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## Diary Dates

**Thursday 5th September**  
M.U. Ralph & June Bibby talk about  
'The Children of Chernobyl'  
2.15pm at St Chad's  
All Welcome

**Saturday 14th September**  
Photograph Competition Prizegiving  
12Noon-4pm at St Chad's

**Thursday 19th September**  
Wellspring

8pm at The Rectory

**Saturday 28th September**  
Harvest Supper

7pm-9.30pm at St Chad's

**Saturday 5th October**  
Men's Breakfast

8.45am-9.45am at Aroma Café, Irby

## From the Registers

### *Baptisms*

*We welcome into the  
Lord's family*

**28th July**

**Amy Jane Parker**

**Henry Lewis Slade**

### *Weddings*

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

**13th July**

**Bryan Douglas-Dala &**

**Katie Hayward**

**26th July**

**Daniel Fulton &**

**Alice Ridge**

**27th July**

**Pete Eyres &**

**Claire White**

**3rd Aug**

**Paul Senior &**

**Kelly Jenkins**

**17th Aug**

**Mark Morton &**

**Sarah Harris**

### *Funerals*

*We commend to God's eternal care*

**15th July**

**Bill Gould**

**24th July**

**Dave Mitchell**

## From your rector

Dear Friends,

### Whole Life Discipleship: A Question of Identity?

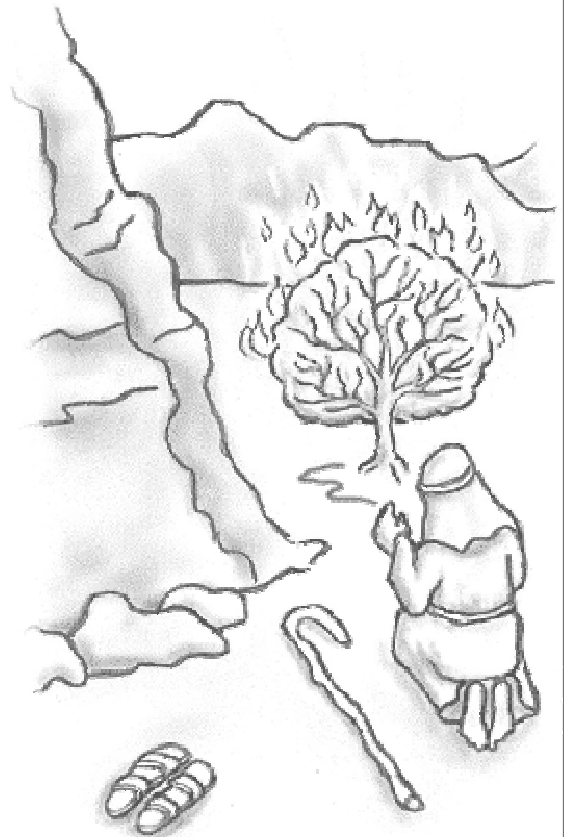
A man standing on a train platform was asked one day: 'Who are you?' He replied, 'I am a Christian thinly disguised as an accountant.' If asked the same question I wonder what you would say. As disciples of Jesus Christ, our identity is rooted in God and his call upon our lives. This is well illustrated by the story of Moses at the burning bush (Exodus 3), a story which focuses on identity.

Moses was living in Midian as a fugitive from a crime committed forty years ago in Egypt. He had a new family, new job, and a new life. Yet at the burning bush, God called Moses to join him in an amazing mission. God shared his identity with Moses by revealing his name 'I am who I am' (Ex 3:14). As God promised to be with Moses, so Jesus promises to be with us as disciples (Matthew 28:20).

However, Moses' identity was determined by his response to God's call. From this point, his life would not be defined by the promise of his early life, his status as a fugitive or his role as a shepherd. His obedience to God's call would now determine Moses' identity.

God showed Moses what he was about to do. He saw the misery of the Israelite slaves in Egypt and declared, 'I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians.' (Ex 3:8). Who else but God could stand against Pharaoh? Moses had already tried his own brand of justice, years ago, and failed. Amazingly, God said to Moses, 'So, now go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring the Israelites out of Egypt.' (Ex 3:10). Although clearly God was going to demonstrate his power and deliverance, he called Moses into partnership with him. God enabled Moses to be what he could not become on his own and he chose to act through him.

When Jesus calls us to 'go and make disciples' (Matthew 28: 19), he also promises to use us, not relying on our own abilities but being available to him.



He will use us to make a difference on the frontlines where we are called to make disciples: our workplace, leisure activities, family, friends and community.

No doubt, Moses came across a number of burning bushes in his life, but only paid particular attention to this one. The challenge for us is to recognise the burning bush experience that God wants to use to speak to us in a very special way!

*Rev'd Jane*



"All safely gathered in – another nice little cash crop, Vicar."



# **Photograph Competition Prize Giving**

**Saturday September 14th 2013**

**12noon-4.00pm at St Chad's, Roslin Rd, Irby**

**Opportunity to  
pre-order your  
2014 calendars!**

**Special Guest Esther McVey (MP)  
will present the prizes at 3.00pm.**

**All Competition entries will  
be on display throughout the  
afternoon. If you wish to  
collect your entry to take  
home, you may do so from  
3.30pm –4.00pm**

**Light Lunches  
Will be served  
12noon-2.00pm**

**Sales Table**  
(Home Made Cakes and Crafts)  
**and Raffle**

**Children's Table**  
**Make a Photo Frame  
to take home**

**Irby Artists  
will be  
displaying  
some of  
their work**

Donations of Raffle Prizes can be brought to church or the parish office any time before Saturday 14th September.

Donations of Home made Crafts or Home Made Cakes for the sales table can be brought to St Chad's from 10.00am on Saturday 14th September

## Looking at The Church

### **Sixty Years on – how the C of E has changed during the Queen's reign**

For the past 60 years the Queen has been 'head' of the Church of England. What changes have there been in our churches since June 1953? A lot has happened in the past 60 years.

For one thing, the population of the United Kingdom has grown, while church membership has shrunk. In 1953, church members were a fifth of the population (19%), but by 1973 had dropped to 15%, and by 1993 to 11%, and to an estimated 8% in 2013, a decline not quite so rapid as previously, probably again because many of the immigrants are Christian adherents (a 2000 survey indicated that 24% were Christian).

The number of churches has kept within the 50-55,000 range throughout the Queen's reign, declining from 1953 to 1993 but growing over the last 20 years, especially in England. For example, some 700 new churches have started in London alone between 2005 and 2012.

In 1953 there was an average of 180 members per church; in 1983 the average was 140 per church and in 2013 the average is 110 members per church.

There were 42,000 ministers in 1953, dropping to 36,000 by 1983 and staying at about that level until 2003, since when the number has grown to 37,000 in 2013.

While the total number of ministers has thus not changed greatly over the past 40 years, the proportion who are female has increased markedly, to nearly a fifth (19%) of the total in 2013, this percentage varying between zero in some denominations (like the Roman Catholics and Orthodox) to half or more in others (like the Methodists and Salvation Army).

Regardless though of varying statistics over the past 60 years, two facts remained unchanged – the privileged position of the Church of England as the bedrock church of this nation and the inspiring unchanging personal faith of our Sovereign Queen.

*By Dr Peter Brierley, a church consultant.*

## Autumn Term - Important Dates

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September - Photographic Competition Prize-Giving

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September - Harvest Supper

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September - Back to Church Sunday

"Would you like to come to church with me?" That will be a question asked hundreds of thousands of times this September, as Christians approach their families, friends and neighbours in the weeks leading up to 'Back To Church Sunday', 29 September 2013.

It has been found that millions of people who don't go to church would say 'yes' to a simple invitation from a friend. What if you were that friend? Who would you invite?

Back to Church Sunday has caught on in churches everywhere because it is so simple. Since 2004 a quarter of a million people have said 'yes' to the prayerful invitation of a friend.

Each year more churches take part and more people come back per church. In 2011 in the Church of England 20 more people came to each church - across all denominations that's about 77,000 extra people altogether.

And at its heart it is the oldest idea of all, the one that made shepherds leave their flocks, fishermen leave their nets, and tax collectors climb out of trees. Someone invited them!

Back to Church Sunday can help you take the shortest step in evangelism: inviting someone you know to something you love. There are special invitations that you can use – please ask if you would like one to give to your friend/family/neighbour/.....

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Festival

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

10.30am "All Sorts Worship" at St Chad's - see separate article for further information (No 9.30am or 11.15am service)

6.30pm Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for those who've died in the past year (and beyond)

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Sunday

AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WITH BISHOP KEITH (No Service at St Chad's)

**10.15am TRADITIONAL SERVICE**

10.40am Uniformed Organisations meet on the Green at the front of Church

**10.50am** Uniformed Organisations Assemble at War Memorial to be joined by 10.15am Congregation and anyone else who wishes to be present for **ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**

**11.05am FAMILY SERVICE** (aim to finish by 11.30am) for anyone with small children and uniformed organisations and their families

**Information regarding Christmas Services and Events to follow!**  
**We'd love to have a Christmas Fair again this year-could you organise it?**





### St John the Baptist Church Meols

Monday evenings - 7pm - 9pm. In church

There will be no charge for the sessions, but a contribution to the cost of the materials you use would be appreciated.

September 2nd, 16th and 30th.

October 14th and 28th.

November 11th and 25th.

December 9th

These sessions will offer the basic techniques of felt making which can then be used both practically and spiritually.

Many of us find the rushing, demanding pace of life gives us little breathing space. A time to think and consider without distraction is precious. It will be chance to give time to the things on our mind. Arts and crafts can heal and give hope to our often weary souls. *"The body is naturally restless, if you give it a focused activity, it settles down, calming the mind as well"* (Anthony Bloom)

Textile memory is important, the touch and feel of fibres and fabric can be calming and soothing. Soft blankets used to wrap and swaddle give comfort and security. The feel of a fabric can be as evocative as smell and taste. Felt making uses soft fibres and repetitive movements to create soft beautiful fabrics. The process while busying your hands allows your mind a quiet time for contemplation and allows a freedom of thought sometimes absent from still silence. Prayer does not need the right words or indeed any words - it needs time. Felt making draws me toward that silence where God can speak to me.

**For more information or to secure a place contact Chris Branch 0151 632 6121**

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## **Looking at your Community**

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### **Helping solve the mystery of House Martins.**

Have you had house martins living under the eaves of your house, or some church buildings this summer? For the past few months, since around April, this energetic little bird can be virtually members of our family living literally under the same roof. But what happens come September?

It is one of ornithology's greatest mysteries, which modern technology may be about to unravel.

Anyone who has had house martins nesting this year is especially lucky, as the number breeding in the UK has fallen by two-thirds, leading to the species being amber listed as a bird of conservation concern and in need of some help.

It is not known where in Africa house martins winter, or how precisely they get there. If we are to start to understand what is driving the decline of this wonderful species, these questions need to be researched.

This summer, British Trust for Ornithology researchers have been fitting tiny (shirt button-sized) devices known as geolocators to twenty birds. Weighing less than a gramme, each device contains a clock, a calendar and a light sensor, plus enough memory to store all of the data collected from the day it is fitted until the day it is retrieved.

By comparing daylight length, measured by the light sensor, with the time and date recorded, scientists will be able to determine where on the planet the device was at any given time. This information will then reveal the wintering areas, together with the location of possible stopover and refuelling sites, precise migration routes and the timing of the migration through Europe and Africa.

It's easy to think sometimes that if we don't know everything there is to know there's an expert who does. But nature still holds mysteries and the annual visit of the house martins cannot be taken for granted. At least they have friends at the BTO who will be monitoring them and if there is something wrong somewhere they will hopefully be able to sort things out and hopefully more of our eaves could be welcoming house martins in the future.

*Find out more by visiting [www.bto.org](http://www.bto.org).*

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Wellspring

**Third Thursday of each month**  
this month: September 19th

**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.*



## **Leprosy Mission Boxes**



It is time once more to collect  
The Leprosy Mission boxes.

I would be most grateful to all members, of both congregations, if you could bring your boxes to either church, and leave them at the back, from where they will be collected and returned to you. Thank you, in anticipation, of your continued help to the mission.

Please note that an annual one off donation, is always welcome.

Any problems, please contact me, Pat Hulme, on 648 1827.



**Saturday 29th September 7.00-9.30pm**

**HARVEST SUPPER (2 course meal)**

**Musical entertainment from**

**'New Era Band'**

**Admission by Ticket Only**

**Suggested donations of:-**

**Adults £7.50, Child £4, Concessions £5, Family £20**

**Please bring your own glasses and drink**



## NEWS

### **Secretary of State for Education calls for continuing partnership with CofE**

Education Secretary Michael Gove has praised the standards and popularity of church schools and urged a continuing partnership. The Education Secretary was taking part in a recent seminar at Lambeth Palace on 'Church of England: Education and our Future'. He praised the standards and popularity of church schools and urged a continuing partnership.

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### **Churches condemn Government U-turn on alcohol pricing**

The Government has "broken its pledge" to introduce a minimum unit price for alcohol. The Church of England, the Methodist Church, the United Reformed Church, the Salvation Army and Quaker Action on Alcohol & Drugs are "deeply disappointed that the Government has abandoned this vital policy".

So says a statement from the mainline Churches in England. They were responding to a recent announcement by Jeremy Browne, the Minister for Crime Prevention, that minimum unit pricing will remain 'under consideration'.

"His claim that there is not enough 'concrete evidence' to implement it flies in the face of five years of medical research," say the Churches. They point out that there were more than 1.2 million alcohol-related hospital admissions in 2011-12 in England, and the cost to the NHS was £3.5 billion. The total bill to the taxpayer caused by alcohol misuse, including crime and lost productivity, is currently £21 billion.

"Research has shown that the main driver of problem drinking in the United Kingdom is the increased availability of cheap, strong alcohol. .. a minimum unit price of 50p could save around 3,000 lives a year."

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### **Christian Aid launches India Floods Appeal**

Christian Aid has launched an emergency appeal to provide assistance to communities and pilgrims affected by recent flash floods and landslides in northern India. At least 20,000 people were missing as recent heavy and incessant rains hit the region in June, with the state of Uttarakhand most affected.

Over 60,000 pilgrims visiting shrines in the area were left stranded as damaged roads and bridges made the area inaccessible. The death toll is likely to exceed 5,000 according to Disaster Management Minister Yashpal Arya. More than 100 villages have been severely affected in Rudraprayag, Chamoli and Uttarkashi districts with up to 1,000 homes damaged or washed away.

Christian Aid local partner organisation CASA has distributed food, bottled water, blankets, shelter and medicines. Fellow CA partner organisations SEEDS and IGSSS will also provide humanitarian assistance and plan to help to rebuild homes and livelihoods. Christian Aid has released an initial £100,000 for the relief effort.



**Why YOU are SO welcome to come Back to Church with us on 29th September... “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them” (Luke 15.1). This one verse sums up the whole, scandalous message of the Christian faith. Everyone is welcome. We are welcome not because of our goodness, or worthiness, or even our faithfulness. We are welcome because God invites us. And he invites us even though we are sinners.**

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Don't be startled by the word 'sinner'. Is there anyone alive who hasn't regularly gone to bed at night and lay there regretting things they'd said or wishing they'd acted differently? In other words, we all fall short of our own standards, let alone the standards of God. Falling short of what we are supposed to be is called sin. It is when we are less than we could be or should be.

Well, the big message of the Christian faith is that whoever you are and whatever you've done, you are welcome at Jesus' table. No, more than this, God is actually looking for you. God thinks that his party is incomplete until you've arrived. That's why the shepherd in this story goes looking for the one lost sheep, and then rejoices when that sheep is found. God rejoices when we come to his table.

He doesn't mind whether you're ready or not. God just wants to welcome you in. That's why in Ezekiel God says “I myself will be the shepherd” (Ezekiel 34. 15). I will be the one who is looking for you and longing to bring you into safe pastures; those safe pastures that Psalm 23 famously speaks about. For even though life can sometimes be dark, dangerous and difficult, the God who is revealed in Jesus Christ is a loving shepherd who seeks out the lost.



Now you might not feel 'lost' in the literal sense of 'not knowing where you are', but many of us do feel lost in all sorts of other ways. We can feel lost in relationships where we are misunderstood or taken for granted. We can feel lost in work when it is dis-spiriting or unsatisfying. We can feel lost in unemployment, without hope or worth. Sometimes we can just feel alone, what is sometimes referred to as being 'lost in the crowd'. "We go astray" (1 Peter 2. 25). That is the image the first letter of Peter uses.

However you go astray, however you are 'lost', the Christian faith says God is looking for you. He longs to lead you home. He has good things to give you, and you are welcome at his table. You don't need to sign on the dotted line; you don't need to have a huge faith; you just need to accept the invitation.

Happily, many of you will be coming back to church this month for precisely that reason. You have been invited back to church and you have said yes. The church consists of people who have turned up, not just people who have signed up. Thank you for turning up on Sunday 29 September. You are very welcome!

If you have a Bible, why not read: Ezekiel 34.11b-15; Psalm 23.1-4; 1 Peter 2. 22-25; Luke 15.1-7

### **A prayer for coming back to church**

Loving God,

Thank you for welcoming me back to church this month.

Help me to understand and receive your love.

Help me to be welcoming to others.

When I am feeling lost or sad or lonely,

When life is dark and difficult,

When I am less than I should be,

When I have gone astray,

Be for me a wise and gentle shepherd.

Guide me home,

And lead me in the right paths.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**BackToChurchSunday**   

## **Prayer**

### **Prayer about Priorities**

*(reflecting on Martha and Mary's encounter with Jesus in Luke 10:38-42)*

Lord, we are all so busy. Life is full of demands and deadlines, each one urgent, or so it seems. We rush around trying to do everything, trying to please everyone and sometimes we miss what is really important – and don't realise until it's too late.

Remind us, Lord, that some opportunities don't come again. And that actually, we *do* have time. We have all the time of our lives, which you give to us. Help us to take our time and use it wisely, to choose to sit at your feet, like Mary, and listen to you; to seek you first, so that the rest of our life time will be in balance.

In Jesus name,  
Amen

*By Daphne Kitching*



## **Poem**

### **The Cambridge Prince**

National joy! She's had a boy!  
Three Cheers for Duchess Kate!  
A healthy son, a healthy mum;  
A very healthy weight!

So, after all the stories tall  
There's no more need to guess  
No fingers still as newshounds fill  
The pages of the press.

And then we glimpse the Cambridge Prince  
Within his mother's arms  
Protected by his mother's eye  
The world falls for his charms.

His name is George, and he will forge  
The future royal line;  
And so we cheer, for George is here –  
The future's looking fine!

*By Nigel Beeton*

## **September Recipe - Tasty Courgette Bake**

This recipe was given to me by my friend Mavis. It was quite a shock when we realised that we had been friends for nearly 60 years. In that time we have swapped many recipes from meals when the children were small and she visited us in London, to this recipe she brought back from a visit to Pembrokeshire this summer. I hope you enjoy it.

### **INGREDIENTS**

675g (1½lb) courgettes sliced	3 eggs
75g (3oz) smoked bacon, chopped	10floz (½pint) milk
1 medium onion, sliced	½ teaspoon marjoram
	100g (4oz) English Cheddar cheese, grated

### **METHOD**

1. Blanch courgettes in boiling water, drain & cool.
2. Fry bacon and onion for 5 minutes.
3. Grease an ovenproof dish, put in courgettes, bacon and onion.
4. Beat together eggs, milk, herbs.
5. Stir in cheese 75g (3oz), pour over cougettes.
6. Sprinkle remaining cheese over top.

Bake for about an hour at 180C/350F/Gas Mark 4

Betty Rimmer



*Local church life picks up again in September...when notices start flying around again...*

### **I know what you meant, but it's not what you said....**

*These are classics - real life extracts from church bulletins and announcements that didn't come out quite in the way intended!*

\* *From a pew-sheet:* Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Memorial Church in Racine. Come tonight and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

\* *Announcement in the church bulletin for a National PRAYER & FASTING Conference:* The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals.

\* *Announcement in an Episcopalian pew-sheet:* Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8pm in the church recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.

\* *Report in a church magazine:* Miss Charlene Mason sang *I will not pass this way again*, giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

\* *From a pew-sheet:* Ladies, don't forget the jumble sale. Now's your chance to get rid of all those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.

\* *From an announcement:* The sermon this morning is entitled 'Jesus Walks on the Water'. The sermon tonight will be: 'Searching for Jesus'.

\* *From a pew-sheet:* Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. Do go along if you can sing at all. They need all the help they can get.

\* *From an announcement:* Sadly, Barbara remains in the hospital awaiting more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping, and has requested tapes of the minister's sermons.

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## Looking at You

### Be a messy gardener

This autumn, don't clean up your garden too much for the winter – leave some messy bits. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds fears that 'sterile' gardens where nature cannot survive are contributing to the decline in wildlife.



Instead, build 'homes for nature', urges the RSPB: leave some weeds and garden debris, let the grass stay long, don't cut all the nettles, leave the odd log to rot, and cut a hole in your fence for the hedgehogs. You can also fill a bucket with woodchips, soil and rotten branches for insects. Or fill up an old washing bowl with water and gravel to create a 'mini pond'.

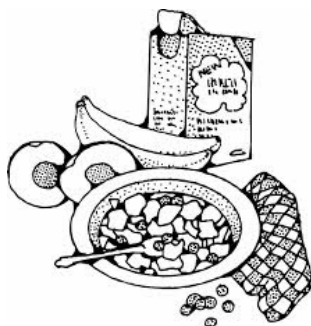
Many celebrity gardeners applaud this approach. Monty Don of the BBC's *Gardener's World* recently tweeted: 'Do not strive after tidiness'. The RSPB campaign is in response to a report that 60 per cent of species in the UK have suffered declines in the past few decades. Our sparrows, starlings, grass snakes, frogs, voles and badgers need our help to breed, move around and survive.

Mike Clarke, chief executive of the RSPB, says: "Nature in the UK is in trouble. Gardens provide a valuable lifeline for species like starlings, toads, hedgehogs and butterflies, which are struggling to find homes in the wider countryside. Although the overall problem is huge, the solution can start on a small scale....Our aim is to provide one million homes for nature across the UK, because if there is no home for nature, then there's no nature – it really is that serious."

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### Eat up

Do you eat breakfast? If not, you could be hurting the economy. Workers who skip breakfast cost the economy £300 million a year in lost productivity, a survey has claimed.



It seems that if you go without food in the morning, you will lose an average of 82 minutes each day from lower productivity levels. Yet 56 per cent of British workers say they are too rushed to eat first thing in the morning. The under-25s eat the least in the morning; those aged 45-54 do better. Weetabix conducted the survey.

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### Weekend exercise can make up for a week at work

This weekend, get moving – for at least 150 minutes. That is the amount of time you should spend exercising each week, and if you can't do a bit each day, it seems that it is okay to catch up all at once at the weekend.

Guidelines these days recommend that each of us perform moderate to vigorous activity on a regular basis. Now research at Queen's University in Toronto suggests that even weekend action will help lower your risk of diabetes, heart disease and stroke.







## Looking at God

### TEEN meets GOD: Luke's story

I grew up in a Christian household, but my parents left the decision to me over whether I'd decide to become a Christian. I attended church regularly with them and built up a nucleus of friends there, but ultimately I was left to make my own choice.

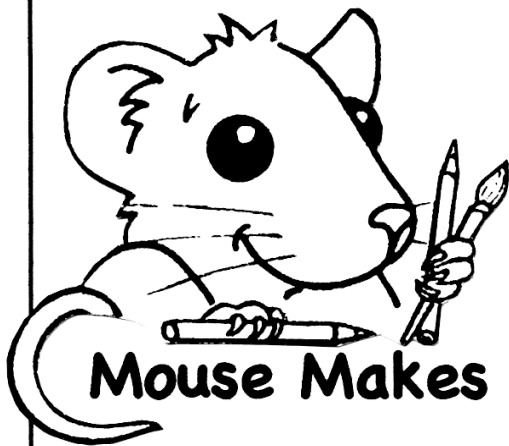
When I was 11 I attended a 'Saltmine' camp, which was a Christian summer camp. I got this amazing buzz through being in the meetings – a kind of spiritual 'high' - and this was the first time I began to feel like God was real. I made a decision that week that I would follow Jesus.

However, life quickly settled back into its status quo and a few years later I found myself fairly unhappy, and so looked to my Bible for help. I continued attending summer camps and, aged 14, felt a renewed sense of purpose. I decided that year to get baptised, and this is when I believe I truly became a Christian. I didn't want to just be a Sunday Christian and I wanted my faith to be for always. I didn't want to lose the feeling that I got at these camps and I knew that was only achievable through getting to know God better.

Since that point my life has slowly flourished. I began standing up for my faith at school and to my surprise people began to accept it. Of course there's a lot of banter around these sorts of things, but actually I've felt enabled to strengthen my friendships with people and tell them about God. I've begun reading my Bible more and have found that the more things I give over to God (exams, sports, etc.) the more things seem to grow and prosper.

I now have a solid church family, and a sense of belonging that is so important. I've now co-founded a Christian website for teenagers, and I've even begun to preach, which is something I'm extremely passionate about for the future. Loads of exciting things have happened since I became a Christian!

Luke is 16 and lives in the Midlands. He's the co-founder of the website:  
[www.forchristianteens.com](http://www.forchristianteens.com)



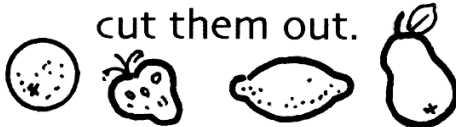
Where in the world  
does your food  
come from?



Look on the labels,  
boxes, packets and cans  
for clues.



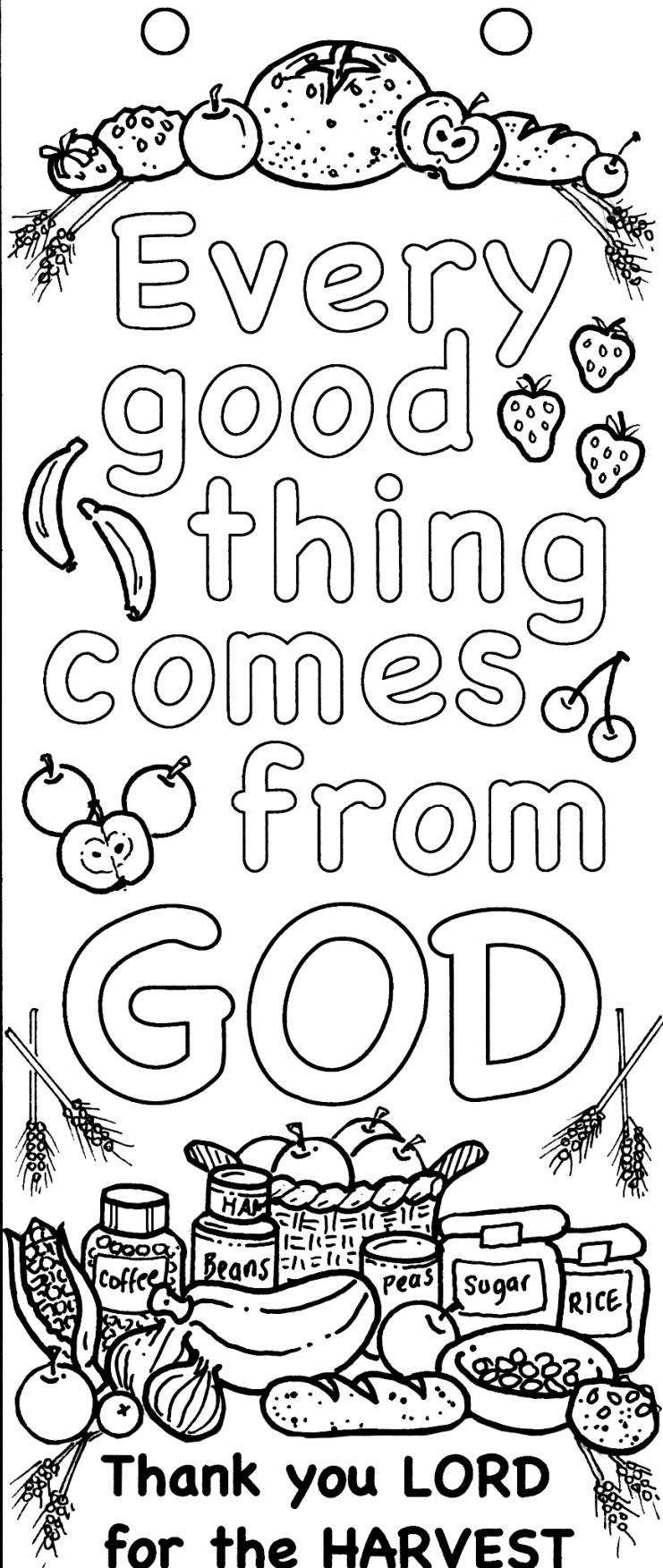
Draw small pictures  
of each food then  
cut them out.



Stick your food pictures  
onto a map of the world  
over the country  
they came from.



TO MAKE the harvest banner  
Colour in then cut out. Hang  
up in the kitchen or attach  
to your harvest offering



Thank you LORD  
for the HARVEST



# Men's Breakfast

5th October 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:

7th December

The Children's Society Coffee Morning  
Saturday 12th October 10.00am-12Noon

Everyone Welcome

Box holders please return house boxes.

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Contacts: Jean 648 6015

Barbara 648 3523

Elaine 648 1721



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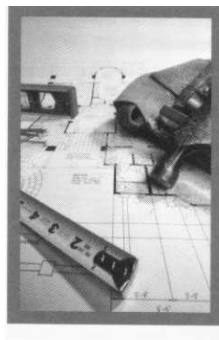
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Mr R Jackson 13 Norton Drive Irby CH61 4XP	<b>648 0365</b>	Cleaning Guild (St Chad's) Mrs L Worrall	<b>648 5590</b>
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### Reader

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### Retired Clergy

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Rev'd S Beckley 162 Heathbank Irby CH61 4YG	<b>648 7767</b>	Junior Church Mrs J Deboorder	<b>648 6331</b>
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### PCC Secretary

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		Guides Revd J Turner	<b>648 1816</b>

PCC Treasurer	<b>648 8169</b>		
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### CHARITY REPRESENTATIVES

#### Verger

Mrs J Ratcliffe 135 Thingwall Road Irby CH61 3UD	<b>648 6171</b>	Christian Aid Representative Vacant	
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#### Organist

Mr C Vickers 34 Townsend Avenue Irby CH61 2XW	<b>648 7405</b>	Children's Society Representative Mrs J Heath	<b>648 6015</b>
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#### Electoral Roll

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#### St Chad's Hall Booking Secretary

Mrs J Heath	<b>648 6015</b>	Adoption Society Representative Mrs C Rostock	<b>648 1112</b>
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#### Evening Mothers' Union (EMU)

Mrs C Rostock (Secretary)	<b>6481112</b>		
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Mrs E Jones	<b>648 1400</b>		
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## Church Services - July/August

### Sunday Services

#### St Bartholomew's

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

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

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11.15am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Holy Communion

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion  
3.00pm Baptism  
6.30pm Evening Worship

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

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11.15am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Holy Communion

**1st September**  
Trinity 14

**8th September**  
Trinity 15

**15th September**  
Trinity 16

**22nd September**  
Trinity 17

**29th September**  
Trinity 18  
**BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY**

**6th October**  
Trinity 19  
**HARVEST**

#### St Chad's

9.30am Family Service

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Family Communion

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Family Service

### Weekday Services

Holy Communion celebrated at St Chad's each Wed 10.15am  
ALL WELCOME

### Baptisms and Weddings

To arrange a baptism or wedding,  
please telephone the Rector, Revd Jane Turner on 0151 648 1816  
or the Church office on 0151 648 8169.

**PLEASE NOTE: Rector's day off - Tuesday**

### RECTOR: Revd Jane Turner

The Rectory, 77 Thingwall Road, Irby, Wirral, CH61 3UB  
Telephone: 0151 648 1816 (Day off Tuesday) E-mail: [rector@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:rector@thurstaston.org.uk)

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