to December 19th open 10am - 4pm Monday to Saturday

Supporting a range of charities Cards for Good Causes ensure that 75p in every pound goes to the charities and the remaining 25p cover the costs of running the shops.

Please consider buying your Christmas cards this year from this shop.

There are also opportunities to volunteer to staff the shop alongside volunteers from the charities involved.

For more information contact Jeanette Appleton t; 07768418942.



Diamond Jubilee: Elizabeth - THE DEATH OF DIANA

David Winter, former head of Religion for the BBC

If 1992 was the Queen's *annus horribilis*, in some ways 1997 was even worse. Charles and Diana had finally divorced in 1996 - a public recognition of a personal tragedy. Diana, now to be known as 'Diana, Princess of Wales', had continued her work with good causes, including what looked like a dangerous one, publicising the menace of buried land-mines. She had also formed a friendship with Dodi Fayed, the son of the owner of Harrods, and it was while she was in Paris with him that she was killed in a late night car crash on August 31st 1997.

Most of us can recall where we were when major news broke. In this case, as it happened in the early hours of the morning, that probably meant bed. My wife woke me to tell me, first of the accident and the death of Dodi, and then of the death of the Princess. Shortly afterwards the phone rang. A producer from the BBC asked if I could go to London that day to present a programme for Radio 2 celebrating her life and achievements. It was a Sunday, but I was able to clear the day once the early morning communion was over, and I agreed to do it.

I went into the church at a quarter to eight to find a bunch of flowers on the altar, put there by some early riser who wished to honour Diana. No question there of 'copy-cattin'g'! After breakfast I set off to London, making my way along the A40 just before the road was closed as the plane bearing her body flew in to RAF Northolt. You could almost smell the adrenaline in Broadcasting House. This was the news story of the year, perhaps of the decade.

For the royal family, however, it was much more than a news story. The Queen reacted as one would have expected, mindful of protocol, outwardly calm. She was at Balmoral, and attended church service that morning as usual. But she also reacted as a grandmother, anxious to protect her two grandsons, then teen-agers, from the wave of public grief and the intrusive cameras of the media. Diana was no longer technically a member of the royal family, so the Queen opted to stay at Balmoral and the flag above Buckingham Palace was not lowered.

Hindsight suggests she got it both right and wrong. She was absolutely right to protect William and Harry, and to avoid exposing herself and the family to the intense scrutiny which turns grief into a media show. She was, though (most people came to think) wrong in her judgment of the mood of the nation. On reflection, she and the rest of the family abandoned their Balmoral holiday and travelled to London. The royal standard was then flown at half-mast, whatever protocol decreed, and they briefly joined the enormous crowds that had gathered along the Mall and Buckingham Palace to mourn their beloved Princess.

The funeral followed, held in the presence of the Queen. It was watched by a vast world-wide television audience, and William and Harry followed the hearse. Crowds lined the route and gathered in front of a giant television screen in Hyde Park. You could literally smell the flowers which lay around the Palace and the Mall half a mile away. London had probably never seen anything like it.

Time has passed. The extraordinary outburst of grief which marked the death of Diana has also passed, and any temporary criticism of the Queen's reaction is long forgotten. More importantly, Diana's elder son (and for that matter her less restrained younger one!) seem to have inherited many of the qualities in her life which made her so widely loved and admired. The future of our monarchy, it is generally recognised, is in good hands.

November Recipe - Brownies

INGREDIENTS

110g (4oz) Margarine or butter
110g (4oz) Plain chocolate
225g (8oz) Granulated sugar

2 eggs
110g (4oz) Plain flour
½ teaspoon Baking Powder

Method

Melt the chocolate in a saucepan, add the margarine, then the eggs and then the rest of the ingredients.

Stir well, then pour into a greased tin, it needs to be well greased to prevent sticking. I use an 20x15cm (8x6") tin.

Bake in a moderated oven 350F/180C/Gas Mk 4 for 15-20 minutes.

Cool in the tin for just 10 minutes and cut into squares.

Brownies are very good served with vanilla ice cream.

Why not freeze some for Christmas?

Betty Rimmer



Can You Help?

St. Chad's Tots and Tinies
Thursday 9.30-11.30am

This group was launched in May 2012
and has been running very successfully.

However, the Church Member who was co-ordinating it started a full time job at the beginning of September, so this group

desperately needs a Church Member to help.

Ideally the Mums are looking for someone who can come along to help with set up and clear away, and if possible plan a craft activity to go with a Bible Story. However, whatever you can offer would be great! Please speak to Revd Jane if you could help.

This is an excellent opportunity for our Church to grow.

Contact with young families is vital.

Tots and Tinies is one way in which we are fulfilling Our
Mission Statement "Serving Christ in Thurstaston and Irby"



Men's Breakfast



Saturday 1st December 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 for further details.

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

Remember, Remember it's Will Aid in November

Will Aid, www.willaid.org.uk, the UK's most enduring and successful charity Will-making scheme, runs again this month, throughout November. If you haven't yet written your Will, now is the time to think about it!

This is how the system works: Will Aid solicitors all over the UK agree to write basic Wills during November, without charging their usual fee. Instead, these solicitors raise as much money as possible for the Will Aid charities, by asking Will-makers for a donation, which reflects the time and expertise they have devoted to writing the Will. The suggested donation is £90 for a single Will, £135 for mirror Wills or £40 for a codicil or change to a previous Will.

Will Aid is effective. Not only does it raise substantial money for charity, but also motivates people to get on and make their Will - something that many people have been meaning to get around to for years. Last November, solicitors all over the UK gave their time and expertise to Will Aid. Over 27,000 clients wrote a Will. Nine charities shared £2.2 million, donated by Will-makers to Will Aid.

The contact details of participating solicitors are available online at www.willaid.org.uk, or you can phone the hotline on 0300 0300 013. Readers should then contact the solicitor straightaway to make an appointment for November. The website also has a good deal of information on Wills and inheritance issues as well as a useful Will planner to help people prepare their Will.

Third Thursday of each month

this month: November 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.

Advent and Christmas Special Services:-

Sun Dec 2nd 9.30am Holy Communion

4.00pm Christingle Family Service at St Chads

8.00am, 11.15am as normal. NO 6.30pm service.

Sun Dec 9th All Services as Normal

Sun Dec 16th 9.30am Nativity Service led by Junior Church

8.00am, 11.15am, 6.30pm as Normal

Sun Dec 23rd 6.30pm Joint Carol Service at Irby Methodist

8.00am, 9.30am, 11.15am as normal

Dec 24th 4.00pm Crib Service at St. Bartholomew's

5.00pm Crib Service at St. Bartholomew's

As in previous years, we will run two services exactly the same one after the other. We suggest that the 4pm service is for younger (up to and including Reception) children and that the 5pm service is for older children. If you have children in both age brackets - you choose!

If coming to the 5pm service, please don't arrive until 4.45pm in order for the 4pm service to have cleared church and car parking spaces!

11.15pm First Communion of Christmas

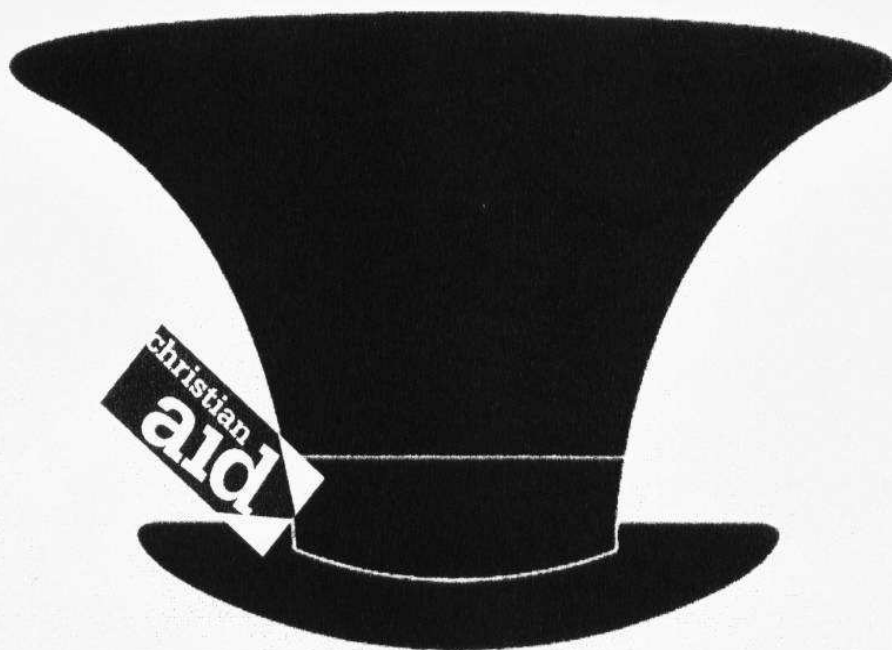


Dec 25th - Christmas Day

10.00am Family Communion at St Bartholomew's

You are invited to bring one of your presents
to show to everybody else.

Sun Dec 30th All Services as Normal



CAROLS IN WONDERLAND



A Christian Aid Big Christmas Sing

Enjoy a Spectacular Christmas Concert in a magical setting



Saturday 15th December - 18:30 to 20:00



Lewis Carroll centre, All Saints Church, Daresbury,



Free entry



More info contact Christian Aid on 01925 582825

INCLUDES UNOFFICIAL RECORD ATTEMPT !

NUMBER OF PEOPLE CALLED

Local Community Radio Station Wins National Award

Flame Christian and Community Radio (CCR), headquartered in Rock Ferry, Wirral, received a 2012 Christian Broadcasting Council (CBC) Media Award on October 5th for their Voices & Verses Programme Series in the Innovative Use of Radio category.

The award ceremony was held at The Tower Hotel in London. Jono McGrath (stage name John Ryder), a Flame CCR radio volunteer who grew up on the Woodchurch estate, masterminded the series and accepted the silver award on behalf of the station from comedian Tim Vine.

The 2011 programme series was created to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible by inviting over 600 local, ordinary residents to read a verse from this version of the Bible. This was to follow the “Tyndale’s Ploughboy” aim of 1611 A.D. for ordinary people to be able to read the Bible. The single Bible verses, as read into a recording microphone on the streets of Wirral with plenty of background noises, were joined together into a series of 20 short programmes each with a different theme. The programme series has been broadcast regularly on Flame CCR.

Jono McGrath described the Voices & Verses programme series as “A cast of ordinary people plus a great old script plus some modern technology (which) formed the basis of this innovative series of programmes.” The award-winning episode was on the theme of Marriage; a CD copy of this having been sent to Wills and Kate as a wedding present (and acknowledged by Buckingham Palace).

Flame CCR is a registered charity and has broadcast on 1521 kHz medium wave since 2009 under a community radio licence. It has been heard as far away as St Asaph and Wrexham. Broadcasts also go out on the internet via www.flameradio.org which has complete details of the station and programmes. Full details of the CBC Media Awards can be found on www.cbcmmediaawards.org

Accompanying photos ... the CBC award, Jono McGrath recording for Voices & Verses.



Contact point for more information: Norman Polden, Station Manager, Flame CCR,
e-mail flameccr@googlemail.com, phone 0151 643 1696.

Looking at You

Horrible and happy sounds

What is the worst sound you can think of? Most of us say nails being scraped on a black-board. That spine-chilling, teeth-clenching screech has been voted the worst sound in the world in a recent poll.

It is closely followed by the constant shrill of a car alarm, and the sound of your dentist's drill. A dripping tap and a squeaky shoe and someone who keeps snuffling and doesn't blow their nose are also likely to drive you quite mad.

As for happy sounds, we like waves crashing on a beach, the glug of a glass of wine being poured, bacon sizzling, and the sound of rain against windows (as long as we are on the inside). The study, by Drayton Manor Theme Park, found that sound is crucial in building up an atmosphere.

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'Eat less meat' – to help save the planet

It sounds ridiculous – how could eating pasta instead of steak matter to anyone but you? But scientists are now saying that Westerners need to cut half of the meat out of their diet, in order to prevent global warming caused by agriculture.

A recent study at the University of Exeter urges that the West needs to eat less meat (especially beef), recycle more waste, and give over more of our farmland to growing crops that can generate biofuels, if the world is to combat climate change. If we fail to change our lifestyle, we will be less efficient in food production, and in the future this will mean we are unable to feed the growing world population. Not only that – we are flirting with ecological disaster as ever more dangerous levels of carbon dioxide build up in the atmosphere – heating things up.

A 'high-meat, low efficiency' model will increase the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere by 55 parts in a million. Only a 'low meat, high efficiency' model will lower such levels by 25ppm – enough to keep the rise in global temperature to below the two-degree threshold, which is seen by climate experts to be the maximum 'safe' increase.

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Throw something at a child – and see what happens

What would happen if you threw something at a child you know? Could they catch it? It seems that more and more children are growing up with such a TV-based childhood that they are not developing even the basic physical skills of throwing and catching. The motor coordination of youngsters who spend more than three-quarters of their spare time in front of the box or in playing video games is up to nine times worse than their more active peers.

The study, by the University of Minho in Portugal, found that the most sedentary children are unable to balance properly, jump up and down, or hop on one leg over an obstacle. "Childhood is a critical time for the development of motor coordination skills which are essential for health and well-being. We know that sedentary lifestyles have a negative effect on these skills, and are associated with decreased fitness, lower self esteem and decreased academic achievement and increased obesity."



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Aged 50–70(ish)?

Then *Second Half Living* is for you!

A series of two practical discipleship workshops, led by Martin Cooper from The Navigators. The interactive sessions will address vital life-issues at this age, and explore what the Bible has to say about making the most of the rest of our lives and finishing well.

Venue: St Mary's Centre, Saughall Massie Road

Saturdays 10th & 24th November, 9.30am to 1.30pm

Course fee: £10 for the two sessions

Refreshments available from 9am & mid session

For further information, or to register for the workshops

Contact: Office 677 1186 or Yvonne Jackson 648 1124

"The second half of your life can be the greater of the two halves"

Rev Gordon MacDonald

second half living

Ⓛ A MINISTRY OF THE NAVIGATORS UK



Know what to do

The town's fire prevention officer was conducting a health and safety course at the local church. The officer said to the minister: "Now imagine this: it is a Sunday morning and you have a number of people, spread throughout your church building. Some are in the choir stalls, some are in the kitchen, and some are in the nave. Suddenly, a big fire breaks out. What are the first steps you would take?"

The minister thought carefully for a moment. "Really big ones," he said.

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The congregation



A minister was considering a move to a busy town-centre church, and wanted to know what the congregation were like, and especially the church council. So he rang the minister who had just retired from that church. The retiring minister hesitated a moment and then replied: "Some of them are wise; some are otherwise."

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Rooms

When the vicar moved his family into the large Victorian vicarage, a member of the congregation asked the young son how he liked his new home.



"It's great," the little boy replied. "At last I have my own room, and Mike has his own room, and Jemma has her own room, and Bobby has his own room. But poor Mum is still in with Dad."

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Don't worry

A little boy was told that he should try and be good, and that he could ask God for help with this. So he prayed: "Lord, please make me good, if you can. But if you can't, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

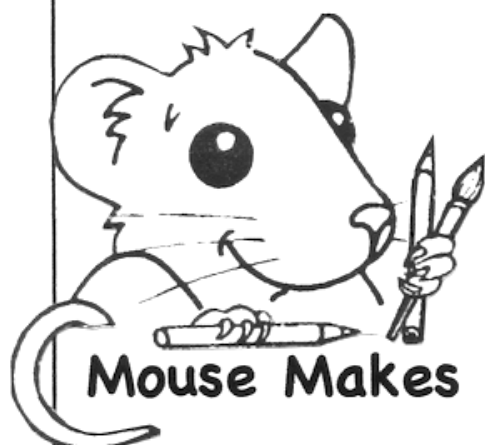
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Family tree

At a drinks party at a wealthy golf club, the conversation turned to the subject of ancestry. "Of course, we trace our family back to coming over with William the Conqueror," observed one lady with satisfaction. She turned to a second woman, who was new to the club, and asked, "What about you dear? Can you go back very far?"

"Not very far," came the reply. "You see, all the early family records were lost in the Flood."





JESUS IS COMING!



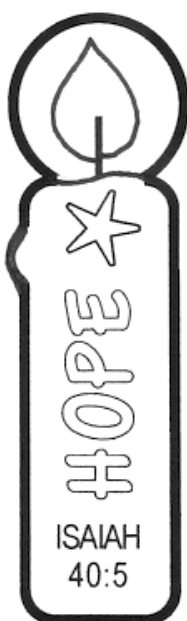
ADVENT is the time before Christmas when we celebrate the arrival of **JESUS**, God's Son, our Saviour. In Advent we also look forward with **HOPE** to the time when Jesus will return to us again. We give thanks for God's **LOVE** for us, the **PEACE** we have with God through Jesus and our **JOY** at being His children.



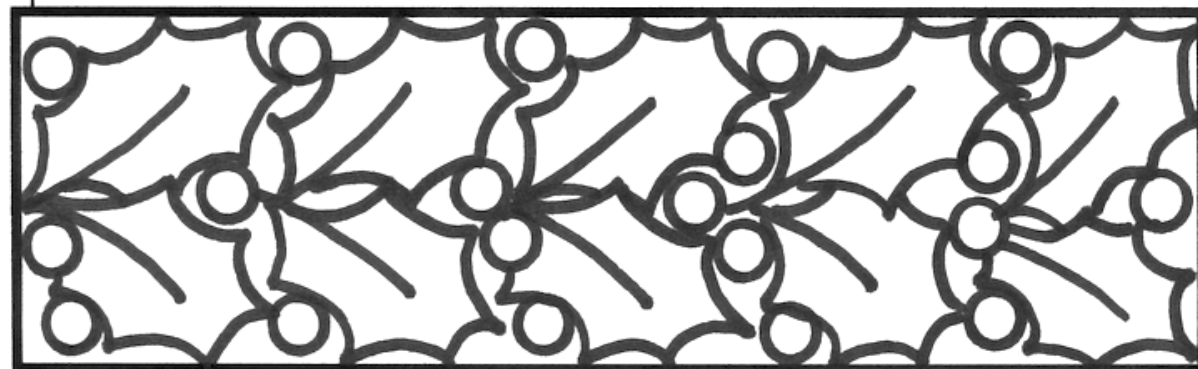
To make your Advent wreath cut out the strips of holly, colour, glue together and glue around a glass jar. Colour and cut out the candles. Glue one candle onto the jar on each Sunday in Advent.



On Christmas Eve light a real candle in the jar to celebrate the birth of Jesus.



glue



glue



Iona Spirituality – invitation to retreat on Iona

An opportunity to go on a midweek pilgrimage to Iona is rare. But between Monday 8th and Friday 12th April next year rooms are available for those wanting to experience the exhilarating atmosphere of the birthplace of what is commonly called Celtic Spirituality. Readers take a train to Glasgow where they meet up with the rest of their pilgrims at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel there. People travelling alone are very welcome to join others who are also on board the pilgrimage. The journey continues the next morning, after a dinner together and a good night's sleep, with the "boat train" from Glasgow Queen Street to Oban. The ferry waits there for the train to arrive before setting off on its 45 minute cruise to The Isle of Mull. It is a glorious short cruise with, weather permitting, beautiful scenery. From there, pilgrims journey by coach across Mull to the small port of Fionnphort which has great views of Iona. The much smaller ferry takes just 6 minutes to go across the jetty on Iona where 3 days of relaxation, prayer, great food and company awaits all those who take part. Peter Millar writes: "We are not alone as our hearts see God's guidance – a thought which in itself is both comforting and restoring." The pilgrimage is accompanied by BBC Radio 4's *Thought for the Day* broadcaster Revd Rob Marshall who has been leading pilgrimages to Iona for over a decade. Rooms are limited. Book now. 01992 579 697 or info@livingthegospel.co.uk. The price for the pilgrimage in a twin room is £493. <http://www.livingthegospel.co.uk/>

Choirbook for the Queen

During the wonderful celebrations of Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee a project to celebrate her sixty years as Queen has been quietly unfolding in Cathedrals, Churches and Chapels across the Country. www.choirbookforthequeen.org.uk contains 44 anthems written in the last decade. 11 anthems were specially commissioned from leading British composers and are being premiered across the country. Many have been heard on BBC Radio 3's Choral Evensong. The final anthem to be premiered (BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong on 5th December 2012 from Westminster Abbey) is called 'Advent Calendar'. It is composed by Sir Peter Maxwell Davies and based on a poem by Rowan Williams, who steps down as Archbishop of Canterbury in the New Year. Universally acknowledged as one of the foremost composers of our time, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies has made a significant contribution to musical history through his wide-ranging and prolific output. He lives in the Orkney Islands where he writes most of his music. Maxwell Davies' huge output of work includes operas, two ballets, music-theatre works, eight symphonies and numerous concerti, light orchestral works and large-scale works for chorus. Maxwell Davies has guest-conducted international orchestras at the highest level and retains close links with the St. Magnus Festival, which he founded in 1977. He was knighted in 1987 and appointed Master of The Queen's Music in 2004.

Prisons Week 2012: 18th-24th November (www.prisonsworld.org)

Prison Fellowship (England & Wales) will once again be giving its full support this autumn to Prisons Week. The theme in 2012 will be "Taking the Path to Life". All aspects of prison ministry and support will be celebrated. Focussing on themes from Psalm 16.11, churches and individual Christians can be involved in a variety of ways: organise a preacher for Sunday 18th November, make sure that your prayers are informed for Prisons Week and support the work of all those working in prisons. Watch the website for more and more resources as the date approaches: www.prisonfellowship.org.uk. **Prisons Week 2012**
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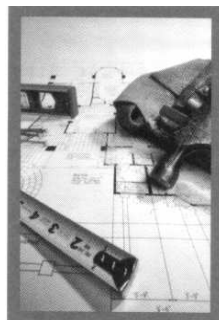
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St Bartholomew's

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11.15am Holy Communion
6.30pm Holy Communion

4th November
All Saints

9.30am Family Service

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.15am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Worship

11th November
Remembrance Sunday

NO SERVICE

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

18th November
2nd before Advent

9.30am Morning Worship

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

25th November
Christ the King

9.30am Family Communion

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11.15am Holy Communion

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