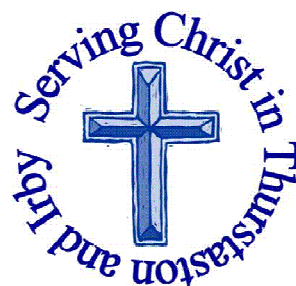


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## Diary Dates

### **Saturday 5th October**

*Men's Breakfast*

*8.45am-9.45am*

*at Aroma Café, Irby*

### **Wednesday 9th October**

*EMU*

*'Fairtrade'*

*8pm at St Chad's*

### **Saturday 12th October**

*Children's Society Coffee Morning*

*10am-12Noon*

*at St Chad's*

### **Thursday 17th October**

*Wellspring*

*8pm at The Rectory*

## *From the Registers*

### ***Baptisms***

*We welcome into the  
Lord's family*

***25th August***

***Mara Lamb***

***Daniela Tyrer***

### ***Weddings***

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

***7th September***

***Paul Lewis &***

***Aimee Smyth***

### ***Funerals***

*We commend to God's eternal care*

***9th September***

***Gwen Shimmin***

***11th September***

***Reg Burns***

## From your rector

Dear Friends,



This year Autumn seemed to arrive overnight at just the same time that it was my turn to prepare some simple liturgy for an ecumenical clergy prayer meeting, so I decided to base the prayers around an Autumn theme. Below is the final prayer that we used. In the days since, as I have walked my dog this prayer has come to mind several times, and I offer it now for your use during October.

*O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.  
As we embrace these autumn months,*

*May the earlier setting of the sun  
remind us to take time to rest.*

*May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet  
remind us of the brevity of this earthly life.*

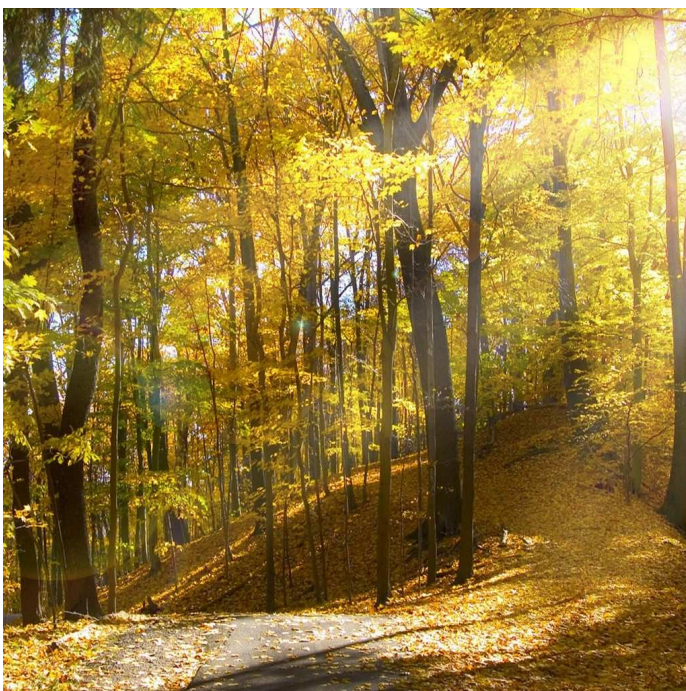
*May the steam of our breath in the cool air  
remind us that it is you who give us your breath of life.*

*May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds  
remind us that you call us to follow your will.*

*We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.*

May we be richly blessed as we take time to be with God during this Autumn month.

*Rexd Jane Turner*



## **St Chad's Hall Availability as at the end of Sept 2013**

Do you know of a community group looking for premises to hire? St Chad's offers a large meeting room and use of the kitchen (for teas and coffees) at very reasonable rates. We are willing to hire out on a weekly or monthly basis. We currently hire to a wide range of groups such as Rainbows and Guides, Irby Artists and Weight Watchers. In the past we have had various exercise classes including Zumba and Line Dancing. The current time slots that are available are:-

Mornings      Monday (Every Week)  
                     Tuesday (Every Week)

Afternoons    Monday (Every Week but only between May and August)  
                     Wednesday (Every Week)  
                     Thursday (not the first week of the month)

Evenings       Monday (Every Week)  
                     Tuesday (not the second or third week of the month) from  
                     7.45pm  
                     Thursday (Every Week)

Saturdays are also available on an adhoc basis for parties, coffee mornings etc.

The charge for hire is £30.00 per session (morning, afternoon or evening) except for Saturday evening for which we charge £40.00.

For further information and to make a booking, please contact the Hall Booking Secretary, Mrs Jean Heath (648 6015).

# Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Winners of the Photograph Competition, who are pictured below with Esther McVey who made the presentations on September 14th.

**Adult  
Category:  
Julie Evans**

**Age 11-17  
Category: Sarah  
Robson  
(Age 14)**

**Under 11  
Category: Owen  
James  
(Age 6)**



Congratulations also to the nine runners-up whose photographs will complete the calendar:-

January: Alan Fennah	February: Matt James	March: Jane Turner
April: Lynne Turner	May: Sarah Robson	June: Marc Hildige
July: Owen James	August: Julie Evans	September: Dani Fath
Oct: Graham Barley	November: Ellie Stant	Dec: Joyce Beckley

Thank You also to Mr Roger Dennison who donated the prizes.

You can order your Calendar using the form opposite or by downloading the form from the bottom of the front page of the parish website [www.thurstaston.org.uk](http://www.thurstaston.org.uk)

# Pre-order your 2014 "Thurstaston and Irby" Calendar



I would like to reserve \_\_\_\_ (number required) 2014 "Thurstaston and Irby" Calendars

I enclose £\_\_\_\_ (£5.00 per calendar, cheques payable to "Thurstaston PCC")

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone and/or e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this slip with payment to: The Parish Office, St Chad's Church, Roslin Rd, Irby, Wirral, CH61 3UH

# Autumn Term - Important Dates

## 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?**

**Evening of Remembrance and Thanksgiving  
on Sunday 3rd November 2013 at 6.30pm  
at St.Bartholomew's, Thurstaston**

**I come into contact with a lot of families who are going through the sad and difficult circumstances of bereavement. Sometimes the loss of a loved one helps people to come to faith and there are many people in church today who came back to God as a result of bereavement.**

I will be writing personally to all whom I am aware have experienced a bereavement in the last 12 months. If you have experienced a recent bereavement of which I am unaware, then please accept this invitation to join us at the service. If your bereavement was further back in time but you would find this service helpful, then you too are also welcome.

This will be a quiet, reflective service in which we will remember our loved ones by name and say thank you to God for the good times we shared with them throughout their lives. In this service we will be reading out a list of names of those you would like us to remember, and so **if you are planning to come to this service** and would like your loved one to be mentioned by name please fill in the form below and return it to me.

Please feel free to extend this invitation to other members of your family.

Rev'd Jane Turner

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**An Evening of Remembrance and Thanksgiving**

Name of the deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please return to:-                      Rev'd Jane Turner, 77 Thingwall Rd, Irby, CH61 3UB

## **Looking at your Community**

### **Will Aid 2013: Making a difference together for 25 years**

This November, Will Aid will again offer the opportunity for people to make a quality basic Will with a local participating solicitor in return for a donation to good causes. The suggested donation is £90 for a single basic Will.

Over the past 25 years, Will Aid solicitors and their clients have contributed £13.6 million in donations to charities and during the same period £95m has been promised as gifts in Wills to charity, making Will Aid the UK's most successful charity will-writing scheme.

Last November alone, the general public responded with enthusiasm and around 24,000 people were given the push they needed to finally write their Will and in so doing raised almost £2.1 million in donations (including Gift Aid).

The money raised is shared between the participating charities (ActionAid, Age UK, British Red Cross, Christian Aid, NSPCC, Save the Children, Sightsavers, SCIAF and Trocaire) and provides vital funds to help people to build their communities and improve their future in the UK and around the world.

Only with professional help can people feel confident that their Will is valid and their wishes will be carried out. Many people don't make a Will because they assume that their partner will automatically inherit everything. This is not true. For example, people who are not legally married or in a civil partnership are not automatically entitled to anything from the estate of their partner. There are even financial limits on what a surviving legally married person can receive. This may be less than the value of the family home – possibly forcing its sale to pay off other relatives. As a result, many surviving loved ones may have to endure a drawn out legal process and a good deal of emotional stress.

It is also very important to keep the Will up-to-date. This is particularly important when family circumstances change. There may be births, deaths, divorces, marriages and of course people named as guardians for children or executors of the Will may become unsuitable through age or ill health.

With preparation and the help of a Will Aid solicitor, making a Will need not be difficult or time-consuming. In fact, it can often be done in a lunch hour. Details of participating solicitors are available online. The Will Aid website [www.willaid.org.uk](http://www.willaid.org.uk) has lots of information to help, including a useful Will Planner or call 01460 271178 for further information.

# NEWS

## **Christian bookshops burned in Egypt** issue lens and ignoring the wider considerations.

Two Bible Society bookshops in Egypt have been attacked and burned by angry demonstrators in the recent violence there.

The attacks happened when security forces recently moved in to break up protest camps in Cairo. The bookshops, in Assuit and Minia, two of the largest cities in southern Egypt, were completely destroyed.

Ramez Atallah (General Director of Bible Society in Egypt), explains: "These were both beautiful, fully-equipped bookshops. The attackers demolished the metal doors protecting the bookshops, broke the windows and set the bookshops on fire."

Thankfully no staff were injured, but Ramez said it was "heartbreaking to watch on TV this bloodshed between fellow Egyptians unfolding before our eyes" – and added that, "the very vast majority of Muslims are peace-loving people who want the Christians to continue living as co-citizens in Egypt." Sadly, 15 churches and three Christian schools were also targeted.

But demand for Bibles is still very high, and so Bible Society will continue to trade from local warehouses until the shops are restored. To raise the money to do this, Bible Society has put out an urgent appeal for supporters to raise £12,000 online. If you would like to help, please go to: [www.biblesociety.org.uk](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk) and click on Appeals.

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### **Statement from Church of England on 'fracking'**

The Chair of the Church of England's group on Mission and Public Affairs, Philip Fletcher, has recently issued the following statement placing recent media reports in context:

"The Church of England has no official policy either for or against hydraulic fracturing (known as 'fracking'). However there is a danger of viewing fracking through a single

"There are a number of balancing considerations which need to be taken into account when coming to a view. Fuel poverty is an increasingly urgent issue for many in society – the impact on energy bills is felt most by the least well off. Blanket opposition to further exploration for new sources of fuel fails to take into account those who suffer most when resources are scarce.

"I would want to emphasise along with all those that care for the environment the importance of proper controls in relation to any form of fracking – we do not want cowboys and cavaliers digging up the land in a free for all exploitation. However as the Royal Academy of Engineering concluded recently in a review on fracking, this is a procedure which "can be managed effectively in the UK as long as operational best practices are implemented and robustly enforced through regulation".

"There are issues and risks. The answer to those is to treat them seriously and to minimise them. There are examples of how this can be done in other areas. The oil well operating at Brownsea Island demonstrates that oil production in a deeply sensitive area can continue for decades without endangering the environment.

"Clearly all carbon based fuels contribute to global warming and are less than ideal in terms of climate change. However, it should also be recognised that gas is less damaging than coal and to preclude properly managed technical development is to risk denying ourselves more important, less polluting and less costly options than the energy sources on which we currently rely.

"Fuel poverty, the creation of jobs, energy self-sufficiency and the development of technology that may reduce the impact of more polluting fuels are just some of the factors which need to be taken into account in any debate alongside the concern we all have about the impact of fossil fuels upon climate change."



# PARISHIONERS AT WAR!

## Part 1

### Introduction

During my visits to fellow senior members of our parish, the conversation often turns to the 1939 – 1945 war years. This has given me the idea of writing a series of articles for the parish magazine, based on the reminiscences of those of us parishioners who were alive during those years. I have started with my own memories and research from my childhood in the Dingle area of South Liverpool. These memories were contained in a family book I wrote entitled, *Don't Wake Up George Brown!* In the next article, we will be finding out how Octavia Deverill contributed to the war effort by means of a ratchet screwdriver, which she still owns to this day!

### The Wartime Memories of Alan Jones

Growing up in South Liverpool in the late 1940s meant that signs of the war were still apparent everywhere. The Merseyside area was the most heavily bombed part of Britain outside London. Their importance in relation to the Atlantic Convoys, meant the dock-land areas were prime targets. Reports of the extent of the bombing and devastation caused were suppressed by the government in an attempt to mislead the German High Command. However, over 4000 lives were lost.

The first air raid took place on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1940 when 160 bombers attacked the city. During December 1940, a series of heavy raids saw a number of direct hits on community air raid shelters. One of these was the shelter in Blackstock Gardens, Vauxhall, in which, at least 72 people died, including a mother and her six children. The exact number of casualties was never confirmed as it is believed some bodies were washed away in a stream. For many years after, an annual memorial procession took place in the neighbourhood, until the gardens were demolished in 1968. I recall my father telling me that, after arriving in the centre of Liverpool at the beginning of a period of leave, he was making his way on foot towards the Dingle, because the trams had stopped for the night, when an air raid started. He found a communal shelter but left it, after a short while, because the screaming of the women inside, who had become hysterical with fear, was too disturbing. He carried on walking home while the air raid continued.

After May 1941, air raids diminished significantly as Hitler turned his attention towards Russia. The last air raid of any note took place on 10<sup>th</sup> June 1942, destroying several houses in the Upper Stanhope Street area. Ironically, one of the houses, number 102, belonged to Alois Hitler Junior, half brother to Adolf Hitler and the birthplace of Hitler's nephew William Patrick Hitler. The house was never rebuilt and the area was grassed over.

The elderly couple living next door to us, also called Jones, never got round to removing from their windows the brown tape diagonal crosses, designed to stop the glass shattering in the event of bomb blast. In our back yard, we had a brick walled and concrete roofed air raid shelter. These were built in every other yard and were shared by the two adjacent families. The reason we had one was, clearly, our proximity to the docks because my Mum's family, living only about a mile and a half away in Aigburth, were just given a steel dining table, under which they had to shelter during the blitz. Bomb sites littered our neighbourhood and afforded useful play areas for inter-street football and cricket matches. In our derelict back bedroom, which was unsafe because of a serious case of bellied ceiling, there was an old chest, in a drawer of which was a machine gun bullet which Dad had brought home from the war. It was a source of fascination to me and I used to take my friends up there so they could hold it – but only for a few moments in case it went off! Today, the only significant memorial to the days of the blitz is St Luke's church in the centre of the city, though the sites of some of the community shelters destroyed with a great loss of life are marked with memorial plaques and there is a civic memorial in Anfield Cemetery, marking the communal grave in which 554 victims of the blitz were buried.

Dad never talked about his childhood which seems to have been really unhappy. However, I did manage to extract from him a small number of tales from his wartime exploits as a 'gunner' in the Royal Artillery. Obviously, I was keen to know whether he had shot anyone but was somewhat disappointed to discover the only living creature he had shot was a goat! Apparently, it had been trained like a guard dog and held the whole of Dad's platoon at bay until, bravely, he dispatched it. Dad justified the killing of this defenceless animal by pointing out that it was, after all, a German goat! His second story was how he drove a lorry packed with ammunition into what he thought was an allied base – only to discover that all the banter he could hear coming from the troops was in German! A quick three point turn ensued and he departed much more quickly than he had arrived! Another story he told was when he and his fellow soldiers were suddenly called on to be infantrymen rather than artillery men. Apparently, some German pilots had been shot down in the vicinity and Dad was part of a platoon sent out with small arms to round them up. He recalls how he and his mates were all trying to hide behind each other as they set off on the search! His final tale was of being shot at while riding pillion on a motor bike in Germany following the surrender! The bullet, fired by a citizen, who had, clearly, not subscribed to the terms of the surrender, passed under Dad's chin! The man was later arrested. Dad's National Service lasted from October 1940 until March 1946. His testimonial at the end of his 6 years' service, which included the D Day Landings, simply reads:

*Has worked well; he can be relied upon and can carry out a task, without supervision, conscientiously. He is of clean and sober habits.*

*Alan Jones, Lay Reader*

# Looking At God

*David Winter reflects on 70 years of the miracle of streptomycin*

## **The Way I See It : A Miracle Drug?**

Exactly 70 years ago this month researchers isolated for the first time the antibiotic drug streptomycin. Within a few years it was in widespread use as the first effective treatment for tuberculosis, which in my childhood was both widespread and incurable.

In 1949, during my National Service, I was working as a nursing assistant on the TB ward of an RAF hospital. The patients were fed a healthy, nourishing diet and exposed to as much fresh air as possible. That, and linctus to alleviate the constant coughing, was the best we could do for them. As one 19 year old said to me, 'It's odd when you've barely grown up to know what you're going to die of'. In fact, he was wrong.

One Friday the ward staff were summoned to a meeting and instructed on the use of a new drug, which had proved effective in several countries in combating TB. On Monday we collected the bottles and pills and began to administer the medication. To our astonishment, and the delight of the patients, the effect was instantaneous and amazing.. Within weeks, many of these young men and women were symptom-free. In a month or so they were being discharged from hospital, cured. 'Miraculous' was the word we were all using. The drug, of course, was streptomycin.

I think of that experience whenever I collect my regular prescription of medication from the surgery. We take so much for granted in terms of medical advances, but in fact the change - just in my life-time - is spectacular. Diseases like small-pox and diphtheria, once widespread and deadly, are part of medical history. Tuberculosis, or 'consumption' as it was often called, has been virtually eradicated, only persisting in its deadly work where poverty gives it shelter. And of course the progress is ongoing. Every month there are reports of new treatments and new drugs - the only problem seems to be paying for them!

I wonder if it could be true that on our amazing planet the Creator has hidden all the tools we need to combat the diseases and afflictions that trouble us - just leaving us to find them, and thankfully put them to their God-given use. Fanciful? Perhaps, but I think there's a whiff of a profound truth there somewhere.

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### Did I mean what I just said?....

*The following are genuine notes left for milkmen. You know what they mean, but...?!*



- ~ Dear Milkman: I've just had a baby, please leave another one.
- ~ Cancel one pint after the day after today.
- ~ Please don't leave any more milk. All they do is drink it.
- ~ Please close the gate behind you because the birds keep pecking the tops of the milk.
- ~ Please cancel the milk. I have nothing coming into the house except two sons on the dole.
- ~ Please bring me a form about cheap milk, as my boyfriend has made me stagnant.
- ~ Please do not leave milk at no. 14 as he is dead until further notice.

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### Collecting firewood

It was April and the Aboriginals in a remote part of Northern Australia asked the new minister at their small church to ask God if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild. The minister did not want to lose their confidence, as he had only just arrived, but when he prayed and looked at the sky, he had frankly no idea what the winter ahead would be like.



To be on the safe side, he told his congregation that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the tribe should collect firewood to be prepared. But being a practical minister, after several days he had an idea. He walked out to the telephone booth on the highway, called the Bureau of Meteorology and asked if the coming winter in his area was going to be cold. The meteorologist responded, 'Yes, it looks like this winter is going to be quite cold.'

So the minister went back to his people and told them to collect even more wood in order to be prepared. A week later he called the Bureau of Meteorology again, and asked if it still looked like it was going to be a very cold winter. The meteorologist again replied, 'Yes, it's going to be a very cold winter.'

So the minister went back to his community and ordered them to collect every scrap of firewood they could find. Two weeks later and still concerned, the minister called the Bureau again. 'Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?' he asked.

'Absolutely,' the man replied. 'It's looking more and more like it is going to be one of the coldest winters ever.'

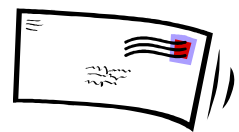
'How can you be so sure?' the minister asked. The sky didn't look any different to him.

The weatherman replied, 'Our satellites have reported that the Aboriginals in the north are collecting firewood like crazy, and that's always a sure sign.'

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### Love letter

An advert appeared in the student newspaper of the university:  
Sweet little old lady wishes to correspond with university student – seeks six-footer with brown eyes answering to initials J.A.D.  
Signed,  
his mother.



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### Name

Vicar (benevolently): "And what is your name, my little man?"  
Small boy: "Well, that's the limit. It was you who baptised me!"

# Looking at You

## What happened to your holiday snapshots?

This summer, how many photographs did you take while on holiday? What did you do with them all? It seems that with the arrival of smartphones and the internet, some of us are in danger of ruining our own holidays by obsessive clicking.

Instead of switching off, and simply spend hours taking photographs comment on.... and then we spend have said about our holidays, and



enjoying our holiday surroundings, we which we then upload on Facebook, and even more time reading what people responding.

Now one professor at Lancaster University has warned: "The technology is getting in the way not only of people experiencing where they are, but also the other people they are with. Capturing the moment in your head is more important than capturing it on your smartphone." And, as more people admit to carefully staging photographs that make them look happy and relaxed, for uploading onto Facebook, "there is definitely a competitive element. It's about telling other people where you are and using it to show off."

Sunshine.co.uk, who commissioned the study, found that it seemed "the more you are connected, the more you struggle to have proper personal time with people that matter."

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## On the prowl

Who's out there, prowling in the dark near your house at night? If it is your cat, bring it in – and save some wildlife from certain death. It seems that each year more than 200 million birds and small mammals are killed by domestic cats in the UK. Birds and small mammals are particularly vulnerable to a cat's attack at night, warn experts.



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## Do you believe in answers to prayer?

A large majority of us still believe that our prayers may be answered – despite the national drop in formal religious observance.

Only one in seven of us would 'never' turn to prayer for help with problems in our lives. In fact, recent research by the Church of England has found that 31 per cent of us may even pray for world peace and 27 per cent of us may pray for an end to world poverty.

More personal prayers are not so common. Only 15 per cent of us consider praying for personal guidance or healing or the ability to cope with stress. And only ten per cent of us ever think to repent and pray for forgiveness. Yet the Bible promises: 'The Lord is near to all those who call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of those who fear him; he will hear their cry, and will save them.' (Psalm 145:18-19)



The findings come from a poll conducted by ICM for the CofE. It also found that overall, only 14 per cent of the population would never pray.

## October Recipe - Highland Loaf

This meat loaf is ideal hot with potatoes and vegetables or cold with salad.  
Serves 4 people.

### INGREDIENTS

450g (1 lb) minced beef  
225g (½lb) sausagemeat  
100g (4oz) rolled oats  
1 level teaspoon salt

5 fl.oz (¼ pint) milk plus 2 tablespoons  
water  
½ teaspoon pepper  
½ level teaspoon mixed herbs  
1 small onion chopped  
1 beaten egg

### METHOD

Mix all together, place in loaf tin lined with greasproof paper.  
Bake 190C/375F/Gas Mk 5 for 1¼ hours

Betty Rimmer



## Looking at your Church

### Be part of the Bible story in China

Have you heard the amazing story of the Bible in China? How it's gone from being a banned book to a bestseller? How it's part of incredible Church growth, where around a million Chinese people come to faith every year?

Bible Sunday, organised by Bible Society, is an annual opportunity to celebrate the blessing of owning and reading your own Bible. This year, it's also a time to join the amazing story in China – by helping provide Bibles to Chinese Christians too poor to afford a copy of the Scriptures themselves.

In the last 12 months, a million people have come to faith in China, according to estimates. Imagine that. It's equivalent to *one more person making a commitment to Christ by the time you read this article.*

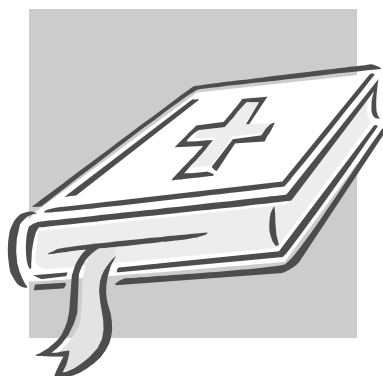
These new Christians are mostly from rural areas – and they are mostly poor. It means the cost of a Bible is simply out of their reach. And it's created a huge Bible shortage.

Nearly half of all Christians in China don't own a Bible. In some places 10 Christians have to share a single copy of the Bible between them.

Earlier this year, the Chinese government gave permission for the printing of 3.5 million Bibles for the churches there. They'll be printed at Amity Printing Company in Nanjing – which is part-owned by Bible Society.

The printing presses are ready to roll – with the capacity to print almost 50 Bibles every minute. It's only the cost of the paper that's missing. *Just 80p could buy the paper for one Chinese Bible.*

Visit [biblesociety.org.uk/biblesunday](http://biblesociety.org.uk/biblesunday) to find out more.



*This poem hearkens back, with some nostalgia, to a time when you could find craftsmen in the High Street, when a watch was a thing of beauty, and, if it stopped, you didn't drop it in the recycling bin and order a new one from Amazon, you took it to a watchmaker and were glad to pay him for his time repairing it.*

### **The Dean's Watch**

One frosty, chill, October e'en  
A city snoozed in starlit gloom;  
Some little light could still be seen  
Within a clockman's working room.

For golden was a candle's glow  
Behind a watery, glassy globe  
Who's light, alone, was gently thrown  
While darkness hung round as a robe.

Alone and quiet, by its light  
A watch within those skilful hands  
A thing of beauty, such a sight  
As skilled and lay may understand.

Repair now almost all complete  
For one last tool the clockman delved;  
Regarding an inscription neat  
'George Graham, fecit, 1712'.

At last the watch was put away  
And tucked into a pouch, unseen  
Until, upon the next work day,  
It's handed to a grateful Dean.

*By Nigel Beeton, from 'The Dean's Watch' by Elizabeth Goudge*

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## The Children's Society Coffee Morning

Saturday 12th October 10.00am-12Noon at St Chad's

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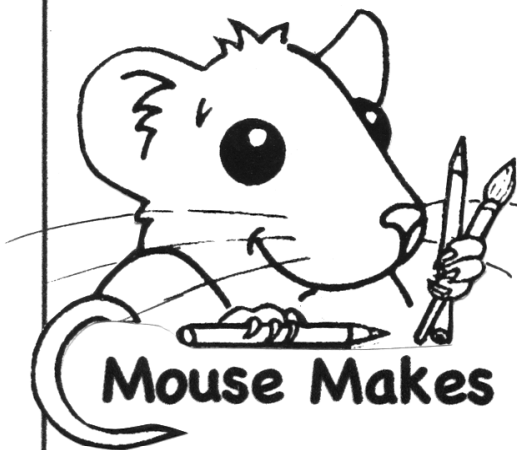
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## **HOST**

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One host wrote: 'It is a great to welcome these students and make them feel wanted. They get to see a good side of life in Britain in contrast to what they might learn from the media. It is also fun getting to know someone from another country.'

Invitations can be for a day, a weekend, or 3 days at Christmas. Sharing Christmas with someone who has little idea what Christmas is can be really special – and for the guest, much better than being on a deserted university campus. Invitations are urgently needed from volunteer hosts, no matter how far they live from a university. To find out more, please see [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) or contact local organiser Alan Lodge 01845 527448 [north-west\\_RO@hostuk.org](mailto:north-west_RO@hostuk.org)

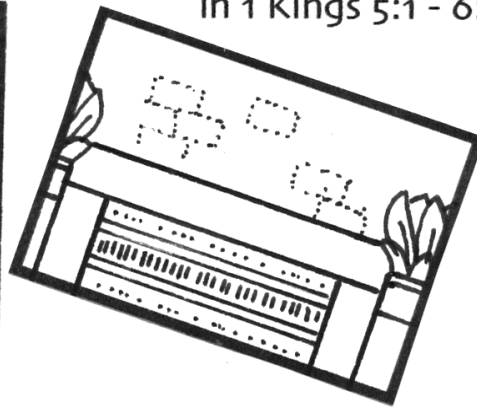
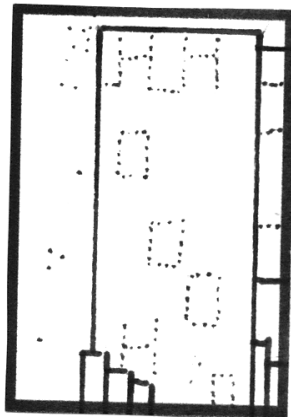


## SOLOMON BUILDS A TEMPLE

King Solomon decided to build a temple to honour the Lord God. It took 80,000 men to cut the stone for it and 30,000 men seven years to build it. The finished temple was 60 cubits long, 20 cubits wide and 30 cubits high and the inside was completely covered with gold!

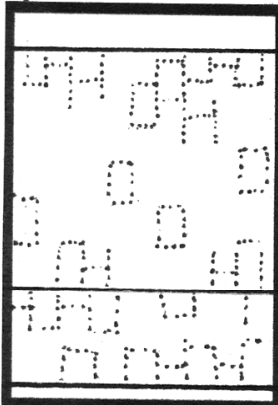
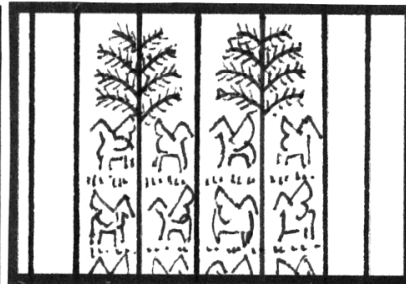
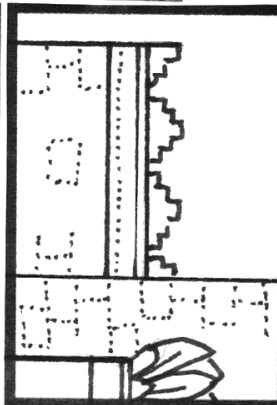
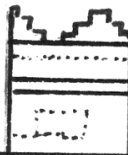
READ about Solomon's temple in 1 Kings 5:1 - 6:38

The blocks for temple have all been mixed up! Carefully cut out each block and rearrange to build God's temple. Glue onto card and colour in.

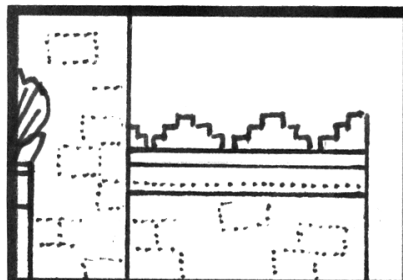
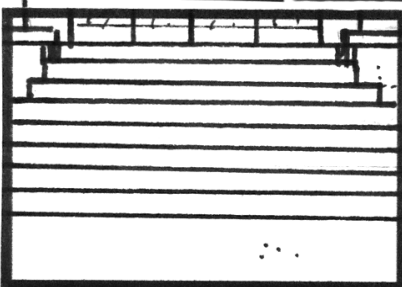
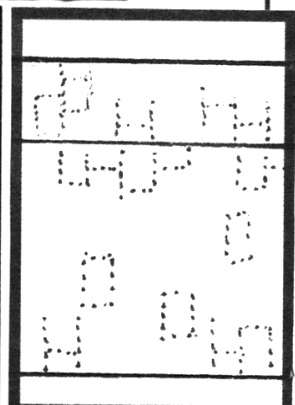
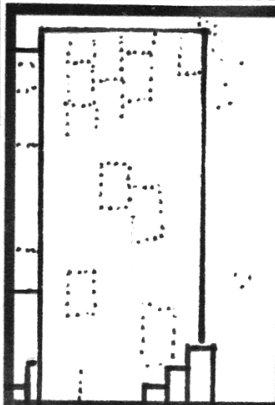
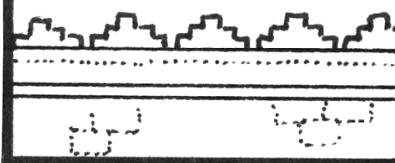


A 'cubit' is about 18 inches or almost 45.5cm long

God said "Build



a temple that



will honour me"





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**Next meeting of EMU**

**Wednesday 9th October 8pm at St Chad's**

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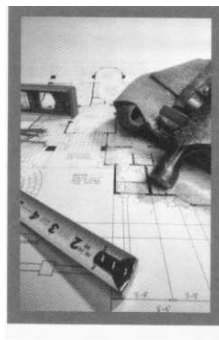
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Mrs J Heath	<b>648 6015</b>	Adoption Society Representative Mrs C Rostock	<b>648 1112</b>
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## Church Services - July/August

### Sunday Services

#### St Bartholomew's

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

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

#### St Chad's

9.30am Family Service

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

**13th October**  
Trinity 20

9.30am Holy Communion

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

**20th October**  
Trinity 21

9.30am Morning Worship

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

**27th October**  
Bible Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
**11.15am NO SERVICE**

**3rd November**  
4th Sunday Before Advent

**10.30am All Sorts Worship**

6.30pm Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving

### 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**

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