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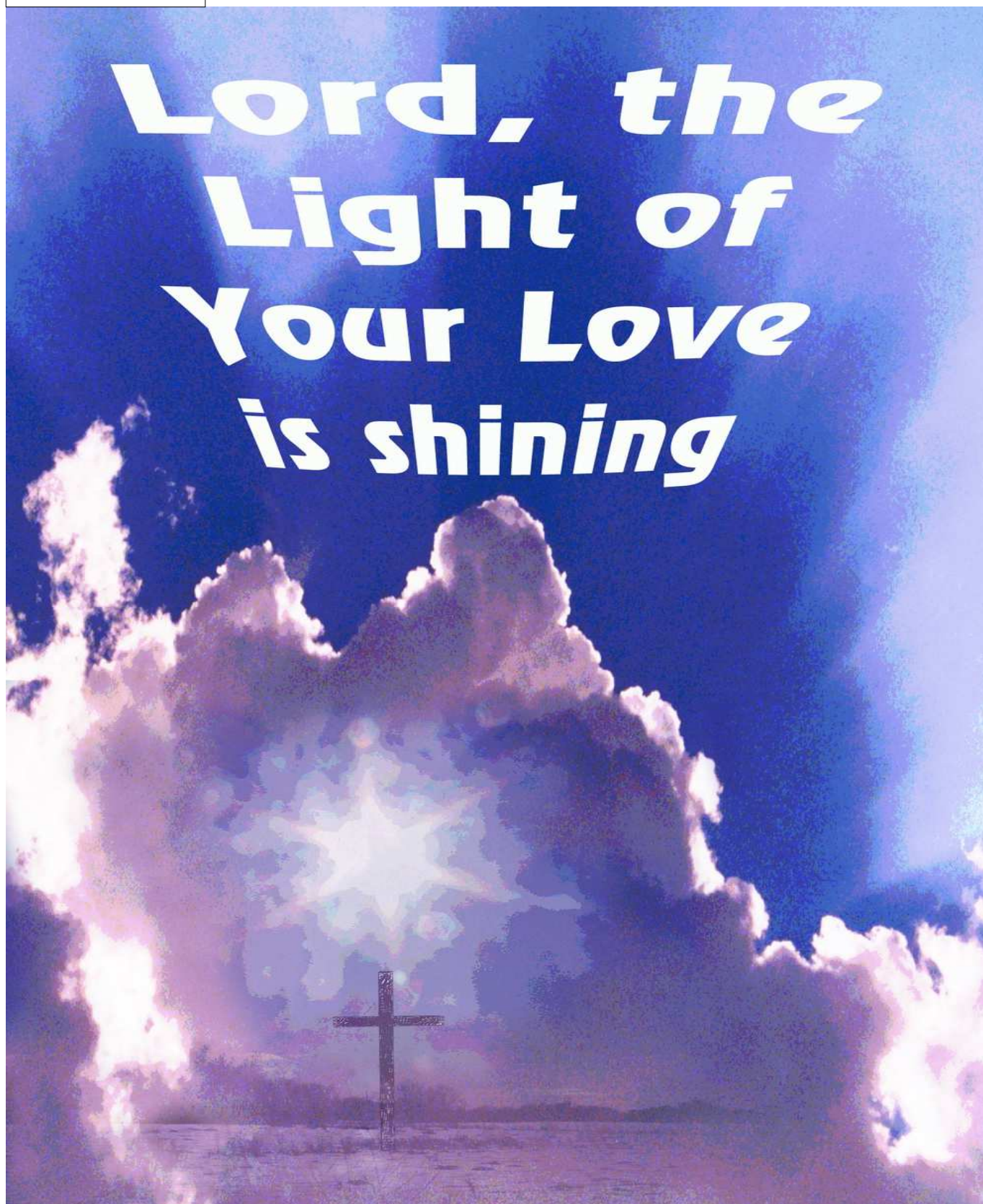
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Diocese of Chester



**Lord, the
Light of
Your Love
is shining**



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Addendum to Annual Report.

Children's Society house box collection should have read £833.42

Diary Dates

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

Saturday 17th May

Christian Aid Coffee Morning at

Irby Methodist Church Hall

10am-12Noon

Monday 19th May

Wellspring

8pm at The Rectory

Wednesday 21st May

EMU

Wendy Poole with

Clothing & Accessories

from 'Dress to Impress Clothing'

From the Registers

Engagement

***Congratulations to Roger Dennison & Joyce Abbott
on their engagement***

From your rector

Dear Friends,

Last month I got carried away with the idea of growing my own veg and so have planted courgette, broccoli, peas, carrots and leeks. The courgettes have already succumbed to the slugs. The broccoli has been attacked by the slugs, but I think will survive. Lily (my labrador) has had a good chew of the leeks, but I think they are holding their own! The carrots look strong, but I am told are notoriously difficult to grow so we'll hold judgement. So I may manage some veg, but let's wait and see. This "crazy idea" of mine reminded me of the following poem that I share with you as a thought for this month:-

When you plan your garden this Spring

Plant three rows of peas:

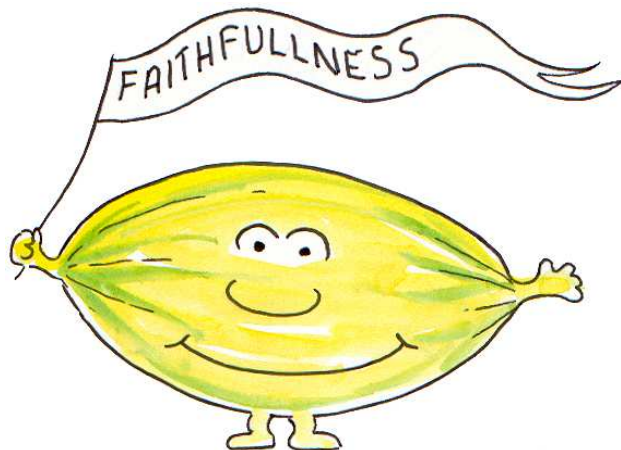
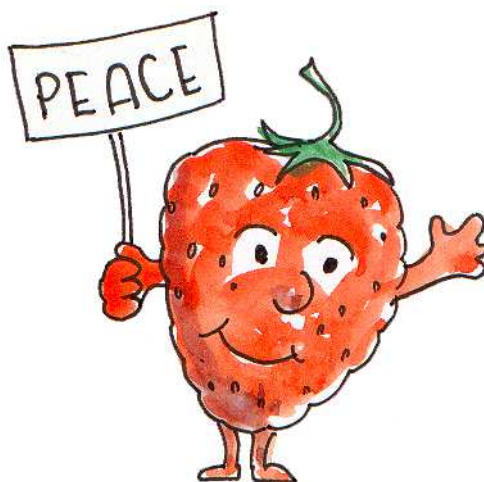
Peace of mind
Peace of heart
Peace of soul.

Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness.

Plant four rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be kind
Lettuce be happy
Lettuce really love one another.



No garden should be without turnips:
Turnip for service when needed
Turnip to help one another
Turnip the music and dance.

Water freely with patience and
Cultivate with love.
There is much fruit in your garden.
Because you reap what you sow.

To conclude our garden
We must have thyme:
Thyme for fun
Thyme for rest
Thyme for ourselves.

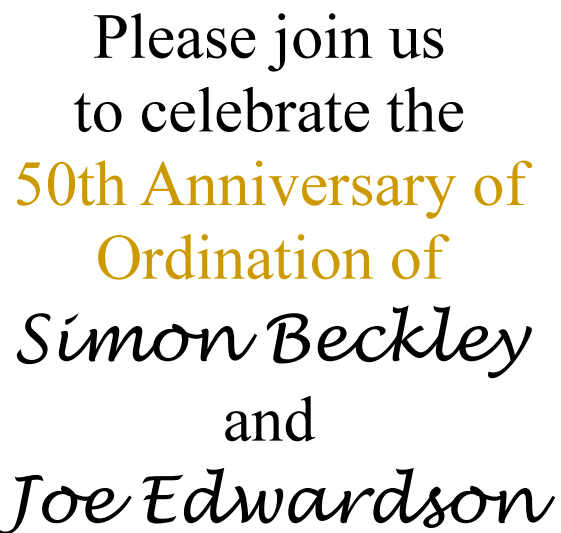


Wishing you every blessing,

Rev'd Jane



"Whilst I appreciate the thought, would
whoever it is please stop tweeting, 'So
far, so good...?'"



**11.00am Service of Holy Communion
at St Bartholomew, Thurstaston
Preacher: Rt Revd Geoff Turner**

Followed by Buffet Lunch at St Chad's

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!**

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.

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

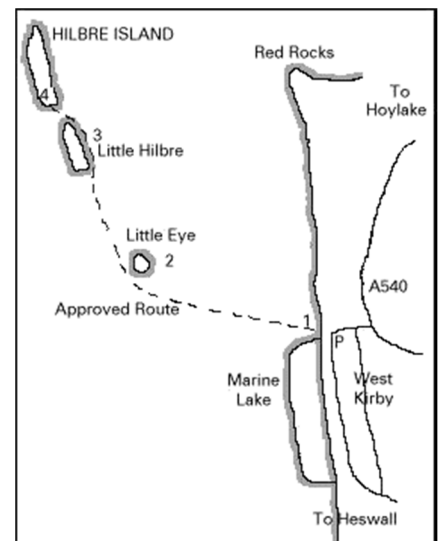
3.30pm (approx) Arrive back at West Kirby slip road

- **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)**



Confirming Faith

Sunday 14th September 2014 with Bishop Peter

Some may want to think about being baptised. Those who have been baptised may wish to be confirmed. Those baptised and confirmed already can make “a renewal of baptismal vows”. The service is about making promises to be a follower of Jesus. We particularly encourage anyone who has “come back to faith” over the past couple of years to take one of these options. Please talk to Revd Jane to explore more.

We already have three adults committed to this service. Two who wish to be baptised and confirmed and one who wishes to be confirmed. They will be sharing in a preparation course:-

Sundays at 8.00pm

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|-----------|---|
| 25th May | Reading the Bible and Prayer |
| 1st June | Communion |
| 8th June | The Church's Year |
| 22nd June | The Church Family and the Church World Wide |
| 29th June | Stewardship – Time and Talents |
| 6th July | Christian Life and Witness |

Others would be very welcome to join us
for these informal discussion sessions.



Photograph of those confirmed
2nd Feb 2013



WW1: Woodbine Willie

THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918

The Rev George Anketell Studdert Kennedy was the son of a parson who followed in his father's calling and in 1914 became vicar of St Paul's, Worcester. Within a few weeks the Great War began and George, like many other young clergy, immediately volunteered as an army chaplain and soon found himself on the western front, right in the middle of the 'war to end all wars'. By the time the war was over he had achieved an odd new name, a Military Cross for 'exceptional bravery' and an honoured place in its annals. The young chaplain had become 'Woodbine Willie' - a nickname given him by the soldiers in the trenches, but which stuck with him for the rest of his life.

People under fifty probably won't have any idea what a 'Woodbine' was, but for my generation it was the cheapest way into the forbidden joys of smoking.

'Woodbines' - small cigarettes - were available in packets of five (rather than ten or twenty) and so even pocket money could buy them. During the Great War they were the standard popular 'fag' in an era when almost all men smoked. Indeed, my father, tending wounded and even dying men as an army medic, would routinely light a cigarette and place it between their lips.

'Woodbine Willie' carried a permanent supply of Woodbines in his pockets along with his Bible - hence the nickname. He gave men a 'fag', and at the same time, in the most natural way, offered them encouragement, sympathy and prayer. He insisted on sharing all their experiences, including going into No Man's Land to minister to the injured and dying - allies or enemies.

The chaplains serving on the battle-field won the universal respect of the troops. They insisted on sharing the life of the trenches and getting to know the soldiers personally. This led many chaplains, including Studdert Kennedy, radically to alter their approach and even their theology. They quickly realised how remote the average soldier was from formal church services and the language of the Bible and the Prayer Book. They came back after the War determined to change things in church, but it wasn't easy.

Studdert Kennedy moved from being a typical Edwardian parson, who thought that the main object of a war was to win it - he once joined the troops for bayonet practice - to being a convinced pacifist who thought the best thing to do with wars was to end them.

After the war he became a vicar in the City of London, a published poet and in the early days of radio a popular broadcaster. When he died in 1929 it was reported that crowds lined the pavements as his funeral procession made its way through the streets. *Food for the Fed-up* was the title of a book he wrote principally for the soldiers in the trenches. It was the Creed explained in their language. *The Unutterable Beauty* was the title of his Collected Poems, many of them based on his experience of the western front. He did indeed find a mysterious beauty in the grim humour, honest fear and raw courage of the men with whom he had so often shared a fag and a prayer.

Reach new heights for vulnerable children in Liverpool

Looking for a new challenge? The Children's Society is getting together a team of daring supporters to take part in the Liverpool Cathedral Abseil on Saturday 2nd August 2014. Join hundreds of other abseilers descending 150ft down the face of this historic building while taking in the spectacular views across the city.

This is a fantastic challenge and there are two ropes allowing participants to descend two at a time so you can also abseil with a friend or colleague for moral support! There is a registration fee of £50 and we are asking people to raise a minimum of £200 in sponsorship.

Yvonne Watson, from Mossley Hill, took part in the event in 2012. She said "I pass this building on the way to work every morning and never thought I would be abseiling down it! I was nervous at first at the idea but I really enjoyed this chance of a lifetime opportunity and I would definitely urge others to get involved and help raise funds for vulnerable children and young people in Liverpool and the surrounding area"

The Children's Society work with many disadvantaged children and young people across the country, including young runaways. In Liverpool alone, 2,100 children run away from home or from care every year. Some of these children are as young as 8 years old and are extremely vulnerable to the dangers of drugs, alcohol and sexual exploitation. We are fighting to ensure that information and support is available to these children and young people when they need it the most.

Every penny raised will help us to work with more young runaways and ensure that they are taken off the streets and into safety. For more information about this event, contact Hannah, your Regional Fundraiser, on 07538 439573 or email hannah.noble@childrenssociety.org.uk

Notes to Editor:

If you would like any further information, or a photo to go with this article then please do get in touch on 07538 439 573 or email hannah.noble@childrenssociety.org.uk and I will be happy to send this out to you.

Thank you for your help!

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Abseil 150ft down the face of this historic building and help to raise funds for vulnerable children in your community - no experience necessary!

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PARISHIONERS AT WAR!

Part 7

Introduction

This is the seventh of a series of articles about the 2nd World War experiences of members of our parish. The subjects of this month's article are Alfred and Sheila Wallis, who have been members of St Bartholomew's congregation since the days when Rev George Needham was rector of the parish.

The Wartime Memories of Alfred Wallis

Alfred was nine years old and living in Wallasey when he heard the news of the declaration of the war by Neville Chamberlain on the family radio. His father had been out riding and had returned home in time for the announcement by the prime minister. Alfred's father, also called Alfred, had served in the 1st World War on the Somme and, later, in Northern Ireland. Initially, his application was refused when he had tried to join up whilst still under age, but he persisted and was drafted into the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. His wartime medals are on display in the Royal Welsh Regiment's museum within Caernarvon Castle.

Alfred's prep school, Ellery, was evacuated to Wales during the early days of the war but Alfred and his older brother, Roy, and older sister, Norma, were all sent to boarding school. Alfred went, initially, to Mostyn House School in Parkgate and then followed his brother to a school in Shropshire. In 1941, when the blitz was at its height, Alfred's home in Wallasey was one of a number of houses in the road hit by a sea mine. Number 7, where Alfred's aunt lived was completely devastated though, fortunately, no one was in it at the time. Number 10, Alfred's house, was badly damaged. The house was requisitioned by the army who repaired it and put it to use as a Recreation Centre. Initially, Alfred's parents moved to a farm in Boathouse Lane, Parkgate, where the farmer could only spare one bedroom and a horse 'loose' box for the family to live in. Alfred's father decorated the horse box to make it as homely as possible! In weeks, they moved to a cottage in Parkgate and, eventually, moved to a house in Barnston.

At Mostyn House, where Alfred boarded during term time, an air raid shelter was built underground and Alfred recalls how, on many nights, after hearing the local siren situated on the school roof, the boys would descend the stairs to the shelter in an orderly line, clutching their sleeping bags and pillows.

All of the boys at the senior school in Shropshire, to which Alfred later went, were enrolled into the Junior Training Corps which was similar to today's Army Cadet Force.

During his spare time, Alfred was an avid collector of shrapnel, shell casings and other war debris and he built up a fine collection of artefacts. One day, after hearing that a group of incendiary bombs had landed on New Brighton beach, he rode there on the back of his brother's BSA 250 motorbike in search of these treasures. On the return journey, Alfred ended up with the three they had found tied around his neck with a piece of string, because of the lack of storage space on the bike! Alfred also recalls the Germans using parachute mines which often strayed into residential areas.

When she was old enough, Alfred's sister, Norma, joined the Wrens and drove a Bedford 10cwt truck with a canvas covered back. One of the officers she transported turned out to be the future husband of the queen, Prince Philip! Alfred's brother, Roy, trained as a doctor. On one day, towards the end of the war, two redcaps knocked on the door searching for him, only to be informed that Dr Roy Wallis had gone, as a medical officer, on a whaling expedition to South Georgia! He had sailed there on a ship called the *Polar Chief* which, in an earlier role, had crossed the Atlantic as the *Montrose*. The *Montrose* was the ship upon which Dr Crippen was, famously, arrested for the murder of his wife! On his return from the South Atlantic, Roy was drafted as a captain into the Medical Corps and served in Bermuda of all places!

During the war years, Alfred's mother, Norah, volunteered for three days a week in a canteen at Seacombe and two days a week at Wallasey Central Hospital. Alfred recalls her smelling strongly of chips on those canteen days! His father combined the running of Blackler's, the family's department store, with fire watching. During the May Blitz of 1941, the store was gutted, following fire damage which resulted from the bomb that destroyed Lewis' building. Following that incident, Blackler's, temporarily, moved into Bold Street, taking over thirteen shops! It was, eventually, reopened on its former site in 1953.

When he reached the age of 18 years, Alfred was called upon for National Service. However, he never got past the medical, being declared unfit for duty because of bouts of Rheumatic Fever. He was classed as C3, the lowest level of medical fitness and still has the classification card to this day, despite being in his eighties! Although Alfred's C3 classification disbarred him from National Service at that time, the doctor did say it would probably not count if the expected war with Russia came about! Incidentally, Alfred was one of the early people to be treated with penicillin during one of his Rheumatic Fever attacks and, by a strange coincidence, his brother, Roy, had worked with Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of penicillin, during his medical training at St Mary's hospital, London.

The Wartime Memories of Sheila Wallis

During an unexpected lull in the bombing, Sheila's father, Fred, ventured out of their house, close to St Hilary's Church in Wallasey. No sooner had he got outside, than he raced back inside to warn the family that a bomb was heading their way! At that moment, Sheila's mother, Kay, was coming out of the dining room. The blast from the bomb threw her across the dining room table, through the French doors and out into the garden! Sheila feels that her mother never released the shock of that terrible moment and that this contributed to her untimely death, just a few years later.

Sheila's father's immediate response to the bombing was to pack his family into the car and head for a relative's house in nearby Meols. The journey proved to be a nightmare, as the family drove through what had been the worst night of bombing experienced on the Wirral. First, a fallen barrage balloon blocked their way and then, as they drove down Grove Road onto Leasowe Road they found much of it ablaze from the devastation caused by a sea mine. On their tortuous journey, they picked up six RAF men trying to get back to their base between Greasby and Meols. There was not enough room in the car so some of them had to ride on the running board! The short journey took over three hours but, eventually, they arrived at Sheila's aunt's house in Meols. The bomb shelter there was of the *Battleship* indoor type which differed from the reinforced under stairs area they had used at home. Sheila, vividly, recalls the anxiety: the wail of the air raid sirens, the drone of the bombers, the sound of the anti aircraft guns and the whistling of the descending bombs caused her. She also recalls the relief she felt when the *all clear* was, finally, sounded.

Sheila's family were on holiday in the Lake District when news of the outbreak of the war was released. Like Alfred, she was nine years old at the time. As soon as he heard the terrible news, Sheila's father, who worked for the Royal Insurance Company in Liverpool, packed the family, which included Sheila's younger sister Eileen, and their belongings into the car and headed home. They expected to find the roads full of troops on the move but they were surprisingly empty.

At the outbreak of the war, Sheila's Wallasey School was moved to Abergavenny but she did not go with them. Once the family had resettled in Meols, she attended, first Meols High School, and then, Birkenhead High School. She recalls that the latter school adopted a Norwegian ship called, *Polar 1*, and that the girls knitted clothing for the crew during some of their lessons.

Sheila's mother, Kay, like Alfred's mother, Norah, also served in a food canteen two days a week. There was a great food shortage at the time and anyone could use the canteens to get a meal at very low cost. The menu was, usually, some form of stew made with whale meat!

Sheila has a vivid memory of V.E. Day, 8th May 1945. Her father told her to go out and enjoy the day! She recalls the joy of the people in the streets and the American bands playing near Hoylake Station, close to where they were billeted in the Stanley Hotel.

After the war, Sheila attended Miss Foulkes Secretarial School - initially in the Cunard Building and then in Rodney Street. After completing the course, Sheila went on to work in the engineering department of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board. She met Alfred in 1953 at Hoylake Swimming Pool, where Alfred was looking after his niece on a baby chute! A date in New Brighton ensued and, eventually, they were married at Barnston Church in 1956. In 1960, they moved, with their eldest child, into the Clock Tower, which had been unlive in for years. In later years, two more children were added to the family. Although, at first, they kept up their allegiance to Barnston Church, gradually, they started attending St Bartholomew's, where Alfred still flies the flag from the old tower on Sundays and special occasions.

Liverpool City Centre during the Blitz



Alan Jones, Lay Reader



Wellspring

Third Monday of each month
this 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.

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



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.

May Recipe - Watercress Soup

Serves 4-6. This is a refreshing soup when served cold in summer and tastes quite different when served hot.

INGREDIENTS

2 bunches watercress
50g (2oz) butter
1 onion chopped
50g (2oz) flour
600ml (1 pint) milk

450ml ($\frac{3}{4}$ pint) chicken stock
salt & freshly ground black pepper
150ml ($\frac{1}{4}$ pint) single cream (optional)

METHOD

Wash the watercress well. Reserve a few nice sprigs to garnish and chop the remainder. Melt the butter in a large pan, add the watercress and onion and cook gently until soft. Sprinkle in the flour, stir and cook for 1 minute. Blend in the milk and stock and bring to boil slowly, stirring continuously. Cover and simmer for about 20 minutes, stirring from time to time. Cool slightly, then puree in a blender or food processor. Return to the pan and reheat gently. Taste for seasoning, then stir in the cream if liked. Garnish with watercress to serve.

To serve cold, after pureeing, chill in refrigerator for at least 4 hours. Swirl in cream and garnish with watercress.

Serve with some crusty bread and enjoy!

Betty Rimmer



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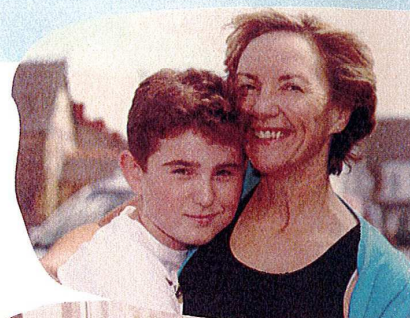
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Truro Methodist Church
- 14 May **BOURNEMOUTH**
Lifecentre Church
- 15 May **PORTSMOUTH**
The Royal Maritime Club
- 3 Jun **CHESTER**
DoubleTree Hilton
- 4 Jun **SHEFFIELD**
DoubleTree Hilton
- 5 Jun **SWINDON**
Citifaith International Church



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Tickets

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www.careforthefamily.org.uk/mtw



MTW27-32PST

MUMS ARE KIND OF A BIG DEAL!



EMU (Evening Mothers' Union) meets:-

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

Next meeting **provisionally** booked for
Wednesday 21st May

Wendy Poole with clothing & accessories from
'Dress to Impress Clothing'

stores.ebay.co.uk/Top-Draw-Clothing

All Welcome

Mothers' Union

There will be no meeting in **June** due to other commitments.

Watch this space for details of our July meeting.

You do not need to be a member to come along to our meetings so
please Ladies & Gentlemen do come along.

Meetings, usually the first Thursday of the month,
2.15pm at St Chad's.



Riding for the Disabled Association

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R.D.A. Charity Number: 244108

The Foresters' Horn Group

Registered Charity Number: 1073541

Jean Heath is collecting used postage stamps on behalf of R.D.A. to raise money for the North West Region. Please place stamps in an envelope and leave in church or in the box in the foyer for collection.



Christian Aid Week 11th-17th May 2014



We are holding a Coffee Morning on

Saturday 17th May

10am—12 noon

at Irby Methodist Church Hall

Entrance is £3 including refreshments

There will be a cake stall, bring & buy stall,
fair-trade stall and a raffle

All are welcome to come along, meet some old friends
and enjoy a chat

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.



THE ASCENSION

Forty days after his resurrection JESUS led his disciples out to Bethany and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. As he blessed them he was taken up into heaven.

"Christ Jesus is the one who died for us and was raised to life again for us and is sitting in the place of highest honour next to God, pleading for us there in heaven" Romans 8:34

"For there is only one God and there is only one way that people can reach God. That way is through Christ Jesus"
1 Timothy 2:5



THE LORD HEARS YOUR PRAYERS



Write your prayers to GOD in the prayer hands above knowing that JESUS is in heaven at God's right hand speaking to God for us



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Those memorable school reports...

What did your teachers say about your progress at school? The following were sent into the Daily Telegraph some years ago....

~ One of my French reports simply said: 'Sheila attended the lessons'. - Sheila Blow, Surrey

~ My housemaster wrote: 'He has an overdeveloped unawareness.' - Ian Jones, Wirral

~ A friend's son's report said: 'By the time he has mastered French, he will be too old to cross the Channel.' - M Knaggs, Dorset



~ My teacher observed: 'The improvement in his handwriting has revealed his inability to spell.' - Colin Sutherland, Switzerland

~ My teacher was a realist: 'I am sorry to have to tell you that he is doing his best.' Stan Proctor, Surrey

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Grannies

Grandmas are moms with lots of frosting - anon

What a bargain grandchildren are! I give them my loose change, and they give me a million pounds worth of pleasure. Gene Perret

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Stop that now

An elderly woman had just returned home from an evening church service when she realised an intruder was in the house. She yelled: "Stop now! Acts 2:38! ("..turn from your sin...").

The burglar stopped dead in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. Soon the police arrived and as the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All she did was yell a scripture to you."

"Scripture?" replied the burglar, "She said she had an AXE and two 38's!"

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Cats

A Cheshire vicar has two cats. Their names are Ancient and Modern – because they are both him.



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Church Services - May

Sunday Services

St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

4th May
Easter 3

St Chad's

9.30am Family Service

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Morning Worship

11th May
Easter 4

9.30am Holy Communion

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11.15am Holy Communion

18th May
Easter 5

9.30am Morning Worship

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion
3.00pm Baptism

25th May
Easter 6

9.30am Family Communion

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11.15am Holy Communion

1st June
Easter 7

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29th May
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