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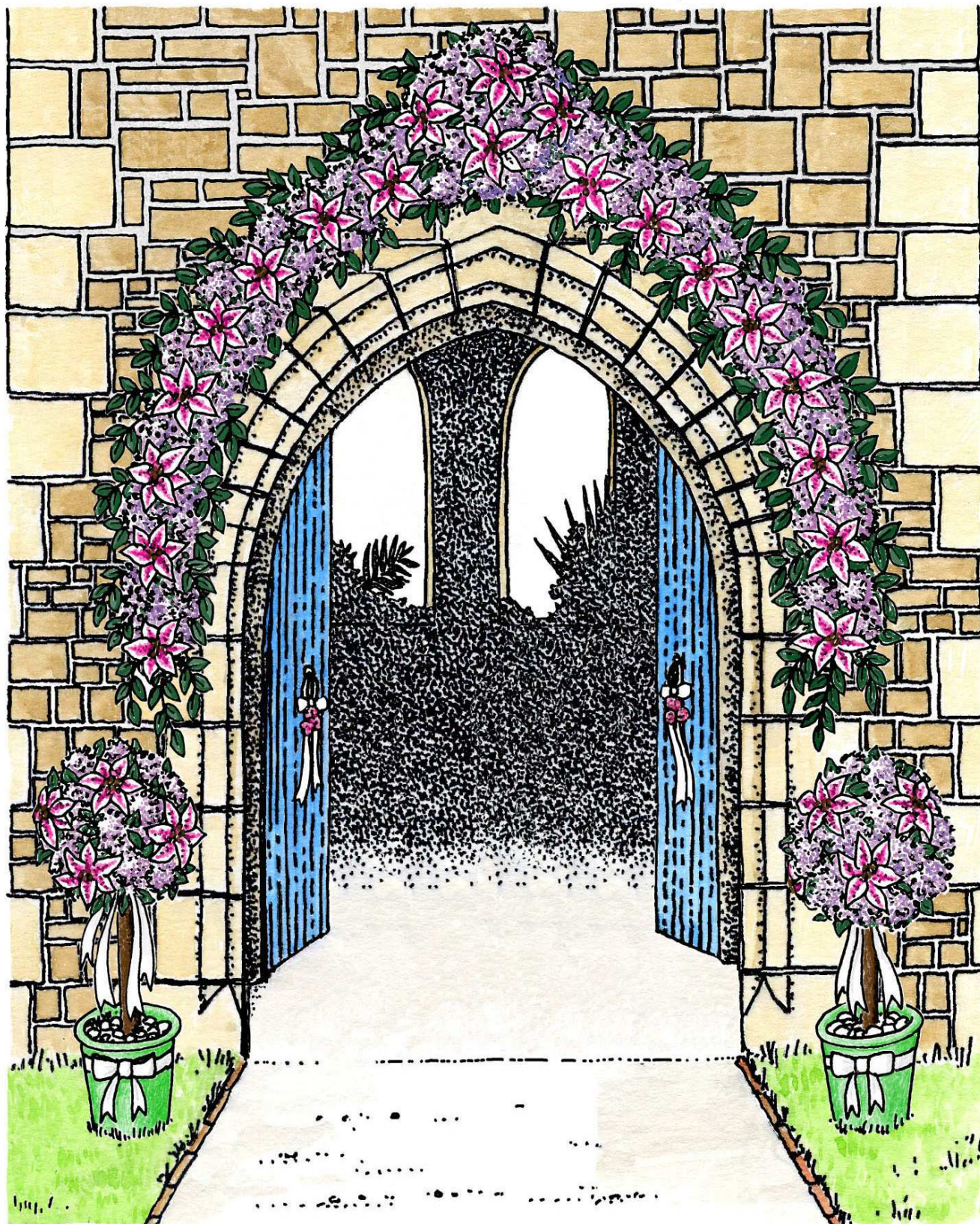
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Diary Dates

Saturday 5th July
Men's Breakfast 8.45-9.45am
at Aroma Café Irby Village

Saturday 5th July
Dawpool School Summer Fair
1pm-4pm

Sunday 6th July
Church Family Picnic at Royden Park
following the 9.30am
Junior Church Book-Giving Service

Saturday 12th July
Commemorating 100 years since the
beginning of World War 1
10am-1pm at St Chad's

Saturday 23rd August
St Beartholomew's Day
2pm-4pm

Sunday 31st August
Closing date for
Photographic Competition
See pages 6&7

Thursday 4th September
M.U. 2.15pm at St Chad's
Speaker to be arranged

Saturday 13th September
Prize giving afternoon for
Photographic Competition
1-4pm at St Chad's

Wednesday 17th September
Decoupage with Elaine Jones
8pm at St Chad's

From the Registers

Baptisms
We welcome into the
Lord's family
22nd June
Lucas Hand
29th June
Lillie-Mae Scanlan

From your rector

Shine bright like a diamond!

"Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever." Daniel 12:2-4

Have you ever thought about the use of diamonds in cutting other stones? A diamond is the hardest gem stone on the Mohs scale, and the only thing hard enough to cut a diamond is another diamond.

In lapidary, the stone cutting and polishing wheels are impregnated with industrial grade diamonds. It sounds dangerous, but if you touch the wheel of the cutting machine, you will find that it does not feel sharp at all. In fact, it cuts without being sharp and without force. How? The word 'diamond' comes from the Greek word 'Adamos' - meaning 'unbreakable'.

Diamonds have long been prized for their rarity, beauty and superlative, reflective qualities. Each diamond has 57 facets and each facet perfectly reflects light. Diamond cutting is a particular skill and the world market is controlled by just a hand full of companies. The skill of diamond cutting is closely guarded adding to their high value. Diamonds are graded by their colour, cut, carat (weight) and clarity.

So - what do we mean when we call someone a diamond and what lessons are to be learned from the superlative, highly prized qualities of diamonds? Perhaps a 'rough diamond' is someone with huge potential that is untrained?

Perhaps a Christian should be like a diamond, able to say 'I've been cut 57 times and every cut reflects light.' For, like diamonds, a leader is called to skilfully cut and shape other 'living stones' in building the kingdom of God. As the quoted verse suggests, we are called to shine like diamonds as we seek to lead others to Christ.

But - like the diamond wheel, are we able to shape others based on our own experience, strengths and qualities without being sharp, causing pain or inflicting damage?

Do we proudly display our true colours? Is our life weighted by the Word of God? Does our lifestyle preach a clear message of love? Genuine diamonds come with natural inclusions or flaws, yet still reflect light and display true diamond qualities.

Revd Jane

A Diamond Prayer

Dear heavenly father, yes I've been cut a few times on this journey, with each cut you skilfully shaped me for such a time as this.

May each cut, like the facet on a diamond, clearly reflect your light and your love. May my faith be strong and real enough to shape those I lead without being sharp or causing damage or pain. May my life and actions clearly speak your truth. May my true colours be the colours of your love.

May I always shine for you like a diamond cut for your crown! Amen.

**Confirmation Service at St Chad's
9.30am Sunday 14th September
with the Bishop of Chester: Rt Revd Peter Forster**

**Candidates:-
Katherine Geer, Kerry Peers, Robert Stephenson**

**Please pray for the Candidates
and come to the service and show them your support.**

CLOSING DATE SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST

Photograph Competition 2014

**All
ages**



under 11

11-17

over 18

Winners to be included in a 2015 Calendar

Prize Giving Afternoon

Saturday 13th September at St Chad 's Church 1-4 pm

Age group winners presented with prizes by Esther McVey MP

Entries Displayed, Irby Artists, Children 's Crafts,

Raffle and lots more

Lunch and Refreshments

Entry forms with further details from Parish Office, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH

Tel: 6488169 or on line at www.thurstaston.org.uk

Closing Date Sunday 31st August



CLOSING DATE SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST

Entry form

Name.....

Address.....

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Telephone number.....

Email address.....

Age group please tick appropriate box

Under 11 ☐ 11-17 ☐ over 18 ☐

Brief Description of photo (including location)

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Entry Number

(for official use only)

The small print

Closing date: Sunday 31st August 2014

Exhibition/Prize giving afternoon: 1-4pm Saturday 13 September 2014

Photographs must be taken within the Wirral District

Maximum of two entries per person

Three age categories: under 11, 11-17 and over 18 (age as on 31/8/14)

One winner in each category will be awarded a prize and their photo will be included in 2015 Wirral Calendar

Nine other runners up will also be chosen to complete the Calendar

All Photographs must printed at 7x5in (and minimum 300dpi)

Photos must be in landscape (not portrait)

Please submit printed entries to the Parish Office, at St Chads, Roslin Road, Irby CH61 3UH (Tel: 648 8169 Website: www.thurstaston.org.uk)

Each photo must have a completed entry form and entrance fee of £1 and your name on the back of the photo.

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

If your photo has people in it you must have their permission for it to be displayed and to be included in the calendar.

Photographs will be taken of the owners of the winning photos for the Wirral News and the Parish Magazine, your or the parent/guardians permission is assumed unless otherwise informed.





Commemorating 100 years since the beginning of World War 1



**Saturday July 12th
10am-1pm at
St Chad's Church
Irby**

There will be:-

- . Displays of artwork produced by primary school children**
- . Information about the men recorded on our War Memorial**
- . Children's craft table**
- . A display of 'The Trenches'**
- . A display of War Memorabilia from WW1 & WW2**
- . A family History Enquiry Table**
- . A display about "Animals in the War"**
- . Raffle**
- . Refreshments**





THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918

The Battle of the Somme – the WW1 battle that changed history

On 1st July, 98 years ago, two vast armies went to battle in the Somme area, in north-eastern France. A week of heavy shelling preceded the Allies' attack. It is recorded that 1,738,000 shells fell on the rich fields either side of the Somme river during those seven days - though goodness knows who counted them. With the deafening roar of the big guns in their

ears, the allied soldiers emerged from their trenches to be met with the inevitable hail of bullets from the German machine guns. By the end of the first day's fighting over 60,000 British soldiers were casualties and no less than 19,240 had been killed. The most devastating battle of modern times - and possibly of human history - was under way.

The Battle of the Somme, as it was called, was the first to see tanks and aircraft employed on a large scale. It was fought along a 25 mile front. The battle involved vast numbers of men - British and soldiers from no less than eight countries of the Empire, French and German - and more than a million of them were eventually killed or injured. As the generals poured more and more troops into the battle in the vain hope of what they called a 'breakthrough', nothing much happened beyond the constant slaughter.

The battle went on through August, September and October and only ended, on November 18th, when the utter futility of the whole exercise seemed to dawn on both sides. As they counted the casualties - 420,000 British, 200,000 French, nearly half a million Germans - they could also calculate the net gain of all that bloodshed. The Allies had pushed the Germans back all of six miles. It was later worked out that for every mile taken 88,000 men lost their lives.

There were amazing acts of valour and heroism in the course of the battle. No fewer than 51 Victoria Crosses - the highest award for gallantry in battle - were won by British combatants. At home, the press tended to focus on such heroic deeds rather than on the carnage on the battle-field, but the truth eventually emerged. To misquote Winston Churchill, 'Never in all the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so many'. Every town, every village, every family would bear the scars of suffering for years to come.

Lessons were learned, of course - most obviously the futility of trench warfare. Battle and war would never be the same again. Face to face, inch by inch, cold steel to cold steel, knee deep in mud men fought and died. All across northern France the millions of graves still bear their silent testimony to the dedication and courage of young men who had their lives snatched from them in battle. Mars, the god of war, had had his greatest moment, though his appetite was not quite satisfied yet.



PARISHIONERS AT WAR!

Part 9

Introduction

This is the ninth of a series of articles about the 2nd World War experiences of members of our parish. The subject of this month's article is Frances Harrison. Frances has been a parishioner since Rev John Spencer was rector. Frances was an active member of the flower guild and her late husband, Malcolm, served as a churchwarden at both St Chad's and St Bartholomew's. Along with Edwin and Pam, Malcolm and Frances regularly supported Evening Worship at St Bartholomew's, acting as sidespersons and sharing the bible readings each Sunday.

The Wartime Memories of Frances Harrison

Frances and her brother, Richard, were born in Woodsmoor, Stockport. Frances spent her summer holidays at Llanfairfechan in North Wales. The family would stay at today's equivalent of a boarding house throughout the summer holiday and Frances' mother, Ann, and the children would be joined at weekends by Frances' father, Charles, who continued working during the week at his accountancy business. The arrangement in those days was that holiday makers purchased their own food but it would be cooked by the owner of the house. Attached to the house where they stayed was a sweet shop. Because of the long periods of time spent on holiday, Frances' family became friends with many other regulars on holiday in the area and they would often join together in a range of games. On Sunday 3rd September, Frances and her family spent the morning at the beach. On their return to their holiday home, they were met by the owner, Mrs Hughes, who told them there was an announcement to be made on the wireless right at that moment. As they stood there, they heard Chamberlain's fateful words that we were at war with Germany. Immediately after she heard the announcement, Frances' mother declared, '*We must return home to put up the blackout curtains!*'

At the time of the outbreak of the war, Frances had just finished attending primary school in Handforth and was due to transfer to secondary school in Wilmslow. However, because of evacuees in the area, from Wallasey of all places, she only had to attend her new school for half days so that the evacuated children could be taught on the remaining half days. The Manchester Blitz began in August 1940 and reached its climax on two nights in December when an estimated 684 people were killed and 2364 people were injured. During the air raids, Frances' father acted as an air raid warden and the family spent the air raids under the stairs like most families without access to an air raid shelter. Although a bomb fell in a nearby field, there was, fortunately, no damage to the houses in the immediate area of Wilmslow where they lived. After each air raid, Frances father was concerned that, when he returned to his business premises in the centre of Manchester, they would be still standing! One perk of his business, at that time, was the fact that he had a client who owned a market stall and this meant Charles often returned home with extra rations!

It was only by a strange quirk of fate that Frances came to be living near Manchester at that time. Her grandfather, an engineer by trade, had been offered a job in Canada and had decided to accept it and make a new life there. However, before they travelled, Frances' grandmother had a dreadful premonition of disaster and refused to make the journey across the Atlantic. The ship they were due to sail on was the Titanic!

During the war, Frances' younger brother, Richard, was offered a place at the cathedral school in Lichfield but declined the offer because he couldn't take his little bed with him! However, a year later, the opportunity re-emerged and this time he accepted it. He went on to become, not only a choirboy, but accomplished pianist and organist. He gave his first organ recital in Llanfairfechan, returning to the family's favourite holiday destination.

At the age of 14yrs, Frances transferred her schooling to the Manchester Junior School of Art which had been evacuated to Macclesfield. She travelled there each day with a friend.

At 16yrs of age, Frances transferred to the Senior School of Art where she began to focus on textile design. When she left Art College, she started out as a freelance designer, until she got a job in a silk printing mill in Hazel Grove. After that, Frances eventually went into a studio in Manchester where she remained until she married.

Frances first met Malcolm when his family moved into a house opposite to where she lived. When Frances' family moved to a new house in Bramhall, Malcolm became a regular visitor and romance blossomed. Malcolm also attended Art School and, although he initially wanted to be an architect, he decided instead to train as a teacher at Alsager College. Malcolm's father, John George Harrison had served on the Somme during the 1st World War. A deeply religious man, John always carried a prayer book in his breast pocket. This proved to be his salvation when the prayer book took the full force of a bullet and saved his life. Frances still has the prayer book complete with bullet hole and a medal for gallantry John earned in battle.

On one of their days out, Frances and Malcolm, who married in 1958, visited Wirral. They were so taken with the area, Malcolm suggested they consider setting up home there. Malcolm was fortunate enough to get a job at Pensby Secondary School and they moved to Glenwood Drive, Irby, where Frances still lives to this day. Their two children, David and Ruth, were born on Wirral and attended local schools before going onto higher education. Frances still regularly attends St Bartholomew's church each Sunday morning.

Alan Jones, Lay Reader



Manchester city centre at the height of the blitz



THE GREAT WAR: The War Poets

We have seen how the songs of the music halls mirrored - and even shaped - the public mood about the war. At the same time some of the finest young British poets were serving at the front, writing poetry that they never expected to be published, storing it in diaries or in letters home. Among them were probably the

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greatest of the war poets, Wilfred Owen, and the most widely known to generations of poetry lovers, Rupert Brooke. Laurence

Binyon was not a soldier but an Oxford academic, who in the early months of the War wrote a poem which contains surely the best known lines of any poem in English:

*They grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

Brooke's 'The Soldier' - 'If I should die think only this of me' - is a beautifully crafted and deeply moving sonnet, suggesting that had he lived he would have held a high place among English lyric poets. But today it is the anger, frustration and utter despair of his fellow poets in the trenches which has made their work memorable. Owen's 'Anthem for Doomed Youth', or his even angrier 'Dulci et decorum est' - a bitter rejection of the notion that it is 'sweet and honourable to die for your country' - powerfully capture the horror of war. Many of them, including Brooke, Owen and Rosenberg, were killed in action, Owen in the last few days of the War. For the most part it was probably a decade after its end before their truthful but deeply disturbing work began to be fully recognised and honoured. It's not surprising that in the aftermath of war, with virtually every family in the country bereaved, the preference was to remember acts of valour and the hard-won victory rather than the slaughter and suffering that it entailed. The hymn 'O Valiant Hearts' was enormously popular at that time: 'In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land/ commits her children to thy gracious hand'.

This year many people are turning again to the Great War poets - several new collections have been published. There are a few women among them - Muriel Stuart's 'Forgotten Dead, I salute you' - and powerful poetry by men like Siegfried Sassoon ('Everyone Sang'), Isaac Rosenberg ('Returning, we heard the larks') and A.E. Housman ('Here dead we lie').

It may be that only now, a century later, can we see the strange paradox that the most brutal of wars could also produce wonderful acts of valour and self-sacrifice, and the muddy trenches of battle some of the finest poetry of modern times.

Dear Folk,

Re the 50 years of Ordination Celebration on June 7th.

Joe and I have had a word and I'm writing on behalf of both of us to thank you for all your loving support. The occasion was planned and presented to us by our Rector, Jane as a *fait accompli*!

Phenomenal logistics, brilliantly executed, though I don't know if Joe had intended to celebrate this milestone privately, I certainly hadn't. But we want to thank Jane and all of you who gave so much thought, and then more time and energy on the day— a Saturday too!

As we mention various names, we know that some will be left out, but our Lord himself knows, and we're sure many knew His presence with them on the day.



Bishop Geoff himself was marking his own 50th year of ordination and was enabled to deliver that timely Word of God at the Service. He was assisted, of course by Jane, and also by Eleanor at the Communion, and by Craig on the organ, and all were welcomed at the St Bart's main door by John and Lesley. The ticket side of things was taken care of by Chris, Leslie, Alan and Laurie. Then at St Chad, Sue and Karen, backed up by Linda, fed the multitude. As a couple of us were talking together at the close, I noticed Pat folding a table and that's why I realize there were others helping who remain under the radar of awareness.



Joe was especially glad to see our former Rector Brian Harris, who with his wife Alison had warmly welcomed him and Wendy to the Parish in 1994. Canon Donald Marr was here, too. When Joe had been handed with an interregnum within a year of his own ordination, Donald had become his fellow curate at St Michael, Macclesfield. Then there were our old friends, Tony & Margaret.

It just remains for us to thank Joe's daughter Jane and my wife Joyce for all the work they put in to keep the exciting secrets and to who, to our delight, could join us on the day.

Simon B.

Come and Celebrate "St Bartholomew's Day"



**Lots
of
FUN
for
all
the
family**

Saturday 23th August 2014

2pm-4pm

at St Bartholomew's Thurstaston

Bring your teddy

Make a Parachute

**Applaud your bear's bravery as it jumps
from the top of the church tower!**

Refreshments Available

Various stalls



Foodbank Operations Co-ordinator Wanted

Hours:	20 hours per week
Location:	Across multiple sites in West Cheshire
Pay:	£25,000 p.a. pro rata to a 40 hour week
Duration:	12 month contract on a self-employed basis (possible extension subject to future funding)

The Charity:

West Cheshire Foodbank was established by a group of church leaders to provide short-term food for those in crisis across Chester, Ellesmere Port and Neston. Using the Trussell Trust model, we have fed over 6750 people since our launch in November 2012 using publicly donated food. We now seek to appoint a paid worker to help consolidate the operation.

The Role:

Our priority is to consolidate our operation by building strong relationships and establishing good practice, and from that base to grow sustainably as we increase our reach and coverage in response to emerging demand. The Operations Co-ordinator will work with and on behalf of the Trustees to achieve key deliverables across our operational network which includes our warehouse, administrative hub and multiple distribution centres. WCFB is a community response to poverty, so the Operations Coordinator's primary focus will be stimulating and enabling volunteer effort rather than undertaking tasks directly.

For more information and an application pack contact Alec Spencer.

Email devofficer@westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk

Call 07985 338149

Closing Date for Applications: 5pm Thursday 24 July 2014



Wellspring

Third Monday of each month
this month: **Monday 18th August**

(No July meeting)

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



5th July 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:

Sept 6th and Nov 1st.

PRAYER LABYRINTH AT ST HILDEBURGH'S:
MONDAY, JULY 14, TO SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2014.

Good golf can parallel a good life, according to a project to be staged in the “golfers’ church” next door to the venue of this year’s Open Championship.

The venture will be held at St Hildeburgh's, Hoylake’s parish church, which borders the Royal Liverpool golf course, where the world’s top players will compete for the famous Claret Jug at the Open in July.

A ‘prayer labyrinth’ in the form of a nine-hole golf course – complete with greens, water, rain and wind – will be laid out in the church. It will represent a spiritual journey based on themes familiar in golf as in life such as *Fear of Failure*, *Patience* and *Achievement*. Actual golf incidents will feature on the church’s audio-visual screen.

St Hildeburgh's decided to set up the prayer labyrinth to coincide with the Open because, in golf, players face many challenges and, as Christians, we also face challenges. Golf is accessible and engaging and so is prayer. Both involve self-discovery.

People entering the labyrinth will take a yellow practice ball and walk the fairways to the first four greens unburdening various negative emotions, reflecting on their life, with the aim of developing a sense of forgiveness. They will drop the practice ball into the fifth hole, discarding negative thoughts along with it, and pick up a white match ball which they will carry along the final four fairways, focusing on four points at which Christ may have touched their lives. There are no ‘right answers’. Each person will have different thoughts and experiences.

Some might need sympathetic counselling to help them to think things through as a result of their prayer labyrinth experience. Support for them will be available.

St Hildeburgh's has been “the golfers’ church” since Royal Liverpool members paid for the great east window to commemorate fellow-players who lost their lives in World War I. Plaques honouring the club’s fallen in both world wars are displayed in the building.

The labyrinth will be open from 10am-4pm every day from Monday, July 14, to Sunday, July 20. More details are on www.sthildeburgh.org

- St Hildeburgh's, at Hoylake, Wirral, is at the junction of The King’s Gap and Stanley Road, opposite the Green Lodge inn, postcode CH47 1HL. Car access is limited during the Open but frequent transport services stop within a few minutes’ walk of the church – bus to Hoylake Town Hall or Merseyrail train to Hoylake station. Timetables are on www.merseytravel.gov.uk



How should Christians behave
and how should we live?

Can you spare 6 evenings
to take a closer look?

Wednesday Evenings, 8.00-9.15pm, St Chad's

Come and explore "how should Christians behave and how should we live?" through one of the core texts of the Christian faith: the Commandments.

10th Sept - Session One: Priorities

Looks at Jesus' summary of the law as the foundation for the way a disciple is called to live.

24th Sept - Session Two: Reverence

Explores the vital importance of reverence and worship for God and the danger of making idols of what we love.

8th Oct - Session Three: Rest

This session further explores the theme of reverence in the third commandment and the linked theme of rest and the Sabbath in the rhythm of our lives.

22nd Oct - Session Four: Respect

Focussing on the honour shown within the family and respect for the sanctity of life, this session explores the theme of respect.

12th Nov - Session Five: Righteousness

Looks at the commandments about adultery and theft and their implications for our daily lives.

26th Nov - Session Six: Reliability

What are the dangers of dishonesty and covetousness? This session looks at the damage they may cause.

July-Aug Recipe - Rhuna Hash

This is a tasty Scottish recipe we have had for many years, it may sound a little unusual, but do try it.

INGREDIENTS

40g/1½oz butter

1 onion, cut into rings

1 cooking apple, peeled and sliced

450g/1lb mashed potato

1 dessertspoon tomato puree

½ cup milk, warmed slightly

pinch of sage

450g/1lb Pork sausage, prick all over before grilling for 2/3 mins., until browned

BATTER

110g/4oz flour

1 egg

5 fl oz/¼ pint Milk

pinch salt & pepper

METHOD

Warm 25g/1oz butter until soft, then fry onion and apple slices, mix in tomato puree. Add other 10g/½oz butter and the ½ cup of warm milk to mashed potato. Grill sausages for 5/6mins. Until brown. In an ovenproof dish, put half the mashed potato, sprinkle with sage, then add the onion and apple mix on top and then the sausages. Cover with the other half of the mashed potato. Finally make the batter by beating the egg and milk into the flour with a pinch of salt and pepper and pour the batter over the top of the whole dish.

Place in a medium hot oven for 30mins., until brown.

I hope you enjoy this dish.

Betty Rimmer

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

Wednesday 17th
Decoupage with
8pm at St Chad's



September
Elaine Jones
All Welcome



Mothers' Union



No meeting in August

Thursday 3rd September
St Chad's 2.15pm
Speaker to be arranged

Everyone Welcome
Ladies & Gentlemen do please come and join us.

Churches mind !

Talk and action on mental health

for clergy, lay people and those involved with parish life

jointly organised by the Dioceses of Chester, Derby, Liverpool and Manchester

Friday 10th October 2014

St John's Church Centre

School Lane

Hartford

Cheshire, CW8 1NP

10.00am to 3.00pm

This day of facilitated talks and workshops will focus on the issues of mental health and how these can affect our lives. The outcomes of the day will include the following:

- ♦ a greater awareness that mental health issues are not just about others but ourselves
- ♦ an increased confidence to go away and do more to lead thinking
- ♦ that participants feel better resourced to talk and take action

A light lunch and refreshments will be provided

Booking is essential

To reserve a place, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/lt9yyab>

For more information, please contact Simon Ambrose:

sambrose@manchester.anglican.org



St John's is located near to Hartford Station (on the main line between Crewe and Liverpool) and Greenbank Station (on the Chester to Manchester line). Both stations are about 15 minutes walk away.

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Holy Land pilgrimage – November 2015

After some years taking pilgrimages to other places I came back really excited after a visit to the Holy Land this January. Now with the help of my friend Rene from Lightline, with whom I have planned many pilgrimages, we have on offer a unique visit.

We are very keen to work with and support the Christians in the area so we will have a Christian guide and meet up with our family in Christ whenever possible including worshipping with them in St George's cathedral on the Sunday. Lightline is the official and preferred pilgrimage partner for the Diocese of Jerusalem.

The brochure and booking form are available by using this link.

<http://www.lightline.org.uk/tours/holy-land-2015/bishop-john-hayden>

Please do so but first just a few notes for you to skip through that explain why I hope you, and others you may be able to encourage to come, will not miss this opportunity.

Dates 9-18 November 2015. These dates give time to save up (£100 a month!) it also a good time to visit. It will still be warm enough to swim but cool enough for walking and with fewer visitors. In January it was certainly warm enough but I was able to visit everywhere with no queues. I chose these dates also because they are well clear of the church festivals of Harvest and Christmas and avoid other major Saints days. Remembrance Sunday in 2015 is the day before we travel and being a former RBL county padre I know that is also an important date in the yearly cycle.

Itinerary. The best way to see this is to go to the above link. It gives a day by day outline of the visit. Besides the standard sites we will visit places from Beersheba to Mt Hermon, so experiencing scenes not only from the time of Christ and the early church but also those linked to Abraham, Samson, David, Elijah, the Hezekiah and Western Wall tunnels, Jacob's well at Sychar, – 75 sites in all many not on standard pilgrimages so please download the link. At present we may have an evening flight home. If so the Jerusalem area visit will have 3.5 days instead of 2.5 so we can have space if we fall behind on some days.

Hotels Once more we have chosen those that maximize the visit. In Tiberias we stay in a newly renovated central hotel enabling us to wander around the town after dinner. We spend a night at the Dead Sea Leonardo hotel to give an opportunity for swimming and a float in the Dead Sea from the facility of our own hotel. Likewise in Jerusalem we have a fantastic place - the only high spec tourist hotel in the Old City. It is situated in the Christian quarter by the Jaffa gate and from it can explore the Old City again in the evening or cross the road outside the Jaffa Gate to one of Jerusalem's modern shopping malls.

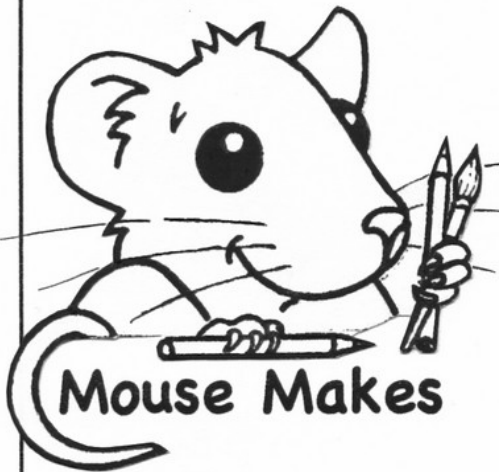
I am very much aware such visits are expensive and for many they are a once in a lifetime. So I have filled every day so we can get the maximum exposure to what is on offer plus plenty of new places for those who have been before. Any visit does involve walking and steps so it is important to be mobile but by careful planning there is allowance for those who want time out either at the hotel or staying in the coach.

Please read the plans for each day by downloading the brochure and application form at <http://www.lightline.org.uk/tours/holy-land-2015/bishop-john-hayden>

Also please contact me with any questions at 0151 632 0448 or johndhayden@gmail.com.

I look forward to us being together on this visit.

Bishop John Hayden



Mouse Makes

THE FALL OF JERICHO

Then the Lord said to Joshua

*"See I have delivered **Jericho** into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. March around the city **once** with all the armed men, do this for **six** days.*

*On the **seventh** day march around **seven** times and when the trumpets blast the city will collapse"*

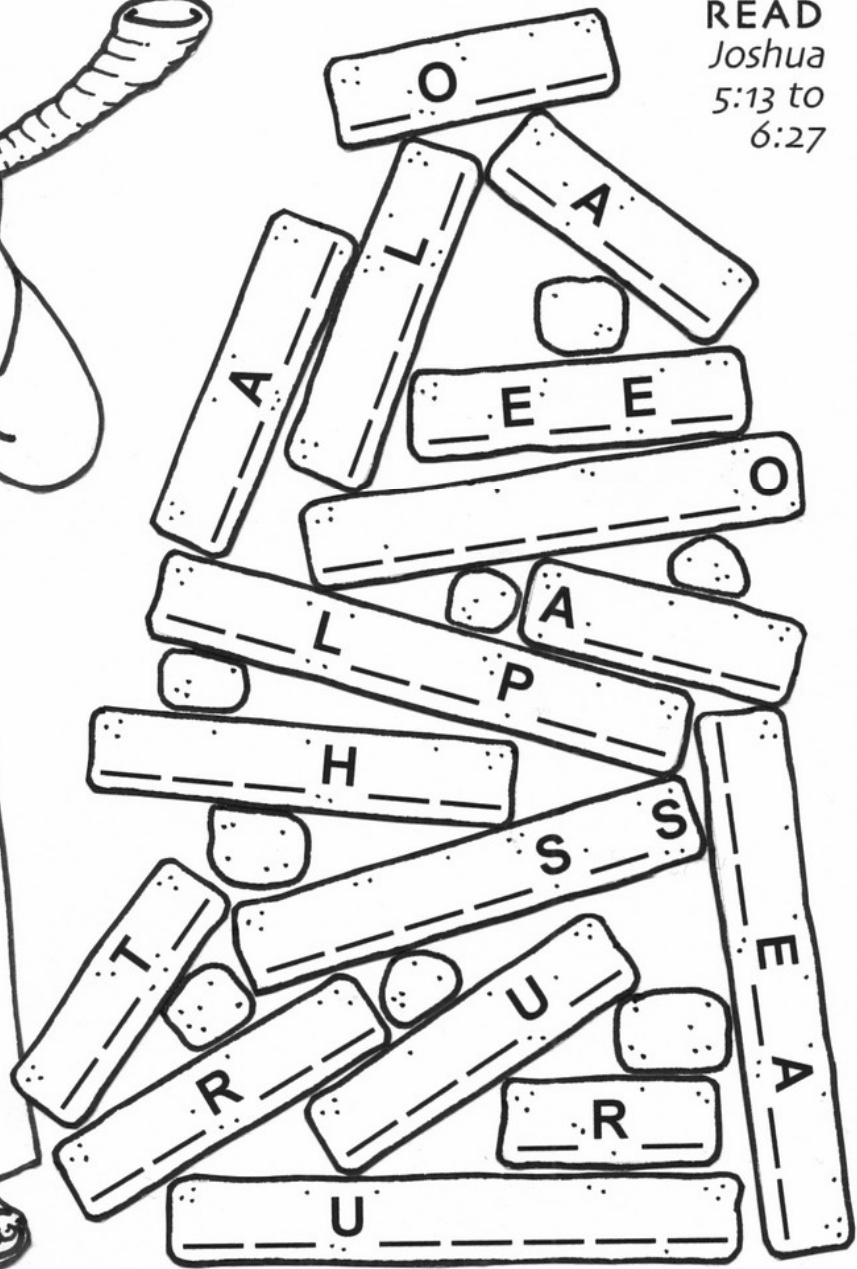
And Joshua did what the Lord had commanded.

READ

Joshua

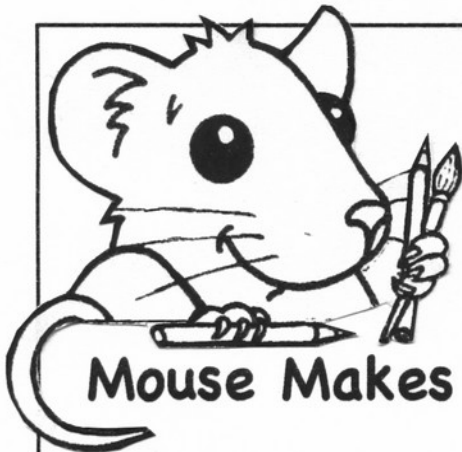
5:13 to

6:27



Can you find all these words in the rubble of Jericho?

JOSHUA • JERICHO • CITY • WALLS • MARCH • ARK • SEVEN
DAYS • PRIESTS • TRUMPETS • BLAST • ARMY • SHOUT • LORD
COLLAPSE • COVENANT



Draw some more fish
in the picture then
colour it in.

A PICNIC ON THE BEACH

The disciples had fished all night but caught nothing. Jesus, standing on the shore, called out "*Throw your net on the right side of the boat*". So they did and they caught so many fish they could not pull the net into the boat. When they reached the shore there was a fire already burning with fish on it and some bread.

READ the complete story
in *John 21:1-25*
How many fish did
the disciples catch?





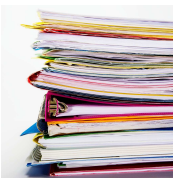
"People get nervous when they think they have to call me 'my Lord', said an Irish bishop. "Especially the poor nuns. One was giving me a cup of coffee. As she pushed the sugar bowl towards me she said, 'How many lords, my lump?'" Kevin Buckley

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Late for a meeting and unable to find parking, I pulled into a spot behind a church. It was only after I'd gotten out of the car that I spotted this sign: "No parking. Forgiveness is our business, but don't make it harder than it already is."



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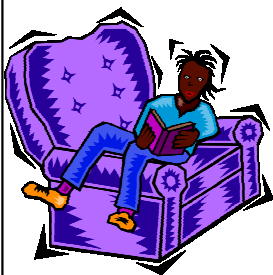
Found in a heap of recycled files donated to our school was this curiously labelled folder: "Excuses I Have Used."

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Constant nagging didn't seem to provide any relief from having to clean up the bathroom after each of my three teenage children. After I cleaned it one day, I resorted to posting a sign that read: "Please leave the bathroom as you found it." I noticed the bathroom was in the usual mess after my son used it, so I called, "Brian, how did you find the bathroom?"

After a brief pause, he replied, "Straight down the hall, first door on the right."

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Friends sympathized as our curate complained that her back was really sore from moving furniture. "Why don't you wait till your teenage son gets home?" someone asked.

"I could," our curate replied, "but the couch is easier to move if he's not on it."



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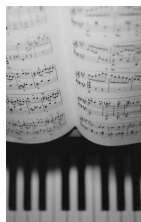
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St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

6th July
Trinity 3

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Morning Worship

13th July
Trinity 4

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

20th July
Trinity 5

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

27th July
Trinity 6

St Chad's

9.30am Family Service
Book Giving

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Family Communion

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3rd August
Trinity 7

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11.15am Morning Worship

10th August
Trinity 8

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11.15am Holy Communion

17th August
Trinity 9

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

24th August
Trinity 10

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion & Baptism

31st August
Trinity 11

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

7th September
Trinity 12

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