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Thank you to all who have already paid.**

Diary Dates

Thursday 3rd April
Mothers' Union Speaker—Rev'd Jane

2.15pm at St Chad's

Saturday 5th April

Attic Sale

10am-12noon at St Chad's

Sunday 6th April

APCM 6.30pm at St Chad's

Sunday 13th April

Taize Service

6.30pm at St Chad's

Good Friday 18th April

Easter Journey Experience

10.00-11.30am at St Chad's

Wednesday 30th April

EMU 'Flower Arranging' by Elaine Jones

8pm at St Chad's

Saturday 10th May

Men's Breakfast

8.45-9.45am at Aroma Café Irby

Saturday 10th May

Parish Walk to Hilbre Island

See page 7 for more information

Monday 19th May

Wellspring

8pm at The Rectory

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the

Lord's family

23rd March

Arthur Chaplin

30th March

James Williams

Funerals

We commend to God's eternal care

6th March

Betty Withy and Edna Mnew

17th March

Freda Cheyne

24th March

Maureen Tudor

From your rector

Dear Friends

Why we should be like donkeys

Are you a pet-lover? Many people own a dog, a cat or a budgie, but most of us don't own a donkey! Yet in Bible times, donkeys were essential to daily life. They did everything from helping to grind corn, to ploughing, to carrying people, to transporting their belongings. Despite their small frame, donkeys are surprisingly tough. They are content with poor fodder like thistles, and can travel an average of 20 miles a day.

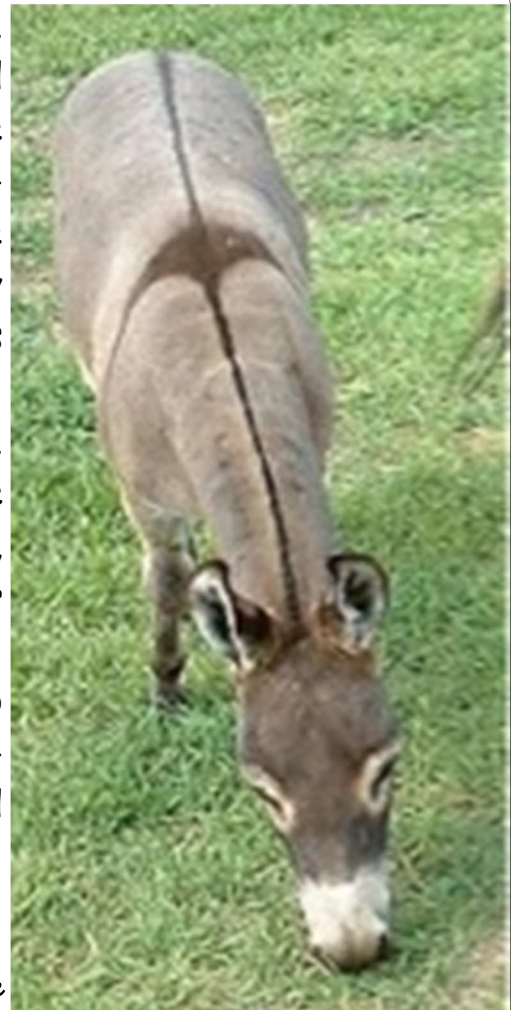
There are two occasions in the Christian calendar where donkeys walk into the picture. At Christmas, Mary travelled the 100 miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem on a donkey. And although a donkey doesn't get a specific mention in the manger story, that same one that transported her was probably there; where else would it have been?

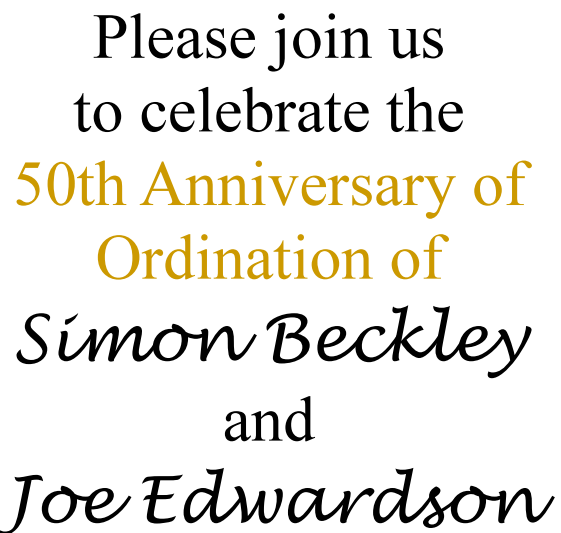
On Palm Sunday Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Jesus deliberately chose this animal rather than a horse. Why? In Bible times, the horse was associated with war, conquest and worldly might. But the donkey was a symbol of peace and humility. Jesus used this animal to show that he had come with the dignity of the king of peace. His entry into the Holy City also fulfilled Zechariah's prophecy concerning the Messiah.

Donkeys are hardworking and undemanding. They wait for their master to put them to the work he has chosen for them. And, remarkably, each one bears the mark of the Cross on their backs!

Perhaps that is something we should learn—to wait for Jesus our Master, to be always obedient to him, to serve him with all our hearts, and to bear the mark of his grace in our lives.

Rerd Jane





11.00am Service of Holy Communion

Preacher: Rt Revd Geoff Turner

Retiring Offertory for Church

Joe was ordained priest on 6th June 1964

Simon was ordained priest on 20th Dec 1964

In order to ensure that we know how many people we need to get into St Bartholomew's for the service and therefore how many people to cater for, **You will need a Ticket!**

There will be no charge for tickets, but a donation towards the cost of the buffet would be much appreciated.

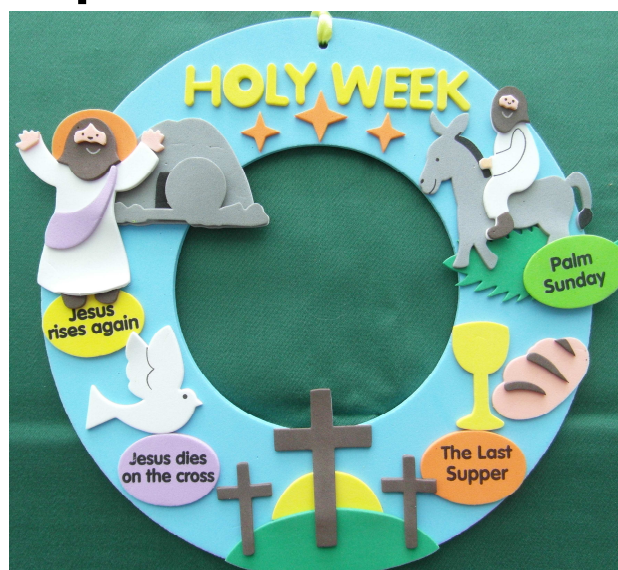
Tickets available from the parish office or from Leslie Worrall (at 9.30am services) or Alan Jones (at 11.15am services) or Laurie Kingsbury (at 8.00am services).

In Lieu of Gifts there will be a Donations Basket at the Lunch. Simon and Joe will be given half each to pass on to their chosen charity.

Easter Journey Experience

Good Friday
18th April
10.00-11.30am
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 taking us on a journey from Palm Sunday through to Easter Day.

Women Bishops?

Following the decision by General Synod to refer the legislation regarding "the consecration of women to the episcopate" to the dioceses for a shortened period of consultation, with a response required by 22nd May, there have been three open meetings arranged around our diocese when folk of all persuasions might meet together with Bp Peter and Libby Lane (Dean for women in ministry), and some of our General Synod Representatives, to discuss the legislation and its potential operation. These will be as follows, in each case at 7.30pm, with refreshments from 7.00pm (please car share if possible):

Wed 30th April Foxhill

Thurs 1st May Parish Centre, St Peter's, Heswall

Tues 6th May St Andrew's, Cheadle Hulme

All are welcome to attend.

Parish Walk to Hilbre Island

Saturday May 10th 2014



All Ages Welcome - You need to be fit enough to do the walk!
Dogs Welcome - Need to be on lead whilst on Island - see below

You will need to bring a Picnic
See below for other advice regarding this walk.

Please sign the list at the back of church if you intend to come.

Revd Jane needs to inform the Ranger (a week in advance) of how many people will be in the group.

TIMETABLE FOR THE DAY

11.15am Meet at Dee Lane Slipway

11.30am Set off to walk to Hilbre

12.30pm (approx.) Arrive at Hilbre and locate picnic spot

Explore island - "Friends of Hilbre" will be staffing the Old Telegraph Lookout Building and have a Telescope set up for Seal Watching (weather permitting)

2.30pm Meet to depart

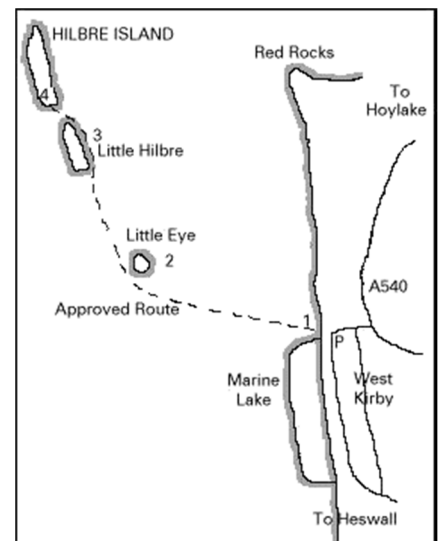
3.30pm (approx) Arrive back at West Kirby slip road

- **Facilities:** There are no shops or fresh water on the islands, and very little shelter. There are composting toilets on the island. Toilets are available at Dee Lane slipway 10am – 6pm in the summer months.
- **Clothing:** Always carry waterproofs, and warm clothing, and food and hot drinks in winter.
- **Footwear:** Wear sensible footwear as rocks, barnacles and broken glass can cause injury.
- **Overnight stays:** are not allowed.

Please help Protect the Wildlife:

All plants and animals in the Local Nature Reserve are protected.
Please do not collect any living creatures, pick or damage the plants.
Please avoid disturbing the roosting birds in winter.
Please keep to the paths or rocks to avoid trampling plants or eroding soil.
Please take your litter home with you.
Fires are not allowed on the Islands,
if you see a fire please contact the Ranger or dial 999.

**Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times
on the Local Nature Reserve
(i.e. once Little Hilbre is reached)**



MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Church Meetings will be held on Sunday 6 April 2014 at 6:30 pm in St Chad's. It is an opportunity for all parishioners to contribute to and be involved in the affairs of the Parish. Please come and give your support. The meeting will be followed by a short service for those who wish to stay.

We shall receive reports on the matters discussed by the Parochial Church Council, the financial affairs of the Church, the Deanery Synod and the associated Organisations. We shall also:

- discuss the independently inspected accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2013
- elect Church Wardens, who must be nominated and seconded in writing before the meeting (Churchwarden's Measure 2001)
- elect members of the Parochial Church Council
- appoint Sidespersons for the year
- receive a report on the Electoral Roll
- discuss any topics raised by parishioners.

Sidespersons' names are displayed in the churches on the duty rotas. If you wish to bring any topics forward for discussion, please notify the Rector or Secretary in advance of the meeting.

Current Members of the PCC

The Parochial Church Council currently comprises the Rector (Revd J Turner), the Churchwardens (Mr R Jackson and Mr J Roberts), the representatives to the Deanery Synod (Mrs H Boothman, Mr C Smale, Mr M Studholme, and Dr C Turnbull), all as *ex-officio* members, and the following elected representatives of the congregation:

- Mrs B Appleyard, Mr G Barley and Mr C Vickers, elected until 2014, with two vacancies.
- Mr J Oliver, Mrs J DeBoorder, Dr E Norton-Jones, Dr M James and Mr R Denison, elected until 2015.
- Mrs J Abbott, Mrs E Jones, Mrs S Lang, Mr C Eden and Mr A Harford, elected until 2016.

Election of five PCC Members

Mr Barley reaches the end of his term of office this year but may be re-elected for a further three years. Mrs Appleyard and Mr Vickers do not wish to be re-elected. There are two further vacancies for election until 2017.

Election of three Deanery Synod Representatives

This year we must also elect representatives to the Deanery Synod. They will also be members of the PCC. At present we have four representatives, all eligible for re-election, but only three places to fill.

Summary

If all those available for re-election are elected for three years, there will still be a further three vacancies. It is important that the PCC represents all parts of the congregation. Ideally, some of the vacancies would be filled by new members who might provide a different view of the church organisation and different insights into our activities.

There are certain eligibility requirements, but anyone who has any interest in becoming more involved in how the church arranges its activities should speak as soon as possible to the Rector, the Honorary Secretary or to any PCC member. Everyone can offer something – do not be put off just because you think you don't know enough about it.

Election of Churchwardens

Nominations for churchwardens must be received in writing in the proper form by the Rector before the meeting and may not be made after the meeting has begun.

Forms for nominations of Wardens, Sidespersons and members of the Council will be available at the two churches.

G.J. Barley (Hon. Secretary)

PLEASE COME TO THE ANNUAL MEETING!

Sunday 6th April 6.30pm St Chads

**The Annual Report including the Accounts
are available in Church**

**Or if you have this magazine delivered you should
have received a copy with the magazine.**

**If you end up with a spare copy, then please pass
it on to someone who might be interested.**

**Minutes of last Years Annual Meeting
were printed in last month's magazine**

Chester Diocesan Lay Conference 2014: 16-18 May 2014

The Conference will focus on discipleship, exploring what it means to follow Jesus and engage fully in the world that he has create.

The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire

The 2014 Lay Conference will focus on discipleship, exploring what it means to follow Jesus and engage fully in the world that he has created. We shall consider the challenges and delights in engaging with the work of the Holy Spirit as we travel deeper with the God who loves us and leads us.

We have some excellent speakers: the conference is being led by Martin Cavender and Alison Morgan of "ReSource" but we are also offering a plenary workshop run by Neil Hudson of the "London Institute for Contemporary Christianity". Their focus will be to relate God's calling to our everyday lives.

There are also other workshops which will help to deepen the experience and offer encouragement to individuals and parishes.

The conference begins with supper at 6.45pm on Friday 16th May and ends following a celebratory Eucharist and Commissioning Service at 4.00pm on Sunday 18th May. It is hoped that delegates will report back to their parishes following the conference.

We expect that over 220 people will be attending and that there will be a high demand for both accommodation and workshops. There is no limit on the number of attendees from any parish . The cost of the weekend is £145 per person but we do have a limited number of bursaries available to help defray these costs (please speak to your incumbent or priest in charge). The PCC may also be able to help if cost is the only thing preventing you from being interested!

Every delegate has the opportunity to choose two workshops on the Saturday - See next Page for details.

Bookings may now be made using the downloadable booking form - see the Events page on the diocesan website (www.chester.anglican.org) for forms and further details or ask Revd Jane to print one off for you!

**It would be really good for our parish to be represented.
Please let Revd Jane know if you book a place.**





THE GREAT WAR 1914 - 1918

WW1: THE HOME FRONT AND THE LONG HAUL

The euphoric triumphalism of the Summer of 1914 - 'over by Christmas' - didn't last long. August saw the German army storming across Belgium and advancing to the outskirts of Paris itself. Because at this stage the Allied forces involved were mostly French, the true gravity of the situation was not generally appreciated in Britain, but in France there was widespread fear of a swift German victory.

However, the Allies - who had disagreed over tactics - managed to sort themselves out. A few generals were dismissed, Lord Kitchener fired off some urgent messages from Whitehall, and in the face of apparently imminent disaster a brilliant counter-attack was planned and launched. Its aim was to drive the Germans back from the river Marne, north of Paris, and inflict a heavy defeat on them by outflanking their forces to the east of the capital. Crucial to this plan, for the first time in warfare reconnaissance aircraft were used to spot movement on the ground and relay the information to the military commanders.

The Battle of the Marne in September 1914 was the Allies first and greatest victory of the entire War. They pushed the Germans back some forty miles, until they managed to halt the Allied advance.

Both sides, having suffered heavy casualties - half a million men were killed or wounded, most of them French and German - then decided to dig in, literally. The trenches which they created following the Battle of the Marne remained more or less in place for the next four years. Finally the generals, the troops on the ground and eventually the public at home accepted that this was now a war of attrition. Over by Christmas? Three more Christmases would pass before this appalling conflict came to an end.

Slowly the British public abandoned the jingoistic fervour of the summer of 1914. The newspapers began to report the casualty figures, and as these rose inexorably during the following months and years the mood of the nation slowly changed. Kitchener called for more men, and hundreds of thousands responded to the call. Women too found themselves involved in new ways: as nurses and ambulance drivers just behind the front lines; as workers in munitions factories, satisfying the artillery's voracious appetite for more shells, and in taking over jobs previously done by men. My own mother, then in her teens, left her Norfolk village to come to London and work for the rest of the war as a telephonist.

It was a long while, however, before the full horror of what was happening across the Channel became generally recognised. The poet Laurence Binyon could speak at the end of 1914 of those mud and blood-stained young soldiers in triumphant terms: 'they went with songs to the battle, straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow'. Even in 1916 the war correspondents were still sending back dispatches describing our gallant young men bayonet-charging the enemy lines, putting terror into the hearts of the frightened Hun. But slowly the truth filtered through: this war, uniquely, would involve the whole nation and touch every single family in it. It would be long and difficult. It would demand resilience and courage. And it would not be glorious.



Wellspring

Third Monday of each month

this month: No meeting

next month: Monday 19th May

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.



Men's Breakfast



10th May 2014

8.45 – 9.45am

Aroma Cafe, Irby Village

Eat, chat and share in fellowship.

Contact Matthew James on 07817625122 or

mjames@doctors.org.uk for further details.

Dates for your diary: Where possible Men's Breakfasts will take place on the first Saturday of alternate months. Future dates for 2014 are:

May 10th, July 5th, Sept 6th and Nov 1st.



Taizé Service
Sunday 13th April
6.30pm at St Chad's

Rehearsals:-
Wed 2nd & 9th Apr 8.15-9.15pm
at St Chad's



PARISHIONERS AT WAR!

Part 6

Introduction

This is the sixth of a series of articles about the 2nd World War experiences of members of our parish. The subject of this month's article is Edwin Bezzant who has been a member of St Bartholomew's Church since he moved to the Wirral from Surrey in 1959. Edwin took on the role of Parish Treasurer for 21 years and served as a member of the PCC for an even longer period.

Edwin and his wife, Pam, together with Malcolm and Frances Harrison, acted as regular sides persons and readers at the St Bartholomew's Evening Services for many years, a role which Edwin and Frances have, faithfully, continued to this day.

The Wartime Memories of Edwin Bezzant

Edwin was 13 years old at the outbreak of the war and was attending Latymer Upper School in Hammersmith on a scholarship. His father, Arthur, a man of short stature, served in a Bantam Regiment during the 1st World War as a horse driver. His father's twin brother, after whom Edwin was named, was killed on his 21st birthday fighting on the Somme and Edwin's father himself was severely wounded down one side of his body in the later years of the war.

Edwin was evacuated to Slough even before the announcement of the war and it was there, in a cottage in Iwer Heath, that he heard Chamberlain's fateful words over the radio. During the 'Phoney War', Edwin returned home to his parents in Fulham but had to continue travelling by rail to Slough each day to attend his evacuated school. Edwin's father built an Anderson Shelter in the garden of their ground floor flat and, during the blitz, Edwin recalls a bomb dropping on a house close by and the regular sizzling sound of shrapnel flying through the air. As the blitz intensified, Edwin's mother took him and his sister to live at her parents' home in Huddersfield and, after some scary moments, including a brush with an incendiary bomb, his father joined them!

Edwin's scholarship was transferred to a school in Huddersfield. He recalls, while living there, the sound of the German bombers on their way to Manchester and Liverpool. At the age of 15 years, Edwin left school to contribute to the family income and worked as a public analyst, dividing his time between Huddersfield and Halifax. At the age of 17 years, he volunteered for the Home Guard and was attached, at nights, to a rocket artillery battery on the outskirts of Huddersfield.

In September 1944, Edwin was called up. He completed his six week basic training in Northern Ireland and was posted into the Royal Engineers. After further training in Hampshire, he moved to Ashford, Kent, to a Railway Transport Office, where he wore white MC armband. By this time, allied forces had opened up a front on mainland Europe and a lot of his work involved the logistical movement of military vehicles and ammunition. He also advised troops on their movements around the country and carried the important *Carriage Key* with which he could lock and unlock carriages carrying prisoners of war and other special items.

From Kent, Edwin was drafted to Egypt. Transport was by an old American Liberty Ship which broke down on the way, enabling Edwin to sample the sights of Gibraltar. Eventually, he arrived at Port Said on the Suez Canal. From there he went to the southern end of the canal to a military port at Adabyia, near Suez, where his job was to pay service personnel and also to make payments to local people working for the military. At one stage, he had to travel to Jerusalem which enabled him to see some of the sights of the Holy Land.

In December 1946, Edwin returned home on leave, a tortuous journey involving a ship to Toulon and land journey across France to Calais for embarkation to Britain. He recalls it was so cold on the return journey, the soldiers had to burn bunk beds to keep warm.

In December 1947, Edwin boarded the Bibby line troopship, *Staffordshire*, and returned, once again to Britain, landing at Liverpool – this time for demobilisation in York. He was able to get a study grant and went back to education at Huddersfield Technical College where he successfully studied for a degree awarded by London University. On his graduation in 1952, he took up a post in Surrey as an entomologist with the Ministry of Agriculture.

Edwin met his wife, Pam through the wife of a friend and they were married in 1957 at St Mary's, Princes Risborough, in Buckinghamshire. By the time they moved to Wirral in 1959, their daughter Catherine had been born and she was later to be joined by their son, Anthony. Both children went to Coombe Road Primary School and the local Grammar Schools before studying at Leicester University.

Alan Jones, Lay Reader

April Recipe - Tuna Pasta Bake

This is a tasty bake, ideal for holiday time.

INGREDIENTS

200g (7oz) pasta shapes	200g can tuna in oil, drained
295g can Campbells condensed cream of mushroom soup	100g (3½oz) cheddar cheese, grated
200ml (7fl oz) milk	200g tin sweetcorn, drained
3 spring onions, chopped	(I sometimes use pre-cooked broccoli for a change)

METHOD

1. Cook pasta, it takes about 12 minutes in a pan of boiling water with a little salt added, drain.
2. Stir in soup, milk, finely chopped onions and tuna and sweetcorn.
3. Heat through, stirring regularly, then transfer to a 1.2ltr (2 pint) flameproof dish. Top with cheese, then grill until golden brown.

Betty Rimmer



ATTIC SALE

5th April

10.00am–12noon St Chad's Church Hall

**Contact 07970030794
tables at £5 each.**



**Entrance 20p
Bacon batches
tea/coffee/juice**

*In aid of Mothers' Union
Literacy Fund*

So, what is a bishop, you ask?

Bishops come in all shapes and sizes, with different roles and different areas of responsibility. But they all have in common the authority for leading the faithful and the responsibility for caring for their spiritual needs. This is known as the 'cure of souls' and bishops share it with their clergy.

So, when a parish gets a new priest, they don't have sole responsibility for all the souls in the parish. They share the 'cure' with the bishop: and hence the title curate, which, nowadays, is more often used to describe a younger or new priest who is sharing the 'cure' with a vicar or rector, or learning it from them.

Every diocese has a diocesan bishop to lead it administratively and pastorally. He (they are all men currently) is helped by other bishops who may be suffragan, area or assistant bishops. Suffragan and assistant bishops take on certain duties or roles on behalf of the bishop as agreed. Area bishops differ in that the diocesan bishop has given them a piece of the diocese where they carry out all the responsibilities.

Bishops license new clergy and other office-holders, confirm new Church members, preach at special services and take part in major festivals. They spend time with the people of the parish when they can, sometimes visiting church schools and other organisations.

Diocesan bishops have oversight of all the clergy in their area, other licensed ministers, and lay workers. They hold ultimate control over the diocesan budget and its portfolio of assets. This is shared with the bishops and others in regular senior staff meetings.

Bishops may be chairman, patron, governor or committee member of many regional organisations. Many are instrumental in formal, informal and confidential conversations between religious bodies, ethnic groups, the police and social services, commercial and development agencies and local government and regional forums. As community leaders, bishops are increasingly involved in debates about regional assemblies in parts of the country.

Twenty-six diocesan bishops sit in the House of Lords: the two Archbishops and the bishops of London, Durham and Winchester by right of their office, plus the 21 longest-serving diocesan bishops. At least one is present every day and others attend according to the subjects under debate. The two Archbishops and the Bishop of London are Privy Councillors.

All diocesan bishops and nine elected suffragan bishops are members of the House of Bishops, which meets three times a year. As a House, they also attend the two or three sessions of the General Synod each year.

Many bishops chair or serve on national and international Church boards and councils, as well as large charities, special commissions or public enquiries. They, with others, represent the Church of England in meetings and affairs of the Anglican Communion and other Church bodies. Most have personal or diocesan links overseas, including commitments on behalf of the Archbishops, or as leaders of mission societies.

The archbishops have the biggest roles and responsibilities. Theologically, bishops follow on from Jesus, the servant king, and are the servants of all in their dioceses. That makes the Archbishop of Canterbury, who is 'first among equals' among all the Anglican bishops, the greatest servant of all.

Looking at You

Time for a Spring-clean of your garage?

What is in your garage? Bet it isn't a happy partner, pottering away on some project or other. These days, it seems that 'garage grabbing' is the trend, which leaves many men with nowhere to go to work on a DIY project. More than a million households have converted their garages in the past three years, according to recent research by Halfords.

Of the 9.5 million homes that have garages, just 28 per cent are still used for the family car. Meanwhile, four in ten men surveyed admitted that they had fond memories of working in the garage with their fathers or grandfathers as children, and yearn to do the same with their own children. As Proverbs (22:6) observes: 'Train up a child in the way that he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.'

But Halfords observes: "There is nowhere in which to pass on practical skills and knowledge... if only garages were kept more organised, people would be amazed at how much lost space they can reclaim."

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Why you should listen to music

You may turn to music when your heart has been broken, but actually, you can also use it to strengthen your heart if you are unwell. Cardiologists have found that people who listen to music for about half an hour a day release endorphins in the brains, which in turn, improve vascular health. Music without words is most effective for this, as sad words can 'upset the emotions', said the researchers.

While there is no 'best music' for everyone, there is evidence that heavy metal actually increases stress on your system. Opera, classical and other kinds of 'joyful' music are better at stimulating endorphins. The study was done at the University of Nis, Serbia and presented to the European Society of Cardiology's congress in Amsterdam. Interestingly, the Bible makes a connection between music and the heart: 'My heart is steadfast, O God... I will sing and make melody... I will awake the dawn!' (Ps 57:7)

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Brings it all back...

Do you know what 'cascading reminiscence bumps' are? You will have experienced them, almost certainly. They are that rush of vivid memories that you get when you hear music that you associate with your childhood, teens and early twenties being played – the songs that open the door on so many events in your past.

Because such memories stretch back to childhood, even the music your parents used to listen to when you were a child will be bound up in this. As a study on the phenomenon at Cornell University puts it: "Music transmitted from generation to generation shapes autobiographical memories, preferences and emotional responses." It confirms other research which found that the music you encounter when you were young will have the greatest impact on your life. The Psalmist knew this: 'Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised...one generation shall commend your works to another.' (Ps 145:3,4)

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A portrait of Stuart Townend, a man with a beard and a light-colored cap, looking slightly to the side. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a wooden structure.

AN EVENING WITH **STUART** **TOWNEND**

PERFORMANCE, CHAT AND WORSHIP WITH ONE
OF TODAY'S LEADING WORSHIP SONGWRITERS

THURSDAY 15 MAY 2014

STARTS 7:30^{PM} (DOORS OPEN 6:45^{PM})

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

CHURCH ROAD

BEBINGTON CH63 3EX

TICKETS £15 (ADULT) AND £12 (CONCESSION)

AVAILABLE FROM ASH VESTERGAARD

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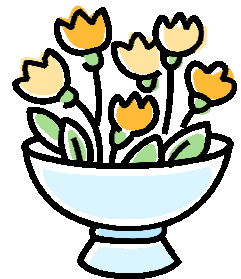
WWW.STUARTTOWNEND.CO.UK

**FEATURING SONGS
FROM THE BRAND
NEW ALBUM...**

EMU (Evening Mothers' Union) meets:-

One Wednesday in each month, 8.00pm at St Chad's
for more information contact Chris Rostock (648 1112)

This month's meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th April,
8.00pm at St Chad's
'Flower Arranging'
by Elaine Jones



Mothers' Union

At our Lenten meeting on Thursday 3rd April,
Revd Jane will be our speaker.
Everyone is welcome.



You do not need to be a member to come along to our meetings so
please Ladies & Gentlemen do join us for a lovely afternoon,
2.15pm at St Chad's.

Real Easter Egg 2014 campaign launches with new range

The Real Easter Egg campaign now has three eggs in the range: a 'special edition' egg with chocolate bar and an olive wood holding cross from the Holy Land; a 'sharing box' with 20 smaller eggs and 20 Easter story booklets in the box; and a blue boxed egg which comes with a 24 page Easter story book and some Chunky chocolate buttons.

Out of the 80 million Easter Eggs sold in the UK every year, the Real Easter Egg is the only one which tells the Easter story, gives money to charity and is Fairtrade.

The Meaningful Chocolate Company came up with The Real Easter Egg in 2010. It was a real struggle as all the supermarkets turned it down at first. So in December 2010 churches and schools joined together to establish the egg by placing orders and making it a mail order hit. To date, more than 450,000 eggs have been sold with 210,000 sent through the post directly to churches and schools.

David Marshall, from the Meaningful Chocolate Company, explains; "Being the UK's top selling mail order egg means that not only has there been an increase in Fairtrade chocolate sales, but nearly £120,000 had been donated to charity and, as each egg had an Easter story booklet in the box, the core message of the faith was also passed on. It is a gift that offers hope and new life and is very different from the other eggs on the market."

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The Real Advent Calendar raises nearly £18,000 for children's charity

The Real Advent Calendar, launched only last autumn (2013), has raised almost £18,000 for The Children's Society.

Ten pence has been donated to The Children's Society for every one sold and all money raised will go towards the charity's work with the most disadvantaged children in England.

The Real Advent Calendar also contained a free copy of the Christmas story – the first to do so.

David Marshall, director of The Meaningful Chocolate Company, said: "Following on from our Real Easter Egg, we wanted to produce a calendar more meaningful than the usual one you find in shops. We wanted to increase the sale of Fairtrade chocolate, make the Christmas story accessible to more people and support The Children's Society. We are delighted to have achieved all three. We had hoped to raise £5,000. In the end we donated nearly £18,000."

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Operation Christmas Child reaches nearly 10 million children worldwide

Samaritan's Purse has reported that for Christmas 2013, almost 10 million gift-filled shoeboxes were shipped to needy children around the world through *Operation Christmas Child*. Well over 900,000 shoeboxes were donated by individuals, groups, churches, schools and workplaces here in the UK.

Samaritan's Purse spoke of its "gratitude" to the hundreds of thousands of people who donated shoeboxes in the UK, and to the thousands of volunteers and supporting organisations, up and down the country, who helped collect and send the shoeboxes on their way. This year, for the first time, gift-filled shoeboxes were sent from donors in the UK to children in Rwanda. In 2014, Rwanda marks the 20th anniversary of the genocide that saw almost one million people killed in 100 days.

Over the past 23 years, *Operation Christmas Child* has sent more than 113 million boxes to children in over 130 countries. To find out more go to: www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

Cleaning at St Bart's

We desperately need new people to go on the cleaning rota at St. Bart's Church. It's not an onerous job. Dusting the pews, cleaning the brasses, hoovering the carpet & mopping the floor. Hopefully it only takes between an hour & an hour-and-a-half every 4-6-weeks, less if we get more volunteers. If you feel you could volunteer for this, please get in touch with June Bibby, either in Church on a Sunday morning, 11.15am, or on 678 8124.

Thank you, in anticipation.



"I'm really not sure about this trend for clergy dressing down, dear."

It is with regret that the PCC have decided that the 6.30pm service is no longer viable due to very low attendance. The last evening service was on 30th March.

We hope that people will understand and be able to attend other services.

Saturday July 12th at St Chad's Commemorating 100 years since the beginning of World War 1

There will be:-

- **Displays of artwork produced by primary school children**
- **Information about the men recorded on our War Memorial**
- **A family History Enquiry Table**
- **A display about “Animals in the War”**
- **Refreshments**

We would be especially interested to hear from anyone who is related to those on our War Memorial (Thomas Baker, Fred Carr (MM), Charles Fairbanks, Edwin Lester, Frank Lester (VC), William Lee Maddock). Also if anyone has any artefacts that they would be willing to bring to display on the day (you would be responsible for them at all times).

We would also invite anyone else who would like to produce a display on a specific area of the war to get in touch. Areas that people might have a special interest in could be Women in the War, Medicine, Life in the Trenches, War Poetry, Army, Navy, Air Force, The Merchant Service, The Home Front (e.g. Land Girls, Munitions, Transport, Train Drivers), Rationing – the effects on home life, The Civilian Services (Police, Ambulance, Fire), Individuals eg Woodbine Willy (Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy), Tubby Clayton (Reverend Philip Thomas Byard Clayton), etc...

Mr Roger Jackson (Tel: 648 0365)



P.S. If there are any church members who would like to offer to organise the refreshments, please also contact Roger

P.P.S. If there are any church members willing to organise a “mini” Summer Fair in the extension to run alongside this event, please also contact Roger.

"Cross Talk Subscription for 2014 is £4"

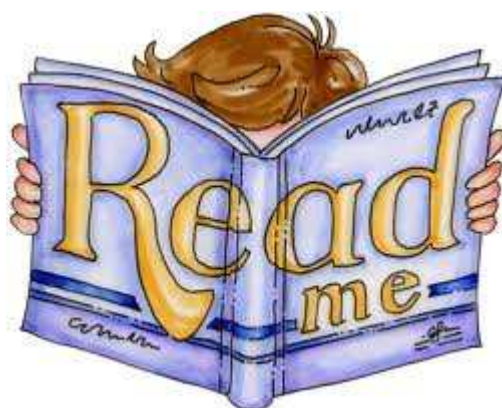
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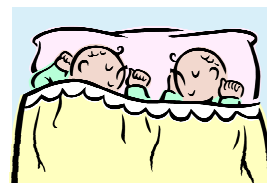
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Baby

A small boy wanted a baby brother, so his father suggested he pray every night for one. The boy began to pray earnestly, night after night. When nothing happened, he gave up. After a few months his dad said they were going to see mum in the hospital and he was going to get a big surprise. When they got to the room, the little boy saw his mother holding two babies. "Well, what do you think about having twin brothers?" his dad asked. The little boy thought for a moment and replied: "It is a good thing I stopped praying when I did."



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Post

The evangelist Billy Graham tells of a time early in his career when he arrived in a small town to preach a sermon. Wanting to post a letter, he asked a young boy where the post office was. When the boy told him, Billy Graham thanked him and said: "If you'll come to the Baptist church this evening, you can hear me telling everyone how to get to heaven." The boy looked surprised, and finally stammered: "But you don't even know your way to the post office."

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Horse



A minister trained his horse to go when he said: 'Praise the Lord', and to stop when he said; 'Amen'. One day he was out for a gallop when he saw a deep gorge ahead. He kept shouting 'Amen!', and finally the horse stopped. The minister was so relieved that he looked up to heaven and said a heartfelt: "Praise the Lord!"

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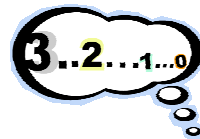
Quiet

A mother who took her fidgety seven-year-old to church finally had an idea: about halfway through the long sermon she leaned over and whispered: "If you don't be quiet, the minister is going to lose his place, and he will have to start *all over again*." It worked!

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Numbers

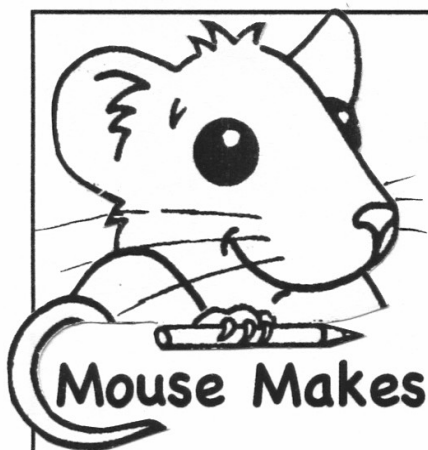
A father had taken his small son to church. The boy sat passively until the minister announced: "We will now sing hymn four hundred and twenty-nine: 'Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand'....four hundred and twenty-nine." Alarmed, the boy nudged his father: "Do we have to work this out?"



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Pearls

Two older women, Coleen and Melinda, who were bitter rivals at their golf club. "My dear," said Melinda, "Can you possibly be wearing real pearls?" Coleen frostily assured her that they were. "Of course the only way I could tell for sure, would be for me to bite them," smiled Melinda. Coleen responded, "Yes, but for that you would need real teeth."



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Jesus is risen

The angel said;
"Jesus...is not here, for he has risen, just as he said."
Matthew 28:6

Jesus is here

Jesus said;
"Where two or three come together in my name I am there with them."
Matthew 18:20

Jesus will come again

Jesus said;
"I will come back and take you to myself so that you will be where I am."
John 14:3

...Suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them and said,

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Church Services - April

Sunday Services

St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion
6.30pm NO SERVICE

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

7.30pm Holy Communion

2.00pm Hour at the Cross

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion
6.30pm NO SERVICE

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11.15am Holy Communion
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6th April
Lent 5

13th April
Palm Sunday

17th April
Maundy Thursday

18th April
Good Friday

20th April
Easter Day

27th April
Easter 2

4th May
Easter 3

St Chad's

9.30am Family Service
6.30pm APCM

9.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Taize Service

*There is also a service at 11.00am at
Chester Cathedral*

10.00am Easter Journey Experience
10.00am Short Morning Service
in St Chad's Extension

9.30am Family Communion

9.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Family Service

Weekday Services

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