

# Crosstalk

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 THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of Chester



December 2012  
& January 2013





## Diary Dates

**Thursday 3rd January**

M.U. Communion Service Rev. Jane

2.15pm at St Chad's

**Thursday 17th January**

'Wellspring'

8pm at The Rectory

**Saturday 19th January**

EMU 'Tea & Toast/Bring & Buy'

9.30am-11.30am at St Chad's

**Wednesday 23rd January**

EMU New Year Meal

Venue & Time tba

**Saturday 2nd February**

Men's Breakfast

8.45am at Aroma Café Irby

**Saturday 2nd February**

'Quiz Night'

7.15pm at St Chad's

## Notices



**Thank you** to all who returned their Leprosy boxes. This year I've been able to forward a cheque to The Leprosy Mission for £312.43p, a substantial increase on last year.

Your support allows The Mission to carry on their core work, of funding the treatment and rehabilitation of those affected by Leprosy.

Without the generosity of supporters like you,  
none of this would be possible.

Thank you so much for your gifts, and for your continued support of The Leprosy Mission.  
Pat Hulme.



## Magazine subscriptions

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## *Advance notice from the Registers*

*Best Wishes to Jamie Edgerton & Elizabeth Knowles  
to be married on Saturday 5th January 2013 at  
St Bartholomew's*



## From your rector

Dear Friends,



### **What Does God Want for Christmas?**

George asked, 'I don't know what to get my Dad for Christmas. What do you give somebody who has everything?' Harry replied, 'A burglar alarm!' Presents can be a real problem, when we want to give those we love something they really want. But what about God? What would he want from us this Christmas? What's a suitable gift to celebrate the birthday of Jesus? What do you give someone who not only has everything, but who actually made everything?

The answer can be found from Micah, a prophet who lived about 700 years before the birth of Christ: 'He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.' (Micah 6:8).

This Christmas, God is looking for the gift of lives characterised by justice, mercy and humility:

Justice:- God is just - he is absolutely fair and righteous in all his dealings. Justice means 'treating people right because you know God.' In the Bible it means caring for the poor, speaking the truth and refusing to take advantage of the less fortunate. For us at Christmas, justice means doing right for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Mercy:- This speaks of sharing God's heart by loving the unlovely even when they don't love us back. How has God dealt with us this year? If He has forgiven us, then forgive others. Has God lifted us up when we were down? Then let's seek to lift others. Where God has overlooked our faults, let's overlook the faults of others. If God has been merciful to us this year, Christmas is a time to show mercy to others.

Humility: Humility is the opposite of pride. It reminds us that everything we have in life is a gift from God. Although some may have more or less than us, we can still thank God for what we have and do the best with what God has given me. This is the attitude we can reflect at Christmas, when we invest so much time in the presents we give.

God is looking to all these actions arising genuinely from our heart. As the carol says:

'What shall I give him, Poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I'd give him a lamb.  
If I were a wise man, I'd do my part.  
What shall I give him, I'll give him my heart.'

May you know God's blessing this Christmas and into the New Year.

*Rev'd Jane*

## Mothers' Union



Margaret Fordham, who makes our beautiful cards, gave us a 'Card Makers Master Class' in November. Helping us to create our own Christmas cards with her guidance and encouragement. We were all pleased with our efforts and we look forward to her next class!

Also in November Jane, her Mum and 12 members of M.U. went to the Floral Pavilion to see a production of 'Joseph'. It was a splendid performance enjoyed by us all. Our thanks to Lesley Roberts for organising the trip.

On January 3rd we will be having our last meeting as a Deanery Branch, but we will continue as Diocesan Members. Jane will be taking our Communion Service and I do hope you will all be able to join us at St. Chad's. It will be followed by tea and cakes!!

### Prayer

Lord, in this holy season of Advent, we remember the journey taken by the Holy Family and we ask that as we journey through life, we may show the same love, care and obedience to God's will.

Amen

### Diary Dates:

2012 Dec.6th St. Chads 2.15pm Christmas Meeting

2013 Jan. 3rd St. Chads 2.15pm Communion Service Rev. Jane

God Bless  
Sue Burns



*A Big Thank You  
to the Christmas  
Fair Committee  
for a fabulous  
afternoon which  
raised in excess of  
£1100*



## **The way I see it: Taking the Stress out of Christmas**

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

We all know that turkeys don't vote for Christmas, but I suspect there's quite a few mothers, fathers, uncles, aunts and grandparents who don't either. They like the Nine Lessons and Carols bit, and the cards from friends, and the Queen on the telly, but for far too many people Christmas, instead of being an annual family delight, is a kind of nightmare. But it's a nightmare made worse because you have to keep saying how lovely it all is. When you're asked, on the first day back at work or by the supermarket checkout cashier, 'Have a nice Christmas?' it's not done to reply, 'No, awful. Glad it's all over'.

The trouble is, we have created an annual monster, a monster with a global appetite for swallowing our time and our money. It starts its pestering in mid-October and goes on, like a puppy demanding treats, right up to Christmas Eve. We all feel bound to submit to its demands. The alternative is to be a party-pooper, and who wants to be that?

Actually, in the end, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are usually pretty good: plenty of nice, soporific food and drink, some decent undemanding television, children amenable with a few hundred pounds-worth of new electronic playthings and grandpa snoring on the sofa. But take a look at mum. She's running on empty by now - the turkey, the 'trimmings', the bread sauce, the pudding, and all produced in that kitchen that's OK for cereals and toast, or even spaghetti bolognaise, but definitely inadequate for a full-blown Christmas dinner for twelve. Not that she's going to complain, because that would spoil the day. Hopefully they'll all eventually offer to help clear away the dishes and wash up (though last year it got left to Boxing Day).

Dad's got his own problems. It's one thing to give in to the blandishments of the retailers in November and December, with their flash ads about 'the ideal gift for the new son-in-law', or the must-have new electronic doll for the grand-daughter. It's quite another to pay for it in January. Last year it actually took until Easter to clear the wretched credit card bill.

So what's the clue to having a stress-free Christmas? Keep it simple, they say. Have a budget and stick to it. Don't start 'Christmas' until at least the second Sunday of Advent. Every able-bodied person must help on the day. Go carol singing on Christmas Eve. Go to church at midnight or on Christmas morning. Be grateful for the gift beyond words, the baby of Bethlehem, and all the gifts of love and kinship we celebrate in his name.

Sounds easy? Well, I've never *quite* made it myself, but someone told me it works.





**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.



## **Men's Breakfast**



2nd February 2013

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 2013 are:

6th April, 1st June, 3rd August,  
5th October and 7th December.

## **Diamond Jubilee: Elizabeth - LONG TO REIGN OVER US**

*By David Winter*

So we move towards the end of this Jubilee Year - and what a year it has been! It's almost as though several spoonfuls of sugar have been given us to help the nasty medicine of economic recession go down. We have had the sugar of the Jubilee itself, with its processions and street parties and concerts, always with the same short, elderly but serene figure at the centre of the celebrations. There was no time to take the flags down before the Olympic Games arrived, with their astonishing opening ceremony. More than anything else, I enjoyed the comment of a major American newspaper that it was impossible to think of another Head of State in the world who would have agreed to take part in a comedy spoof to launch the Games - and this one is an octogenarian!

The Games themselves were marvellous, of course - not just the results (though they were gratifying) but the whole atmosphere surrounding them. As Boris Johnson remarked, people even spoke to strangers on the Tube. Visitors wondered whatever had happened to the reserved British. We honoured our heroes, who won gold, silver and bronze, but we also cheered those who competed but didn't win, in the very best traditions of Olympic sport.

And then came the Paralympics, and another set of heroes, perhaps led by the smiling face of the tiny swimmer Ellie Simmonds, ploughing down the final lap like a human torpedo to take yet another gold medal.

Even then it wasn't over. Andy Murray won his first Grand Slam tennis title and Europe won the Ryder Cup in an amazing turnaround. You didn't have to be a sports fan to feel that this was a year of multiple spoonfuls of that sugar!

Over it all was the reassuring presence of the Queen herself in her Jubilee year. Twice the Duke of Edinburgh had to be whisked into hospital for short periods - thankfully, to re-emerge his usual determined self. But the Queen just kept on. Over and over again she (and we) heard the words 'long to reign over us' - and it will only take four more years for her to be the longest serving British monarch in history.

Finally, we had the reassuring emergence of our future royals, William and Catherine. More and more they appeared in public, sometimes beside the Queen, more often on their own, at one and the same time splendidly contemporary and yet properly 'royal'. If we can just sort out the euro, the banks and our external unbalance of payments, the future looks rosy!



## December Recipe - Winter Navarin of Lamb

This is my version of Navarin of Lamb.

It is a meal in one and a good dish to serve around Christmas time.

It will only freeze for 2-3 weeks, but if you are going to freeze it, don't add the potatoes until you re-heat it.

### INGREDIENTS

500g (1lb) boneless leg of lamb,  
trimmed and cut into cubes  
1½ rounded tablespoons plain flour  
salt and freshly ground black pepper  
3 tablespoons sunflower oil  
1 dessertspoonful granulated sugar  
1 Oxo cube made up to ½ pint with  
hot water

45g (1½oz) tomato puree  
1 sprig thyme or pinch of dried thyme  
1 bay leaf  
1 medium onion chopped  
4 carrots peeled and cut into cubes  
4 potatoes peeled and cut into cubes  
¼ of a small swede

### Method

Season the flour with salt & pepper and toss the meat into the flour until thoroughly coated.

Heat the oil in a large flameproof casserole and brown the meat a few pieces at a time and while you are doing this, sprinkle a little of the sugar over the meat in the pan. This not only improves the colour but the taste as well. When you have browned all the meat, pour in the Oxo and water and stir in the tomato puree, thyme and bay leaf.

Now stir in the vegetables and cover with a tightly fitting lid and cook in a moderate oven 350F/180C/Gas Mk 4 for about 1 hour 30mins., then check if you need a little more liquid and finish cooking until the vegetables are tender.

Like so many casseroles, this one tastes even better if made a day in advance and then reheated to serve.

Have a very Happy Christmas  
Betty Rimmer



# Prayers & Poems for Christmas

## Christmas Prayer

Dear Lord,

What's it really all about, this "season of celebration"? People rushing everywhere, overspending, double-booking diaries in frantic attempts to meet the demands of a twenty-first century Christmas. And what about those who find Christmas anything but joyful – those who have lost loved ones, those who are old and alone and tired and longing for it all to be over? What's it really all about?

Lord, in the middle of the busy-ness and bustle, help us to remember that this is nothing new. Jesus came into a world of rush and frenetic activity. He came to a town so busy that there was no room for his family. And help us to remember that you know what it's like to have a loved one – your dear Son - away from home at Christmas.

Lord, still our hearts, and open them to recognise and receive your great gift to us. May we make room for Jesus and know the peace and security of his presence this Christmas. Help us to know that *this* is what it's really all about.

In the name of Jesus,  
Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*

## The Stranger

The stranger seemed to just appear  
As if from nowhere, out of the air.  
He knew her name and told her more  
Of things that had never been heard before.  
Time now had passed, they were ready to leave  
An arduous journey for them lay ahead.  
At last they had reached their journeys end  
With nowhere to stay, just a sort of a shed.  
Together in wonder they looked at the child  
That they had wrapped in a blanket and laid in a bed  
And then they remembered the stranger who called.  
It all had happened, just as he said.

*By Megan Carter*

## Going for Gold

*(Inspired by the 2012 Olympics and the book of Job)*

When He has tried me I shall come forth as gold  
All of my past and journeys untold  
The good and the bad, the joy and the pain  
Only my Maker can make all thing plain.  
When life is right or when it goes wrong,  
Not knowing the answers, just holding on.  
Sometimes it's sunshine but often it's rain  
All I can do is cling to His Name.  
His cross is the anchor when all sense has gone  
And out of the ashes redemption is born.  
Bought by a price of measureless love  
To live with the King in glory above  
Only by mercy and infinite grace  
I'll stand in His presence, well meet face to face  
My name in His scroll gently unfurled  
I'm transformed not as silver or bronze but as gold.

*By Megan Carter*

# Advent and Christmas Special Services:-

Sun Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.30am Holy Communion

4.00pm Christingle Family Service at St Chads

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

Sun Dec 9<sup>th</sup> All Services as Normal

Sun Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Nativity Service led by Junior Church

8.00am, 11.15am, 6.30pm as Normal

Sun Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 6.30pm Joint Carol Service at Irby Methodist

8.00am, 9.30am, 11.15am as normal

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> - 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 30<sup>th</sup> All Services as Normal

# 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"**

**Third Thursday of each month  
this month: January 17th**

**8.00pm Meeting 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.**

*Give ears and come to me; listen, so that you might live.*



# 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**

## **Women Bishops?**

As everyone knows, The General Synod of the Church of England voted in late November to reject the draft legislation to allow women to become bishops. What exactly did all this mean?

Well, under the requirements of the Synod, the legislation required a two-thirds majority in each of the three voting houses for final draft approval. Whilst more than two thirds voted for the legislation in both the House of Bishops (44-03) and the House of Clergy (148-45), the vote in favour of the legislation in the House of Laity was less than two-thirds (132-74). The vote in the House of Laity fell short of approval by 4 votes.

In total, 324 members of the General Synod voted to approve the legislation and 122 voted to reject it. The consequence of the "no" vote of terminating any further consideration of the draft legislation means that it will not be possible to introduce draft legislation in the same terms until a new General Synod comes into being in 2015, UNLESS the 'Group of Six' (the Archbishops, the Prolocutors and the Chair and Vice Chair of the House of Laity) give permission and report to the Synod why they have done so.

Speaking after the vote, the Rt Revd Graham James, Bishop of Norwich, said: "A clear majority of the General Synod voted in favour of the legislation to consecrate women as Bishops. But the bar of approval is set very high in this Synod. Two-thirds of each house has to approve the legislation for it to pass. This ensures the majority is overwhelming. The majority in the house of laity was not quite enough.

"This leaves us with a problem. 42 out of 44 dioceses approved the legislation and more than three quarters of members of diocesan synods voted in favour. There will be many who wonder why the General Synod expressed its mind so differently.

"The House of Bishops recognises that the Church of England has expressed its mind that women should be consecrated as bishops. There is now an urgent task to find a fresh way forward to which so many of those who were opposed have pledged themselves."

As we go to press, the House of Bishops of the Church of England were considering the consequences."



# Church Quiz Night

Beat the winter blues and test your knowledge at the church quiz night, to be held at 7.15pm on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at St Chad's.

The evening will be organised by Viv Hutchison, a member of the St Bartholomew's congregation and organiser of regular quizzes at Caldy Golf Club.

There will be light refreshments and a raffle and the winning teams will receive a small prize after battling it out over a variety of rounds.

Tickets will cost £3 each and will be available after Christmas.

Any surplus funds will be donated to church funds. So put the date in your diary and join us for a fun evening.

## Looking at You

### **Spruce up your Christmas...**

Are you off shopping for a Christmas tree soon? If you want one of the best, go for a Norway spruce. If possible, try and buy the tree in a pot, from where it can be moved into your garden (as long as it is fairly large!)

Whatever tree you eventually squeeze into your car and bring home, here are some tips for good care: First, when you get your tree home, plunge the stump into tepid water for a couple of hours - in natural surroundings, a six foot tree can take up to two pints of water a day. Then, position your tree away from heat sources, such as fires or radiators. Cooler temperatures and regular watering will help reduce the rate at which you lose the needles.

Finally, if you dispose of your tree after the holidays, ask the council about recycling services early New Year.

### **And after all that see below for the best way to decorate!**

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#### **Give your Christmas tree a 'spiritual makeover'**

Listeners to local radio stations will have heard a new series of adverts encouraging them to give their Christmas trees a 'spiritual makeover'. The adverts were run by the Meaningful Chocolate Company to promote their Christmas Tree decorations.

'Who'd be a Christmas tree?' runs the advert. 'Chopped down, stuck in a bucket and covered in shiny things. I'm not sure my life has meaning any more...' The answer is a box of Meaningful Christmas Tree decorations, each containing a copy of the Christmas story, five gold fair trade Christmas discs with stickers of Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, the wise men, shepherds and angels. The ad can be accessed from <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdXMCgP-Hgk&feature=youtu.be>

'We want to bring a blessing among the baubles, a text among the tinsel,' said Meaningful Chocolate Company's David Marshall. 'It's hard to believe that most of the UK's 20 million Christmas trees have nothing religious hanging on them. Our tree decorations are the UK's first-ever set of Fairtrade charity tree decorations to include the Christmas story.'

Order from: [www.MeaningfulChristmas.co.uk](http://www.MeaningfulChristmas.co.uk) or exclusively from [Traidcraft](http://Traidcraft).

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*And finally don't forget the birds*

#### **Protect the birds**

This Christmas why not give the birds in your garden a Christmas present by joining the RSPB? More and more of our wild birds are disappearing, making the RSPB's work vital, to make sure that the birds we have grown up with and love remain a familiar sight for our children and future generations. More than 200 different kinds of wild bird live within our shores – why not help the RSPB to help them? Visit: [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)

Would you like to help bring cheer to an elderly person's Christmas this year?

By helping us in whatever way you can, either by donating items or making a contribution to our funds, you can help an elderly person to feel special this Christmas.



Throughout the year, Helplink provides services that improve the quality of life for our clients, most of whom are elderly, by assisting them with day to day tasks, making things a little easier for them. They are able to retain some degree of independence and social contact which normally would be diminished by immobility, infirmity, poor health, terminal illness and isolation. Our network of volunteers is active in providing befriending / respite visits; transport to attend daycare facilities, luncheon clubs, shops, GP and hospital appointments; doing

shopping and small DIY jobs – indeed any activity which can be impaired by the ageing process.

We live in an age where the elderly population continues to grow and many of our clients do not have family close by, or indeed have outlived their children. We have a great many elderly, vulnerable, disabled, housebound and isolated clients who have little or no contact with anyone over the Christmas period. At this time of year these people feel even more vulnerable and alone.

It can make such a difference to receive a Christmas Parcel. It can mean so much – not merely because of the contents, but also because it means that someone is thinking of them at this special time of year.

So it is possible to bring cheer to an elderly person's Christmas this year – and with such a simple gesture.

Helplink does not have any funds of its own for this appeal; we rely purely on the generosity of our supporters. Most other outlets have long since stopped supplying Christmas Parcels.

I do hope that you feel that Helplink's Christmas Parcel Appeal is worthy of your support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mrs Y Seddon", is written over a faint, light-colored circular stamp or watermark.

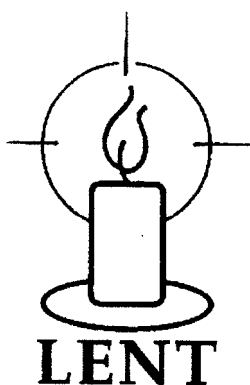
Mrs Y Seddon  
Care & Development Manager

## **“Re-Booting Lent”**

### **For Everyone**

Tuesday 12th Feb  
“Shrove Tuesday”  
6.00-7.30pm  
St Chad’s

### **Pancake Party**



### **For Families**

Saturday 9th Mar  
Dads ‘n’ Kids Craft Day  
10.00am-12noon  
St Chad’s

Leave Mum at home for some peace. Come and make some things for Mothering Sunday

Saturday 23rd Mar  
Easter Workshop  
2.00-4.00pm  
St Chad’s  
Lots of fun things to do and make

### **For Adults**

Lent Course based on  
the 5 Paths to Repentance  
by St John Chrysostom  
Ash Wednesday Service and then  
Thursdays (21, 28 Feb, 7, 14 Mar)  
8.00-9.15pm @ St Chad’s  
More Information Next Month

**Would anyone  
like to organise  
Lent Lunch(es)**

**Would anyone  
like to organise  
catering for a  
Passover Meal  
on Maundy  
Thursday?**

Speak to Revd Jane

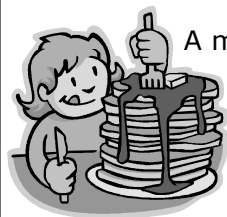
## The Holy Family

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?"  
One child answered, "Mary."  
The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?"  
Another child ventured: "Verge?"  
Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?"  
He replied hesitantly: "Well, you know they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."



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## Pancakes and great commandments



A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, five and Ryan, three. As the boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake, their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here," she said, "He would say, 'let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'"

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

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## Shhh!



A teacher asked her children, as they were on the way to the village Christmas carol service: "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

One bright little girl replied, "Because so many people are sleeping."

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## Lord's Prayer, updated

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, she would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word right up to the end of the prayer: "and lead us not into temptation," she implored, "but deliver us some e-mail."

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## Church officials

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel demanded.



Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

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## Visiting Father Christmas



A mother took her young daughter to visit Father Christmas in his grotto at the garden centre. He greeted the youngster merrily, and asked: "And what would you like for Christmas?"

The little girl stared at him, open mouthed with horror. Then she gasped: "Didn't you get my email??!!"



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West Wirral and Wallasey  
Districts**



31<sup>st</sup> Jan 7.30pm   1<sup>st</sup> Feb 7.30pm   2<sup>nd</sup> Feb  
2.00pm and 7.30pm 2013

@ St. Andrews Church Hall, Graham Road,  
West Kirby

# WEST WIRRAL GANG SHOW THEATRE GROUP

## ROBIN HOOD TICKET ORDER FORM

I would like to order the following tickets as detailed below and I have enclosed the following payment cheque/cash as required.

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3.15	Afternoon Tea*
3.45	Rehearsal
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5.00	<b>Concert</b>



## Choral Workshop

### 4 May 2013

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please register me to sing:

<input type="checkbox"/> Soprano	<input type="checkbox"/> Alto
<input type="checkbox"/> Tenor	<input type="checkbox"/> Bass

Singing ticket price includes music hire, morning coffee and afternoon tea.

	Number	Price	Total
Singing Ticket		£24	
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		Grand Total	

## Choral Workshop

### 4 May 2013

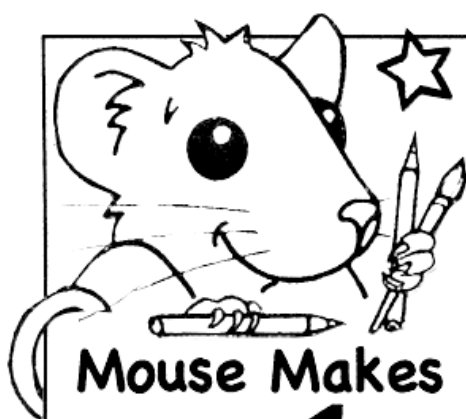
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*Read:  
Luke 1-20*



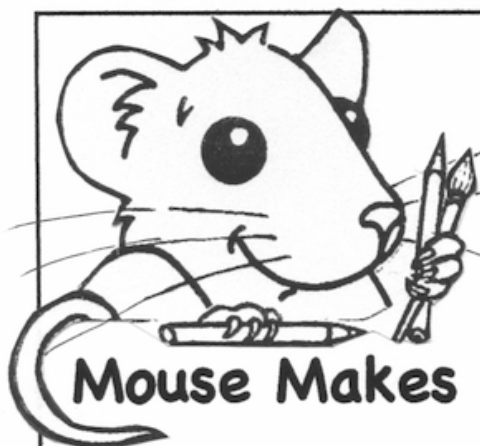
1. Colour the spiral.  
Cut out along the thick black line

2. Cut out the stable and stick on the centre tab. Tie the star on the end of the spiral.

3. Hang up

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Jesus came from Nazareth and was baptised by John in the Jordan.

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"You are my own dear Son.

I am pleased with you"

See Mark 1:9-11

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## **Lindisfarne Gospels Durham Exhibition 2013**

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## **Archbishop of Canterbury conference on Pilgrimage to the Holy Land ( October 2012)**

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### **Sunday Services**

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

#### **St Chad's**

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

**9th December**  
Advent 2

9.30am Holy Communion

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11.15am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Holy Communion

**16th December**  
Advent 3

9.30am Nativity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion  
6.30pm **Carol Service at Irby Methodist Church**

**23rd December**  
Advent 4

9.30am Family Communion

4.00pm Crib Service  
5.00pm Crib Service  
11.15pm Holy Communion

**24th December**  
Christmas Eve

10.00am Holy Communion

**25th December**  
Christmas Day

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

**30th December**  
Christmas 1

9.30am Holy Communion

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### **Sunday Services**

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

#### **St Chad's**

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11.15am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Holy Communion

**6th January**  
Epiphany

9.30am Family Service

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

**13th January**  
Baptism of Christ

9.30am Morning Worship

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

**20th January**  
Epiphany 3

9.30am Covenant Service  
with Irby Methodist Church

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

**27th January**  
Epiphany 4

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