

# Crosstalk

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## Diary Dates

**Saturday 2nd February**

Men's Breakfast

8.45am at Aroma Café Irby

**Saturday 2nd February**

Church 'Quiz Night'

7.15pm at St Chad's

**Tuesday 12th February**

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party

6.00-7.30pm at St Chad's

**Wednesday 20th February**

Lent Lunch

12noon at St Chad's

**Thursday 21st February**

Wellspring

8pm at The Rectory

**Wednesday 27th February**

EMU 'Indian Experience'

with Pam Desai

8pm at St Chad's

**Thursday 7th March**

Lent Lunch

12noon at Irby Methodist Church

## Notices

### Magazine subscriptions

These are now due for 2013. If you see your deliverer please pay them. Alternatively either post a cheque for £4.00 payable to Thurstaston PCC, to St Chad's Church Office, Roslin Road, Irby, CH61 3UH or pay on-line at 40.52.40 00018674, putting your surname and mag subs as reference.



The Children's Society boxes raised £781.92.

Thank you to all box holders



## From the Registers

### Baptisms

*We welcome into the  
Lord's family*

**13th January**

**Chloe Stirling**

### Weddings

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

**5th January**

**Jamie Edgerton &  
Elizabeth Knowles**

### Funerals

*We commend to God's eternal care*

**4th January**

**Muriel Jones**

## From your rector

Dear Friends,

Will you come on a Spiritual Journey through Lent?



I'd like to encourage as many people as possible to take part in this spiritual journey. There is more information about events planned later in the magazine, but for now let me explain the journey I'd like us to take.

Way back in December I attended a clergy day entitled "Re-booting Lent" and one of the ideas that has stayed with me is the idea of making Lent a real church community event in which we feel we are growing and journeying together. One way of making this possible is for us all to have the same goal. And rather than the emphasis being on fasting (even though this is a very good Lenten discipline!) eg giving up chocolate, or TV, or alcohol or ..., I'd like us to take a fresh look at some of the other traditional Lenten Disciplines, based on the five pathways of John Chrysostom (see article further on in magazine).

In setting ourselves a Lenten goal we need to be realistic. How many of you had a string of new years' resolutions? How many of you have managed to keep them for the whole of January? We are often unkind to ourselves and try to achieve the impossible. So the Lenten goal that I would like to suggest is that we do ONE thing each week in Lent:-

Week 1: Make the Ash Wednesday Service a Priority

Week 2: Commit to somewhere between 2-5 minutes prayer every day and if at all possible - come to the parish monthly prayer meeting

Week 3: Go out of your way to be reconciled with someone. Identify someone that you've fallen out with (whether this week or a long time ago). Send them a card or Invite them round for a coffee or Visit them or simply Say you are sorry!

Week 4: Almsgiving - making voluntary contributions to aid the poor. Make a one-off gift to a charity working with the poor or set up a direct debit to make an ongoing regular contribution to charity.

Week 5: Take on some kind of Act of Service (this could be a one off or a regular commitment). Some ideas will be available in the Lent Course Session.

As we meet together for worship on Sundays and during the Lent Course sessions we will be able to share with one another our experiences, we will be able to encourage one another, and I hope that as we journey together it will strengthen our sense of community.

May you know God close to you as you journey with him.

*Rev'd Jane*

Can you help with Lent Lunches. The lunches will be very simple (soup, French stick and cheese). We'll need volunteers to make pans of soup, others to help serve and wash up etc. If you could help, please contact Lesley Roberts (342 2149) who will co-ordinate this for us. This will be an ecumenical venture shared with our Methodist friends. The idea is that people make a donation and all profit will be given to charity.

The planned dates are from 12noon:-

Wed Feb 20<sup>th</sup> at St Chad's

Thur Mar 7<sup>th</sup> at Irby Methodist

## Mothers' Union



At the beginning of December we had our Christmas meeting - an Advent Carol Service followed by tea.

The Branch Epiphany Communion Service was held on January 3rd. Jane led our service and 6 members took part, Joyce played the piano and Geoff was server. It was a blessed service and our thanks to Jane.

Sheila Melton and Jeanette Appleton were able to join us for the afternoon. The service was followed by afternoon tea.

Prayer:

Tis Jesus the first and the last,  
whose Spirit shall guide us safe home.  
We'll praise him for all that is past,  
and trust him for all that's to come.

Joseph Hart 1712-1768

This was our last meeting as a Deanery Branch. From January 2013 we will become Diocesan Members but we will continue to meet each month at St Chad's.

My thanks to all our members for their prayers, help and support over the past 6 years.

God Bless  
Sue Burns

## **Make a Mother's day**

Mothers ' Union works through a grassroots membership of over 4 million people around the world supporting families and communities. **Our aim is to empower people by sharing the skill they have to create a better life for themselves and their families.** We don ' t simply give out hand-outs. With your help we aim to inspire our beneficiaries, give them the opportunity to learn to read and write, to grow vegetables and fruit, to work within their families and communities to support each other and build a better life for generations to come. To achieve this sustainability we work with communities to identify their specific needs and train members of those communities as facilitators to help carry out our work. We also campaign for a better life for people who feel that they don ' t have a voice and give relief to communities that find themselves in serious need due to natural disaster and conflict.

This Mothering Sunday, as you remember your mother, we are asking you to do something a little different. **Help us change the lives of people all over the world by buying a Make a Mothers ' day gift.** Each gift is an example of the programmes we aim to fund to enable families to create stable, sustainable futures. Your support will mean these goals can be achieved. Please help us to raise over £150,000 which is needed to fund vital projects in the UK and around the world. A gift, however small, can make a real difference to a mother ' s life.

A gift of £4 for our ' Shine a light ' project can buy clean water, food and shelter to families affected by natural or man made disasters. Last year Mothers ' Union provided £80,000 of emergency relief to communities around the world. Because of our grass roots membership the local Mothers ' Union network is able to identify and distribute the aid required. This is particularly effective where governments block aid distribution or siphon off funds sent to those in need. In South Sudan in 2012 flooding led to a massive loss of homes, crops and livestock. Mothers ' Union members supported 3,490 of the most vulnerable people with food items, tools, plastic sheeting and utensils.

For the next three years I have a position on the Mothers ' Union central grants committee. I am happy to answer any of your questions about how grants are allocated and I will be in touch again later this year to give you some feedback on the evaluation of the project work funded through ' Make a Mothers ' Day ' 2013.

To find out more about how to buy a Mothering Sunday gift or give a gift in memory of your mother you can call 020 7222 5533 or go online at [www.makeamothersday.org](http://www.makeamothersday.org)

Mothering Sunday is on Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>

On behalf of all the mothers we support,

Thank you

Jeanette Appleton

Mothers ' Union Deanery Leader Wirral North

Mothers ' Union Action and Outreach committee

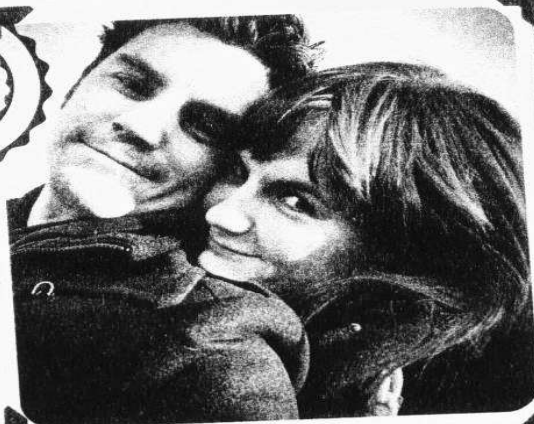
## MARRIAGE UNLOCKED

Care for the Family Tour: This is on Wed 6th Feb at 7.30pm at the Doubletree Hotel Chester, CH23PD. Tea from 6.45pm. Whether your marriage is in good shape or in tough times, married months or years, and wanting to develop your friendship, this event will help you invest in your marriage. The Speakers are Katherine (Director of Care for the Family) and Richard Hill. The cost is £5 per ticket.

To book call 029 2081 0800 or see the web site  
[www.careforthefamily.org.uk/marriage-unlocked](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/marriage-unlocked)

# Marriage Unlocked

MARRIAGE TOUR 2013



FOR AN EVEN BETTER MARRIAGE

Join us on tour - events start at 7.30pm

**Chester**

Wed 6 February  
Doubletree Hilton

**Plymouth**

Wed 27 February  
Methodist Central Hall

**Aberdeen**

Thurs 7 February  
Deeside Christian  
Fellowship Church

**Bristol**

Thurs 28 February  
Woodlands Church

ALL TICKETS  
**£5**

Complimentary  
tea and coffee  
served from  
6.45pm

**For booking and information:**

visit [www.careforthefamily.org.uk/marriage-unlocked](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/marriage-unlocked)

or call 029 2081 0800





## **5 Paths to Repentance (by St John Chrysostom\*)**

Here is some great spiritual advice from St John Chrysostom: it's the five paths to repentance. It succinct and easily applicable. Please take a minute and read what St John Chrysostom has to say about it:

Shall I list the paths of repentance? There are certainly many of them, many and various, and all of them lead to heaven.

The first path is the path of condemnation of sins. As Isaiah says, Tell your sins, and you will be acquitted. And the Psalmist adds: I said "I will bear witness against myself before the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. So you, too must condemn the sins you have committed. Condemn them, and that condemnation will excuse you in front of the Lord, since whoever condemns the sins he has committed will be slower to commit them next time. Stir up your own conscience to be your accuser – so that when you come before the judgement-seat of the Lord no-one will rise up to accuse you.

This is the first path of repentance but the second is in no way inferior to it in excellence. It is to forget the harm done to us by our enemies, to master our anger, to forgive the sins of those who are slaves together with us. As much as we do this, so much will our own sins against the Lord be forgiven. So this is the second path to the expiation of our sins. As the Lord says, Yes, if you forgive others their failings, your heavenly Father will forgive you yours.

Would you like to know the third path of repentance? It is prayer: fervent prayer, sincere and focused prayer, prayer coming from the depths of the heart.

If you want to know the fourth path, I will tell you it is the giving of alms. It has great power.

And finally, if someone acts with modesty and humility, that path is no less effective as a way to deprive sin of its substance. Look at the publican, who had no good deeds to speak of. In place of good deeds he offered humility, and the huge burden of his sins fell away.

\* **John Chrysostom** (c. 347–407), Archbishop of Constantinople, was an important Early Church Father. He is known for his eloquence in preaching and public speaking

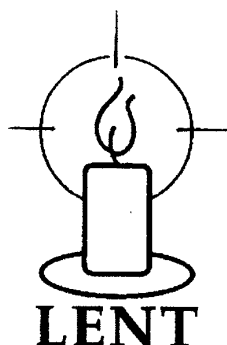
## **“Re-Booting Lent”**

### **For Everyone**

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

### **Pancake Party**

**Please sign  
the list at the back of Church  
so we know how many we  
are catering for!**



### **For Everyone**

### **LENT LUNCHES**

**Wed 20th Feb from  
12noon at St Chad’s**

**Thu 7th March from  
12noon at  
Irby Methodist**

### **For Families**

For both of these events we will be asking for a donation of £2.00 per child (or £5.00 per family) to cover cost of craft activities.

**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

This will be drop in and take part in what’s going on.

**Saturday 23rd Mar  
Easter Journey  
Experience  
2.00-4.00pm  
St Chad’s**

Lots of fun things to do and make

Everyone will travel together on a journey around the building with crafts, activities and stories

**For Adults**  
Lent Course based on  
the 5 Paths to Repentance by St John Chrysostom  
(see article on Page 9 for more info about Chrysostom)

**The 1st Path - Repentance**

Wed 13th February: 7.30pm St Bartholomew's  
Ash Wednesday Service

**The 3rd Path - Prayer**

Thu 21st February 8.00-9.00pm The Rectory  
Join us for Wellspring (our monthly prayer meeting)



**The 2nd Path - Reconciliation**

Thu 28th February 8.00-9.15pm St Chad's Extension  
Revd Steve Mansfield - Co-ordinator of the Diocesan Mediation  
Service will lead this session

**The 4th Path - Almsgiving**

Thu 7th March 8.00-9.15pm St Chad's Extension  
Mr Martin Smith - Diocesan Advisor in Christian Giving will lead  
this session

**The 5th Path - Acts of Service (Humility)**

Thu 14th March 8.00-9.15pm St Chad's Extension  
Mrs Janice Mason - Diocesan Director of Social Responsibility will  
lead this session

**Each of these sessions will be stand alone  
so if you can only come to 1 or 2 then please do so, however to  
build the full picture you will need to commit to all five.**

## **Archbishop – older people ‘are still participants in society, not passengers’**

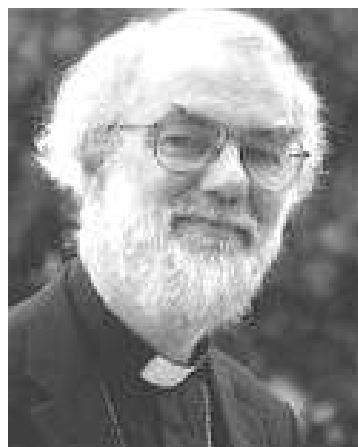
In his final appearance in the House of Lords as Archbishop of Canterbury late last year, Dr Rowan Williams led a debate about the place and contribution of older people in society.

Dr Williams argued that instead of society seeing older people as ‘a burden’, they should instead be recognised for the enormous amount of work that they do in their communities. “More than half the over-60 population are involved in some sort of formal and structured voluntary work... a majority of the older population are ready to do what they can, unpaid, to support the fabric of society; they are doing exactly what we expect responsible citizens to do. ”

Though older people may well find their physical independence reduced, the Archbishop urged that they should be supported so as to allow them to continue making their valuable contribution to their communities. Dr Williams also stressed the importance of different generations engaging with one another, and said that the Churches and other faith communities have a key role in facilitating this at grass roots level.

"We tolerate a very eccentric view of the good life... as one that can be lived only for a few years between, say, eighteen and forty. The ‘extremes’ of human life, childhood and age, when we are not defined by our productive capacity.... these are hard for our society to come to terms with."

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**Third Thursday of each month**

this month: February 21st

**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.*



## **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.

## February Recipe - Sticky Orange and Marsala Pudding

This pudding is quick to prepare and can be steamed or made in the microwave. It serves 8 but I halve it if necessary and use 1½ pint basin.

### INGREDIENTS

2 tbs golden syrup  
2 Clementines or Satsumas thinly sliced  
175g (6oz) butter or I use Flora original marg  
175g (6oz) golden castor sugar  
3 eggs, beaten  
85g (3½oz) self-raising flour

85g (3½oz) fresh white breadcrumbs  
¼ tsp grated nutmeg  
2 tbs Marsala wine  
Zest of 1 large orange, grated  
200g (7oz) dried fruit  
Few glace cherries

Butter a 1.2 ltr pudding basin. Spoon syrup into basin. Lay slice of Clementine on top, then a few slices around side of basin. Beat butter and sugar until creamy, add eggs, beating until light and fluffy. Add a bit of flour if it starts to split. Fold in breadcrumbs and rest of flour, then add all remaining ingredients, fold again. Spoon the mixture on top of the fruit. To microwave: loosely cover with clingfilm, pierce once then cook on medium for 12 minutes. To check it's done, poke a skewer into it - it should come out clean.

If steaming it takes 1½ hours.

Serve with single cream

Betty Rimmer



# Church Quiz Night

Beat the winter blues and test your knowledge at the church quiz night, to be held at St Chad's on

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.15pm.**

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.

Any surplus funds will be donated to church funds.

Tickets £3 available from Viv Hutchison at St Bart's or from Patsy Brady at St Chad's (648 4379).

So put the date in your diary and join us for a fun evening.

# Church Electoral Roll - Are YOU on it?

If you think the answer is YES - then think again!

Please read the letter below

If you think the answer is NO - then think again!

Please look at the flow chart on the next page

Dear Friends,

Once every 6 years it is necessary for the Church to prepare a completely new Electoral Roll (**in other words remove everybody and start again, with everyone wishing to be on the new roll having to fill in a new application form**). This was last done on 2007, so a new Electoral Roll must be prepared THIS year.

The electoral roll is a list of people who consider themselves to be members of the church (aged 16+, and who have been baptised). This list is used by the diocese to compare the size of parishes. Being on the electoral roll entitles you to be present at the church annual meeting and to have your say on various issues to do with church life.

If you would like to be included on the new electoral roll you must fill in the form opposite and return it to Mr John Roberts, Electoral Roll Officer, c/o St Chad's Parish Office, Roslin Rd, Irby, CH61 3UH by Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at the very latest! If you wish to know more please don't hesitate to contact me.

If you require extra forms for other members of you family, please ask.

Yours faithfully,

Mr John Roberts (Electoral Roll Officer)



**Application for Enrolment on the Church  
Electoral roll of the Parish of Thurstaston**

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Post Code**

\_\_\_\_\_

**I declare that** *(please tick one box A,B or C)*

I am baptised and am aged 16 or over, (or become 16 on \_\_\_\_\_)

A. I am a member of the Church of England (or of a church in communion with the Church of England) and am resident in the parish.

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OR

B. I am a member of the Church of England (or of a church in communion with the Church of England) and, not being resident in the parish, I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of 6 months prior to enrolment.

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OR

C. I am a member in good standing of a church (not in communion with the church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and also declare myself to be a member of the Church of England and I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of 6 months prior to enrolment.

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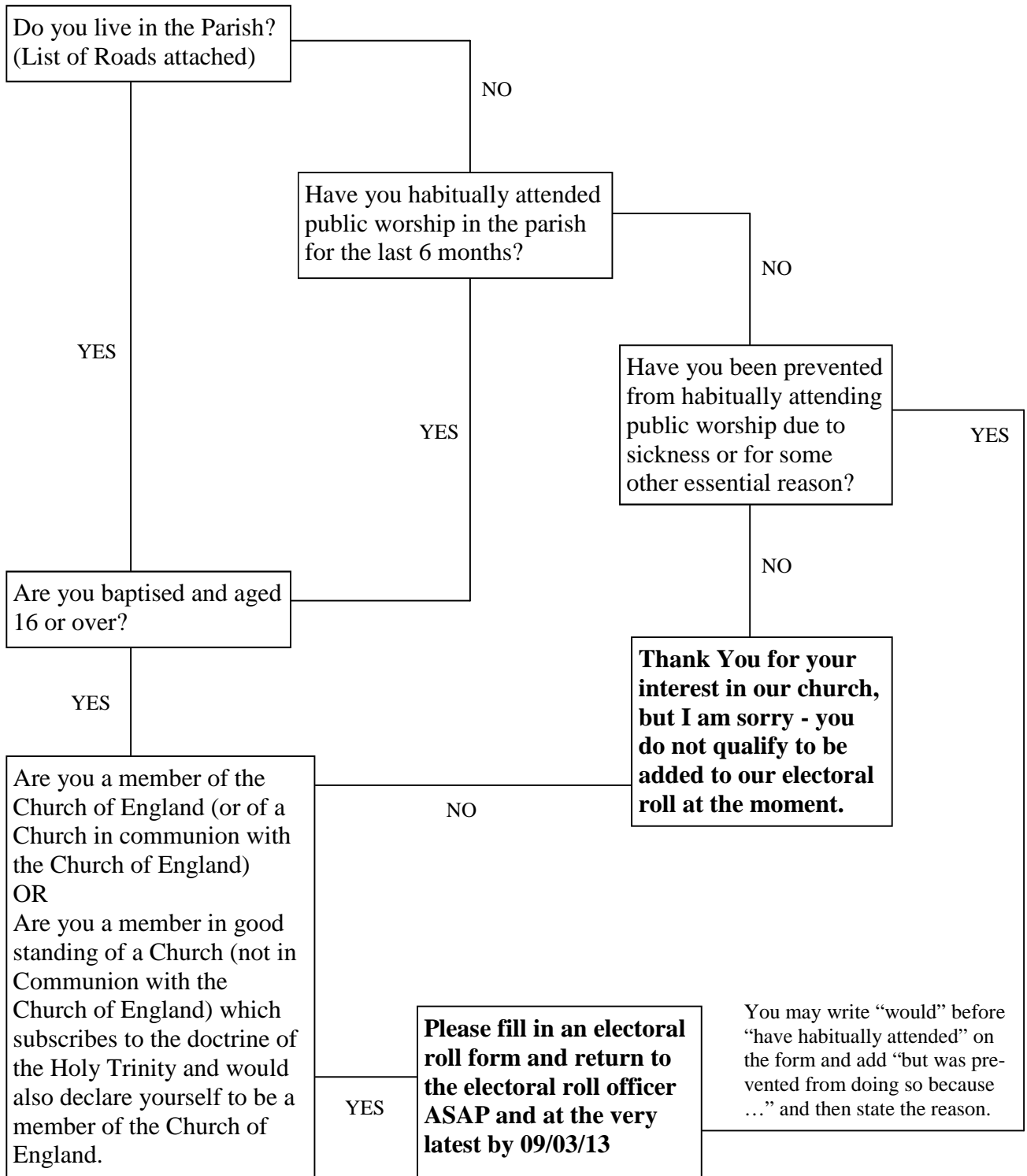
I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** 8/3/13

# CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

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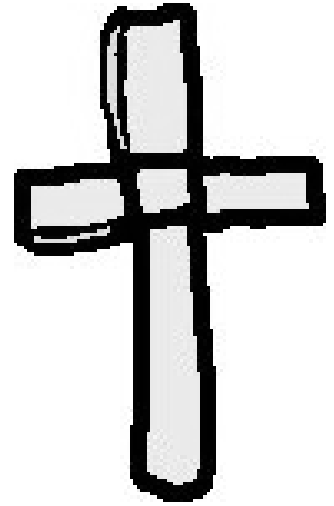
## Church Electoral Roll - Should you be on it?



## Holy Week and Easter Services

### Palm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's  
9.30am Family Communion at St Chad's  
11.15am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's  
6.30pm Evening Worship at St Bartholomew's

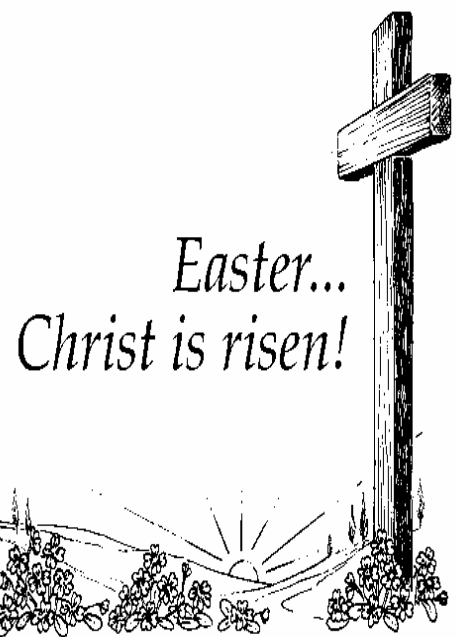


### Maundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

7.30pm Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's  
*There is also a service at 11.00am at Chester Cathedral*

### Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am Family Service  
followed by Hot Cross Buns.  
Start and Finish at St Chad's  
2.00pm "Hour at the Cross"  
Meditative Service at  
St Barthomew's



### Easter Day 31<sup>st</sup> March

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at  
St Bartholomew's  
9.30am Family Communion at St Chad's  
11.15am Holy Communion with Baptism at St Bartholomew's  
6.30pm Evening Worship at St Bartholomew's

# Photograph Competition 2013



Winners to be included in a 2014 Calendar  
Photos must be taken within the Parish Boundary  
Closing date Friday 30th August 2013

**Three age categories: under 11 11-17 over 18**

Submit your photograph ( 7x5cm landscape minimum 300dpi )  
to the Parish Office, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH

Tel: 648 8169 e-mail: [office@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:office@thurstaston.org.uk)

Entry forms available from parish office or [www.thurstaston.org.uk](http://www.thurstaston.org.uk)



# Thurstaston Parish Photograph competition

## Entry form

Name.....

Address.....

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Telephone number.....

Email address.....

Age group (as of 30/8/13) please circle

Under 11

11-17

over 18

Description of photo (including location) circle colour

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Colour

Black and White

Mixture

I enclose my entry Fee of 50 pence per entry

### The small print

Closing date: Friday 30th August 2013

Photographs must be taken within the parish boundary

Maximum two entries per person

Three age categories: under 11, 11-17 and over 18 (as of 30/8/13)

One winner in each category will be awarded a small prize and their photo will be included in 2014 Parish Calendar

Nine other runners up will also be chosen for the Calendar

Photographs should be 7x5cm and minimum 300dpi

Photographs must be in landscape (not portrait)

Submit printed entries to the Parish Office, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH with completed entry form and entry fee (50p per photo)

Please write you name, address and age group on the back of the photo

If your photo(s) is selected you will be contacted to supply a digital copy

If your photo has people in it you must have their permission to include it in the calendar



## Looking at You

### **Love is all you need... set your heart on secret good turns**

Valentine's Day is coming. It's the traditional day for sending cards, chocolates and flowers to our sweethearts (real – and hoped for!). Traditionally, such tokens of affection are anonymous. Hand-writing is disguised, or a different post office is used.

Sending a message of love, unannounced, is a good principle for living – even if you don't happen to have a sweetheart. Simple acts of anonymous kindness, or kindness given in an understated way, can have a profound effect upon another person. Jesus approved of anonymous good works: 'When you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing' (Mt 6:3). The needy are not just the materially poor, but everyone who is in need of something, perhaps some kindness that only you can give them at that moment in time.



So this Valentine's Day, don't worry if you haven't got a current sweetheart of your own to love. Show your love, through an act of unannounced kindness, to someone else. Think of your neighbours, your friends, your church.... who would benefit from some simple compassion and support this month?

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### **What makes the perfect neighbour?**

The Bible tells us to love our neighbours. But that doesn't mean we have to live in each other's homes! So this year, how do you measure up as 'the perfect neighbour' to those who live near you?

It seems that 'the perfect neighbour' stops to chat for no longer than four minutes, according to research carried out by the insurer More Than. If you borrow something, aim to return it (in good condition) within a couple of weeks. Invite your neighbours around for a drink or meal about six times a year. If you need to ask for favours, that is fine, but keep it to only a couple a month. Mow your neighbour's lawn, should the need arise. Take in any parcels. Feed their cats/ rabbits/guinea pigs/fish and keep an eye on their home when they go on holiday. NEVER cut a tree, plant or shrub that is on their land, and which has grown over onto yours, without asking them first.

The Golden Rule sums it up well: 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you'. (From Mt 7:12)

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## **The Big Bible Event Join us on a good news journey!**

Saturday 20 April 2013 Chester Cathedral

Eight interactive zones will let you explore the Gospel using: storytelling, drama, makes, costumed characters, games, puppets, music and much, much more.

There is no age limit, but activities will be great for children aged 5-11 with lots for the rest of the family to join in too.

Activity zones

open 9.45am - 2.30pm

Worship and Celebration

12 noon

Tickets £2 per child

(aged 5 and over)

Adults need to book a

FREE ticket

A booking fee of £0.75  
per booking will also be  
payable. Places limited



Bookings (open 1 February) through the Chester Cathedral  
box office

or: 01244 50099

Full information about the day and tickets will be emailed to  
groups and families after booking through Chester Cathedral  
box office

Postcard fliers are available please contact Sandra James at Church House 01244-  
681973 Ex 223 to say how many you would like. Also contact Sandra for any gen-  
eral enquiries.

A Chester Cathedral Education Event – in cooperation with the Diocesan Children's  
Committee. Zone leaders from parishes across Chester Diocese, Bible Encounter  
and Scripture Union.

# Looking at your Community

## Are we consuming our way to disaster?

A new study published recently reminds us of Gandhi's wise observation that the world has enough resources for everyone's need - but not for everyone's greed.

Two-thirds of consumers interviewed in six large countries agreed that "as a society, we need to consume a lot less to improve the environment for future generations" (66 per cent) and that they feel "a sense of responsibility to purchase products that are good for the environment and society" (65 per cent). These findings are based on an online survey of over 6,000 consumers in six countries (Brazil, China, India, Germany, the United Kingdom and the USA).

The trouble is that many of the consumers who respond positively to such a survey are, apparently, the same people who wait outside stores before dawn to snap up sale bargains.

Can we reasonably expect the general public to resist the tide of marketing activity and product innovation? Can we hold consumers alone responsible for the excesses of today's lifestyles? On the other hand, can we blame business people for producing and promoting goods and services that create and sustain jobs?

A glimmer of hope comes from the fact that the concept of Corporate Social Responsibility is beginning to be taken seriously by companies large and small, especially in countries where conspicuous consumption is most prevalent.

Professor David Crowther, chair of the international Social Responsibility Research Network (SRRN), has shared his views: "I think that practice is gradually improving, but people have not caught up with this and still expect poor behaviour from organisations. So they find what they are looking for.

"Reducing consumption is not the answer when we have an economic system predicated on production and consumption. The focus should be on more pertinent things such as sustainable consumption – which implies both environmental sustainability and less exploitation in the supply chain."

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## **Give a bird a home    National Nest Box Week    14 - 21 February**

Here is an excellent chance for you to encourage birds in your garden to come home to roost. Literally. Organised by the British Trust for Ornithology ([www.bto.org](http://www.bto.org)), National Nest Box Week aims to encourage people to protect the bird life we still have in the UK.



National Nest Box Week started in 1997. As more trees have been cut down in recent decades, birds have lost their natural homes, and can struggle to raise a family. Putting up a nest box is a great way of helping them. Response has been so positive that nowadays there are between five and six million boxes across the UK.

Don't worry if you've never put up a bird box before. Visit the website to find lots of tips on how to get started, as well as information on how to build/buy the box, and what to do then. Different types of boxes attract different types of birds. Small holes in nest boxes will attract blue tits, great tits, nuthatches and house sparrows. Large boxes with holes will attract starlings, greater spotted woodpeckers and even little owls. An open fronted box will attract robins and pied wagtails. Very big boxes attract, amongst others, kestrels, jackdaws and tawny owls.



In September I was invited to a Church Administrators Event at Foxhill and below are a couple of articles written after the event. I thought they were quite fun but do not necessarily reflect my own point of view

*Chris Rostock*

### The Administrator's Beatitudes

Blessed are they who send magazine articles in advance, for I have the chance of meeting my deadlines

Blessed are they who can mend the copier when it breaks, for it means I can print off the Notices.

Blessed are they who keep their web pages are up to date, so we are not advertising carols at Easter.

Blessed are they who say "but we've always done it this way", for it is a chance to practice my patience.

Blessed are they who can fix the computer, for it means I don't hurl it through the window



Blessed are they who untangle the rotas, for it means the service runs smoothly

Blessed are they who remember the office is my work space, for it shows they respect the work that I do

Blessed are new visitors who call at the most inconvenient time, for they give me a chance to share God's love



### The Administrator's Prayer

Loving God

I thank you for blessing me with the gift of administration. I bring this gift to serve You today as I go about my work in the parish.

I pray that You will be a part of every task; that You will equip me with the skills, wisdom and patience I need to deal with every situation.

I pray that you will help me be a channel for Your love and grace with every person I meet, so that Your kingdom will grow in this place.

Even if this day is full of struggles and deadlines, let it also be filled with the joy that can only come from You!

I ask this in the name of Jesus.

Amen



## Listen

Young Jimmy was in the infants class. There was another little boy in the class who wasn't listening to the teacher. In exasperation, the teacher said to the restless boy: "Since you don't want to listen, you sit at that table by yourself."

After a few minutes, Jimmy raised his hand and said, "I don't want to listen either. Can I sit with him?"

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## Simple maths

The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.

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## Coins

A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, 'No change yet.'

## Weather

A young curate was impressed by how her vicar always seemed to know what the weather was about to do. One day she commented on this impressive spiritual gift of knowledge. The vicar sighed. "Sadly, it is not spiritual. My joints are more accurate meteorologists than the BBC weather forecast."

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## Weather forecast

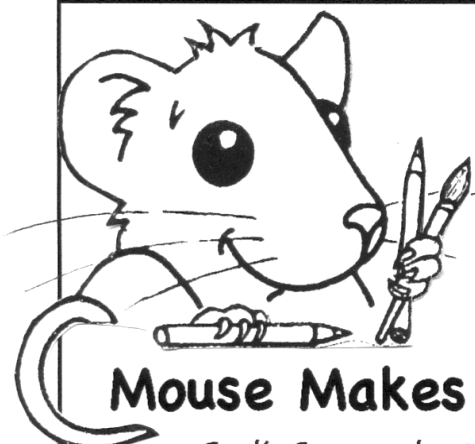


Whether the weather be cold, or whether the weather be hot, we'll weather the weather, whatever the weather, whether we like it - or not!

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## Don't sleep on it

When I asked a friend the secret to his 52 years of marriage, he replied, "We never go to sleep angry. The longest we've been awake so far is five days."



## Mouse Makes

*God's Son, order this stone to turn into bread." But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, **"Human beings cannot live on bread alone."***

Then the Devil showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world. "I will give you all this power and all this wealth, it has been handed over to me and I can give it to anyone I choose. All this then will be yours if you worship me." Jesus answered,

*'The scripture says, **"Worship the Lord your God and serve only him."***

Then the Devil took Jesus to the Temple and said to him, "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down from here. For the scripture says, 'They will hold you up with their hands so that not even your feet will be hurt on the stones.'" But Jesus answered,

*"The scripture says, **"Do not put the Lord your God to the test."***

READ  
Luke 4: 1-13

## THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

After he was baptised Jesus returned full of the Holy Spirit and was led by the Spirit into the desert where he was tempted by the Devil for forty days. In all that time he ate nothing, so that he was hungry when it was over.

The Devil said to Jesus, "If you are

### THE DEVIL SAID:

*"If you are God's Son, order this stone to turn into bread."*

### JESUS REPLIED:

**"Human beings cannot live on bread alone."**

read Deuteronomy 8:3



### WE LEARN:

**Read the Bible  
Learn God's word.**

THE DEVIL SAID:  
*"I will give you power and wealth if you worship me"*

JESUS REPLIED:  
**"Worship the Lord your God and serve only him"**

read Deuteronomy 6:13

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WE LEARN:  
**Put God first  
Worship only Him**

### THE DEVIL SAID:

*"If you are God's Son, throw yourself down, the scriptures say God will take good care of you"*

### JESUS REPLIED:

**"Do not put the Lord your God to the test."**

read Deuteronomy 6:16



### WE LEARN:

**God cares, trust Him  
do not test Him.**



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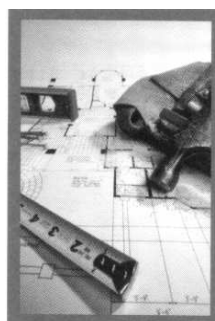
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## **Church Services - January**

### **Sunday Services**

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

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

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

**3rd February**  
Education Sunday  
2nd Before Lent

9.30am Family Service

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

**10th February**  
Sunday next Before Lent

9.30am **Confirmation**

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

**17th February**  
Lent 1

9.30am Morning Worship

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

**24th February**  
Lent 2

9.30am Family Communion

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

**3rd March**  
Lent 3

9.30am Family Service

Holy Communion celebrated at St Chad's each Wed 10.15am  
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**7.30pm Holy Communion**

**13th February**  
**Ash Wednesday**

**10.15am Holy Communion**

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