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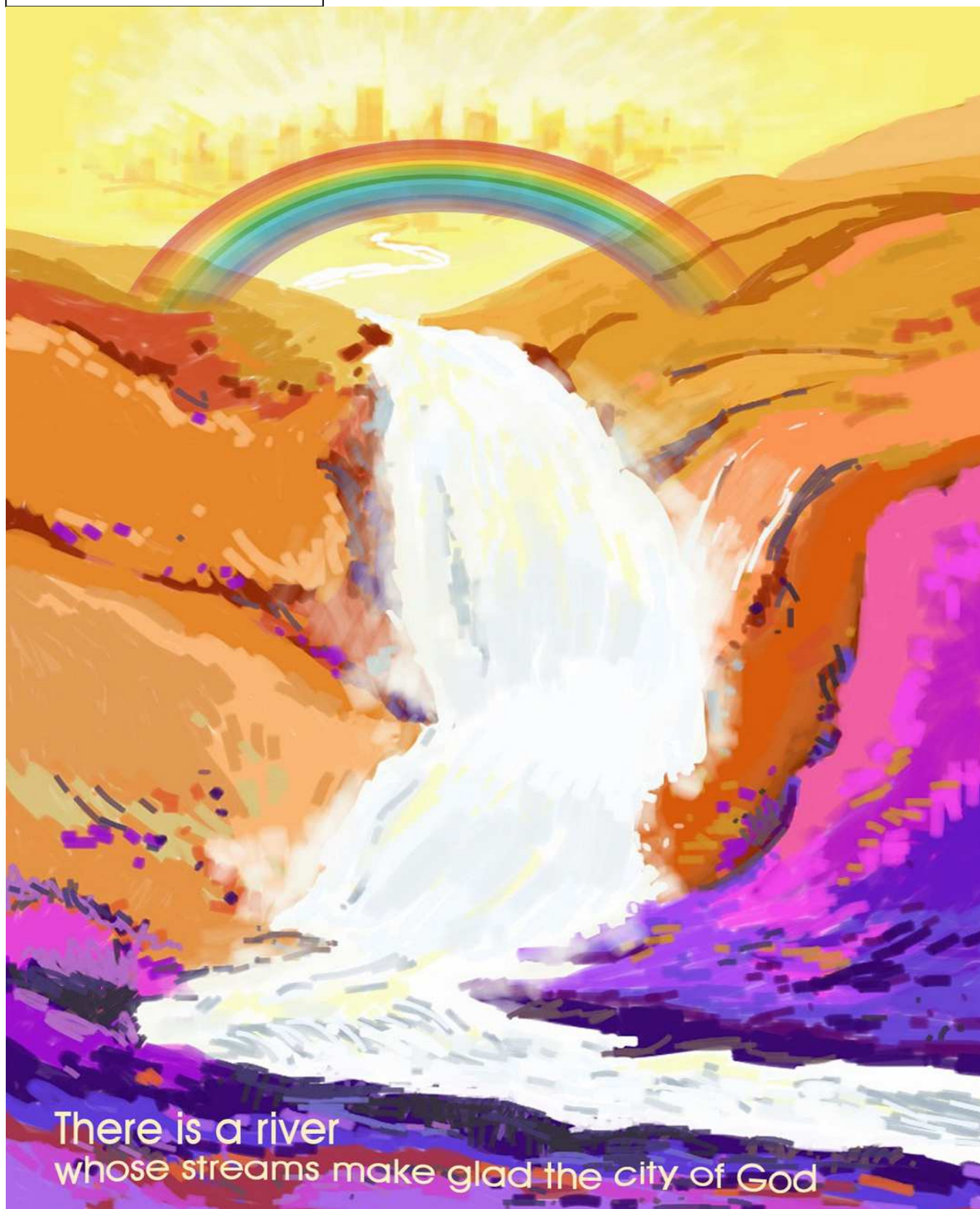
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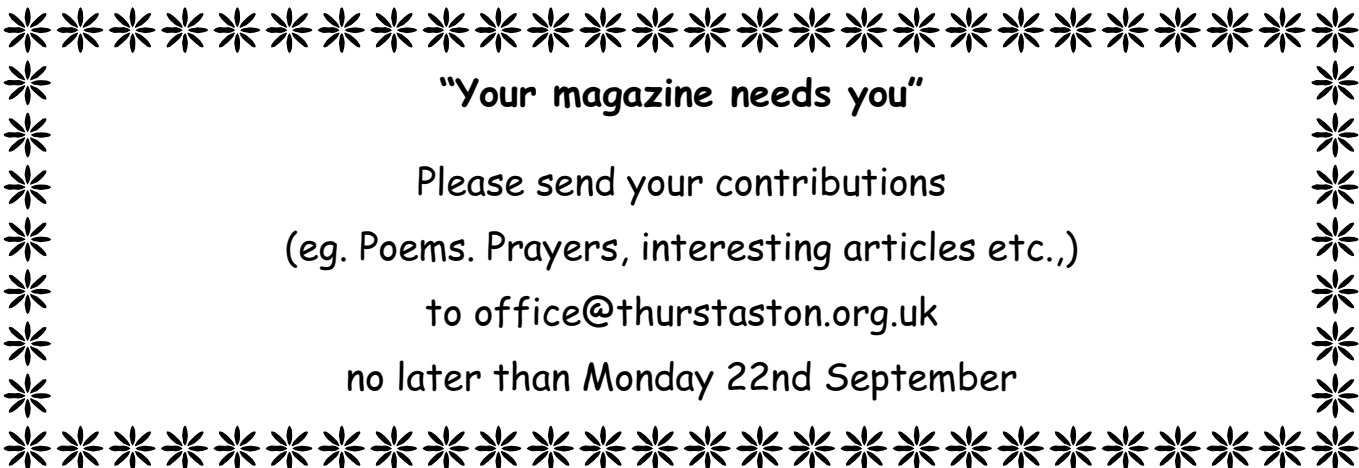
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Diary Dates

Saturday 6th September

Men's Breakfast

8.45-9.45am

at Aroma Café, Irby

Saturday 13th September

Prize giving afternoon for

Photographic Competition

1-4pm at St Chad's

Wednesday 17th September

EMU

Decoupage with Elaine Jones

8pm at St Chad's

Monday 22nd September

Wellspring

8pm at The Rectory

Thursday 2nd October

M.U.

2.15pm at St Chad's

Saturday 4th October

Harvest Family Fun

4.30-5.45pm at St Chad's

Saturday 4th October

Harvest Supper

5.45pm for 6.00pm

From the Registers

Baptisms

*We welcome into the
Lord's family*

24th August

Edward Vaughan &

Romilly Manley

31st August

Lawrence Kenny

Wedding Blessing

9th August

Scott & Natalie Farland

Weddings

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

5th July

Paul Currie &

Margaret McClennan

16th August

Andrew Sandwell &

Christina Roberts

23rd August

Rob Stephenson &

Victoria Hewitt

Funerals

We commend to God's eternal care

1st September

Sally Lang

From your rector

Dear Friends,

There are some terrible things happening across our world at the moment. The one which has touched me most is the plight of those being attacked by IS (formerly known as ISIS). This month I'd like to share with you all a sermon that I preached on 10th August 2014, and encourage you to continue to pray for peace.

Sermon preached by Revd Jane on 10th August 2014

Imagine having your house daubed with a Cross or a big 'C' for Christian, knowing that your house was about to be targeted and taken. This is what happened in Mosul in Iraq two weeks ago when the Arabic letter 'N' equating to Nazarene was daubed on Christian properties by the jihadist ISIS forces. Now a city which had up to 60,000 Christians ten years ago has no Christians – they have had to flee, after being told to convert or face the sword. Two weeks ago another one thousand Christians fled from the Nineveh Plains to the Kurdish area. A city where the Liturgy was celebrated for 1,600 years has had no Communion Service or any Christian service since then. Churches have been detonated and set ablaze, converted to Mosques and all crosses torn down – with ancient tombs desecrated and destroyed. And this week, the city of Qaraqosh has also been taken, forcing more Christians and other minority religious groups to flee.

Archbishop Justin Welby took to twitter to encourage people to stand with our Christian brothers and sisters now – in prayer and solidarity. We are called to speak up for religious tolerance, religious freedom and respect for all. The echo around the Middle East of many Muslims as well as Christians was – thanks to social media – to stand with the Arabic 'N' and to say 'I am Christian'.

I don't think that I have ever before spoken about current news events in a sermon, or even about the persecution of Christians in other parts of the world because I have often felt that it has more to do with inter-communal violence than it does about persecution, and I am also aware that I do not want to create an anti-muslim sentiment. It isn't Islam doing the persecuting, but a very extreme hard-line version (or even perversion) of Islam. However, what is taking place in Iraq at the moment is explicit and horrific and I feel that I cannot remain silent. I do not wish to be political or offensive in any way and so I have spent many hours this week, seeking out news and information, and consulting with a couple of colleagues to ensure that what I say this morning is balanced and theologically justified.

When I first looked up the readings set for this Sunday, I was surprised to discover just how relevant they are to this situation. But then, maybe I shouldn't have been surprised. How often does God speak to us through his word? How often do we read just the right passage at just the right time?

So let's take a quick look at these readings and how they relate and what God might be saying to us this morning.

In **1 Kings 19:9-18** it is clear that Elijah is facing persecution. Twice he says, "I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away". I can only imagine what those displaced Christian Iraqi's are feeling, but I feel certain that it will contain something of this sentiment.

The gospel reading from **Matt 14:22-33** sees the story of Jesus calming the storm. I would imagine that the gospel writers chose to include this story to reassure early Christians who were facing persecution. We all face storms in our life. I work with many people going through the storm of illness, and others experiencing the storm of losing their job, and others experiencing the storm of relationship breakdown and feeling rejected and isolated.⁴

But I cannot imagine a storm greater than persecution which forces you from your home with death threats. This is the storm that many hundreds and thousands of our Christian brothers and sisters are facing in Iraq, this week! Now is the time to stand up for our faith and the right to believe.

And the reading from **Romans 10:5-15** asks the question "Is my faith strong enough to stand up and be counted?" How fearful would I be if I was facing what is happening in Iraq?

This question draws into focus what is at the heart of our faith. Do I believe in God as a kind of insurance policy that I hope will give me a smooth ride through life? And how do I cope/react when the storms arise. At the heart of our faith should be the total and utter trust in the God who is Lord of all. Romans says that "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved", but this is not just a button to be pushed when everything gets too hard, but rather a promise that in the fullness of time and at the coming of God's kingdom, there will be total justice. The story of Elijah and the stilling of the storm tell us that God will be with us amidst the pain and suffering, but Romans makes it clear that not until the end of time will everything be restored to how God intended it to be. So at the heart of our faith needs to be total and utter trust in a God who is faithful and just.

So what can we do for Iraqi Christians? PRAY, PRAY, PRAY.

Even in all the debates going on in our country about marriage law, about end of life decisions, and many other things which can make us feel marginalised as Christians, we DO NOT face persecution for our faith. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are suffering horribly for the sake of Jesus, we must pray for all those expelled from their ancient homeland for their faith and for peace in the Middle East.

And for those of us in the midst of our own storms, what can we learn from today's readings?

Firstly, we need to recognise the power of God to overcome. The disciples in the boat were terrified that they would be overcome by the storm, but Jesus showed them that he was ultimately in control.

Secondly, we need to recognise the presence of God. God came to Elijah in the still small voice. God does not always come in the ways that we expect. And notice it is God who comes to us. God knows when we are in need and he seeks us out.

And finally, I believe that these readings encourage us to recognise the frailty of our faith and pray that God will give us courage to admit that we are Christians and to speak out for him.

I'd like to finish with a quote from a letter to the churches from the President of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops in Iraq. They called for Wednesday, which was the Feast of the Transfiguration to be a day of prayer and he ended his letter by saying:-



"The feast of Transfiguration is a feast of the transformation of hearts and minds at the encounter with the light of God's love towards humanity. May the light of Tabor, through our nearness, fill the hearts of all suffering people with consolation and hope. May the message of Tabor, through our prayers, inspire the leaders of this country to sacrifice personal interests for the common good and welfare."

Rev'd Jane

Your chance to help shape our local churches' future

In February the PCC spent a day together with Bishop Keith thinking through the next stage of the GAP (Growth Action Planning) Process and what it might involve in our parish. Several ideas were put forward and the PCC have continued to explore those ideas and some of them are being put into action. This letter is the result of the PCC seeking to discover how to enable our congregations to deepen their own faith and how to enable more people in our community to engage with worship.

Regular Church Members and those on the electoral roll should receive a survey in the coming week or so. However, The PCC are also seeking the views of residents of Irby and Thurstaston on how we might develop our services, activities, and facilities to play a more prominent role in community life. So if you don't receive a survey but would like to take part by completing a short questionnaire and to express your views, please contact the parish office and ask for a copy. There are 10 questions which should only take a few minutes to complete.

Your views are important to us and the results will be published once an analysis is complete. The survey is completely anonymous.

Thank you for your help and support.

Photographic Competition

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

Confirmation Service
9.30am St Chad's September 14th
with Bishop Peter

Please come along and support our confirmation candidates:-
Katherine Geer, Kerry Peers and Rob Stephenson





Saturday 4th October

4.30pm – 5.45pm Harvest Family Fun

Games, Crafts and activities for all ages. There is no charge (donations would be welcome on the day), but you do need to book your place so that we know how many to expect. To book your place, please sign on the list at the back of church or e-mail the church office (office@thurstaston.org.uk) telling us your name and how many adults, children will be attending, by Sunday 28th September. Please do stay for the Harvest Supper if you can – you will need to purchase a ticket for that.

5.45pm for 6.00pm Harvest Supper

This is a two course meal. Admission by Ticket Only. Tickets available from Church or by contacting the Parish Office as above. Please buy your tickets ASAP (this helps our catering team enormously!) and at the very latest by Sunday 28th September.

Adults £7.50, Child £4.00, Concessions £5.00, Family £20.00

Please bring your own glasses and drink.

Please notify us of any dietary requirements.

Sunday 5th October Harvest Services:-

At all services we will be collecting food for Wirral Food Bank. Please see the Shopping List for the things they most need.

Also at all services we will be having an Additional Collection for Christian Aid who currently have a crisis appeal for both Iraq and Gaza.

8.00am Book of Common Prayer

Holy Communion Service at St Bartholomew's

9.30am Family Worship at St Chad's

11.15am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's



Thank you for Supporting your
Local foodbank Unit 14
Wirral Business Centre, Dock Road
Birkenhead, CH41 1JW
0151 638 7090 (0790205481)
www.wirral.foodbank.org.uk

Feeding local people in crisis

Your donations enable us to provide three days of emergency food to local people in crisis. Working with local care professionals to identify those in need, we are able to provide short term relief and support as well as signposting people to organisations able to help solve the longer term problems

Please help us to feed the hungry by buying some of the following non-perishable food items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tomatoes (Tinned) | <input type="checkbox"/> Milk (UHT or powdered) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta / Noodles (Dried) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baked beans | <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit (Tinned) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tea Bags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soup (Tinned or packet) | <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast Cereal | <input type="checkbox"/> Rice Pudding (Tinned) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sugar | <input type="checkbox"/> Meat (Tinned) | <input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orange Juice (Carton) | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables (Tinned) | <input type="checkbox"/> Biscuits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nappies \ Baby Food | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuna / Fish (Tinned) | |
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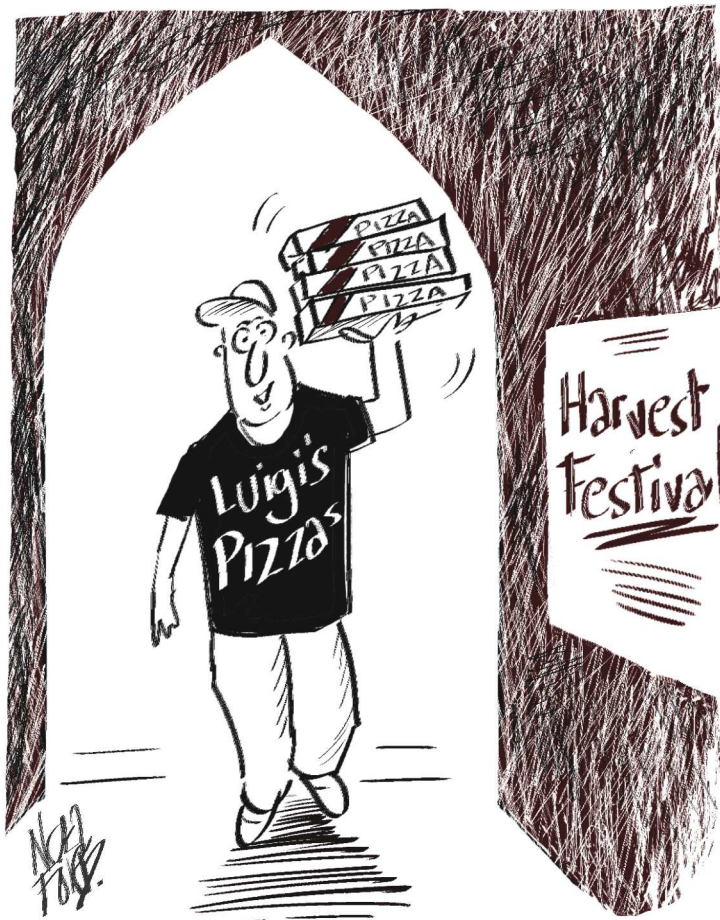
Friday 19th September 10.45am

The RAF Guild of Bellringers annual Battle of Britain tour.
This year the RAF Guild, which consists of active and retired
servicemen and women of the RAF, are touring the Wirral
on 18th to 20th of September.

They intend to ring at Thurstaston on the morning of
Friday 19th September

Please take the opportunity when the bells are ringing to remember
those who gave their lives for us.

Peter Robson
Tower Captain



"Delivery for whoever ordered the trendy
alternative to a basket of groceries..."



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.



**KEEP
CALM
AND
CARRY
ON**



PARISHIONERS AT WAR!

Chapter 9 Postscript

Despite Hitler's best efforts, our thirteen parishioners survived both the war and the years of post war austerity. Although the majority remained in this country throughout the war years, Cecil, Edwin and Frank travelled great distances during their service with the armed forces. Cecil trained in Canada and went on to see active service in the South Pacific. Both Edwin and Frank found their way to North Africa and also saw much of Europe on their travels. However, Peggy and Sheila's accounts of the bombing raids on their houses and Lil's graphic tales of being strafed by a German fighter and approached by a downed German pilot vividly remind us of the home front. This was not a war fought just on foreign soil but a war that impacted on our own towns and cities!

Their stories remind us how all members of the family played their part in the war effort. Adults worked in factories, canteens and hospitals - as air raid wardens and fire watchers and as hosts to evacuees. Gardens were turned over to food rather than flower growing and children knitted clothing at school for sailors and service personnel and collected newspapers, rags and donations of money.

Alongside the stories of our twelve individuals, however, runs another story - the story of their parents, charged with the care and wellbeing of their children in desperate times. I can recall, as a parent of young children, sleepless nights during some of the dark days of the Cold War but this anxiety was based on the threat of conflict rather than its actuality. Our storytellers' parents had to make real life wartime decisions, including whether or not to allow their children to be evacuated. Cecil's diary entry that, unlike his sister and himself, his parents had difficulty sleeping during the blitz surely comes as no surprise to anyone who is a parent today! We can picture Edwin's father building an Anderson Shelter for his own family in the back garden and trying to look after the house single handed, after packing his family off to safety in Yorkshire. We were reminded how Lil's father laboured home from work each day, carrying a railway sleeper on his bicycle in order to build a shelter for his family. We discovered that he never stayed in the shelter himself during the air raids but kept on watch outside, so he could protect and rescue his family if the need arose. We read how Peggy's father left his fire watching post on the roof of Lewis' Store to race home - when he had the grim realization that the German bombers were heading in that direction. We heard how Muriel's father took her to an upstairs window to see the fires blazing over in Liverpool so she could understand what horrors people were having to face in our large cities.

Doreen recalled her father returning home from Air Raid Warden Duty visibly shaken by the horrors he had seen when the bombs missed the docks and fell widely upon peoples' homes. It may have been that, it was only as they became parents themselves, that some of our storytellers began to appreciate and understand the anxieties their parents must have experienced during the war years.

But boys will be boys and we also learned how pieces of shrapnel became prized possessions during the war! Muriel's brother, Reg, and his friends collected shrapnel as did Alfred and his brother, Roy. We recall Alfred racing to New Brighton beach as a pillion rider behind Roy when they heard that incendiary bombs had been dropped on New Brighton Beach. We also heard how they carried one of these trophies back home, tied by a piece of string round Alfred's neck!

Finally, our stories unearthed some unexpected links to famous events in our history. Alfred's brother Roy sailed on the ship upon which Dr Crippen had been famously arrested. He also trained alongside Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of penicillin and Alfred himself was an early recipient of the drug in the treatment of his Rheumatic Fever. We also learned how Frances' grandparents were due to migrate to Canada, crossing the Atlantic aboard the Titanic, but never set sail because of an awful premonition of disaster her grandmother experienced!

It remains only for us to express our gratitude to our thirteen contributors for sharing with us their experiences and those of their families during a unique period in our nation's history. Within the next month or so, I am hoping to have published an expanded record of this series of articles in the form of a book. Further details of how you might access a hard copy or downloaded version of the book will be circulated in Crosstalk.

Alan Jones
Lay Reader

Skills and more 2

This event is being hosted by ourselves at St Chad's on Thursdays,
16th & 23rd October and 6th & 13th November at 7.30pm.

Session leader is David Bell, Diocesan Adviser for Ministry among Children.

The evenings are free, but you need to book by contacting Sandra James:

sandra.james@chester.anglican.org 01928 718834 Ext 223.

See notice board for more information. Fliers available at the back of church.



THE GREAT WAR 1914 - 1918

THE GREAT WAR: LIFE ON THE HOME FRONT

Until the Great War, battles had been fought by soldiers in designated places: Bosworth Field, Bannockburn, Agincourt, Waterloo, and so on. Until that momentous August a century ago, the civilian public's only roles in war were as remote spectators of the conflict - and occasionally victims of the victors. When the wars happened in far-away places, people only heard of them long after they were over, if at all.

However, the Great War was new and different. Since the Napoleonic Wars and even the Boer War of the 19th century, many things had changed. One was the advent of the daily newspaper - cheap, instant and popular. The papers ensured that their readers knew what was going on, and with the invention of the telephone at the end of the Victorian era, the reports from correspondents could be immediate and vivid. The internal combustion engine now propelled buses and lorries - and eventually tanks and armoured cars. And the invention of the aeroplane and its rapid development in the early years of the War brought a whole new dimension to conflict. It was no longer local, fought out on 'battle fields', but anywhere that the combatants came together. The submarine, the Zeppelin and the aeroplane were to play significant roles in this new kind of warfare.

All of which meant that everyone in the warring nations felt involved. They were spectators no longer, but participants. All over Britain the arsenals were buzzing with activity, producing the vast quantities of shells and bombs which were being hurled across the trenches on the western front. As most of the men were in the forces, those vital munitions were largely made by women. For the first time, in many cases, women from the poorer sections of society were able to earn a decent wage in the munitions factories, or in other jobs previously seen as exclusively male.

The civilian population also experienced the war in more immediate ways. London was bombed - first by the Zeppelin airships, and later by aircraft. Casualties were low - about a thousand civilians - and the attacks infrequent, but they were a cruel reminder that modern war knows no frontiers. Late in the War the German navy tightened its grip on the major seaways, largely through the activity of submarines, and food shortages became a problem.

The mood of the nation remained positive, however. The newspapers tended to present events on the western front in a patriotic way, disguising to some extent the true horror of what was going on. It was widely accepted that we were fighting in a noble cause. The Allies were on a mission to save the world. In a famous sermon, the Bishop of London called on the nation to kill Germans, 'not for the sake of killing . . . but lest the civilisation of the world itself should be killed'.

That mood began to change as the years rolled on and the casualty figures (which were published daily) got higher and higher. There was never any significant 'anti-war' movement as such, but more a general feeling that things just couldn't go on like this. Something would have to give if that 'civilisation' was to survive. But in the end it was economics, not military tactics, that decided the day.

Sisters of Jesus Way

Celebration days and Weekends, September to December 2014

Quiet Weekend. The Labyrinth and the Cross.

Friday, September 19th 5.30 p.m. to Sunday, September 21st 4.30 p.m.

(This is a repeat of the weekend held in July)

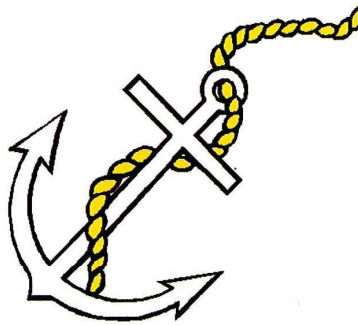
The Sisters will give short introductions to times of quietness. This weekend is only for those who will be able to resist talking! There will be individual spiritual direction if that is required and needed.

Quiet Weekend. "My sheep know my voice."

Friday, November 7th 5.30 p.m. to Sunday, November 9th 4.30 p.m.

Because our quiet weekends are so popular we have inserted another in November - before the Christmas rush begins! The Sisters will give short introductions to times of quietness. This is an opportunity to give quality time to the Lord and listen to him.

This weekend is only for those who will be able to resist talking! There will be individual spiritual direction if that is required and needed.



The Advent Hope. The anchor that is firm and secure.

Friday, November 28th 5.30 p.m. to Sunday November 30th 4.30 p.m.

This weekend has also proved very popular. It is a time of teaching, singing Advent carols, reflection and relaxation.

(It will be repeated the following weekend Friday, December 5th to Sunday, December 7th)

New Year. The Lord's call to follow him in the New Year – whatever!

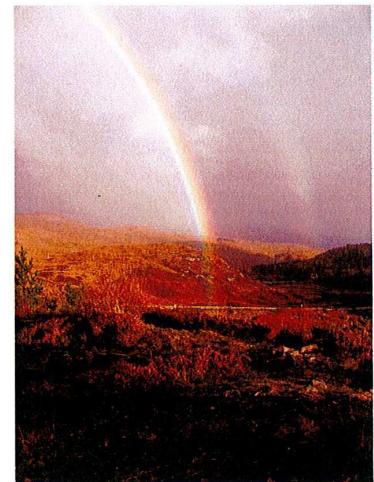
Wednesday, December 31st 5.30p.m. to Monday, January 5th breakfast.

You are advised to book early! Every year we have a waiting list. There will be teaching, carols, a covenant service where we yield ourselves afresh to the Lord for the coming year, as well as opportunities for rest and refreshment.

New Year's Eve. All are welcome to join us on New Year's Eve.

8.00 p.m. Thanksgiving for the last year.

11.15p.m. Watchnight Service where we renew our covenant with God.



To Book

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Telephone: 0151 625 8775

Sisters of Jesus Way, Redacre, 24 Abbey Road, West Kirby CH48 7EP

Our website: www.redacre.org.uk will give you any other information you require.

We are registered with the Charity Commissioners



Wellspring

Third Monday of each month
this month: **Monday 22nd September**

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



6th September 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:

Nov 1st

September Recipe - Chicken Curry

Serves two generous portions or four small portions.

INGREDIENTS

450gm (1lb) boneless chicken, diced
1 small onion, chopped
1 apple, cooking or dessert apple
1 tbs cooking oil

1 tbs curry powder
1 tbs flour
300ml ($\frac{1}{2}$ pint) chicken stock from a cube
1 tbs mango chutney—generous measure

METHOD

1. Heat oil in a pan and cook onion until soft but without burning.
2. Add the meat and brown all over.
3. Stir in the curry powder and flour and cook for a few minutes.
4. Add the apple, chutney and stock and bring to the boil, lower heat and simmer until meat is tender, approx 30/40 mins.

Serve with cooked rice. I also slice $\frac{1}{2}$ a banana each.

I have used this recipe with leftover turkey or cooked chicken and it is just as nice.

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



Thursday 16th October
St Chad's 2.15pm
Speaker, Alan Jones

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



AUTUMN ORGAN RECITAL

ORGANIST:
Prof. Ian Tracey,

Mus Doc., FRCO,
FRSCM, FGCM, FTCL, FLCM, FLJMU, FRSA.

**S. ANDREW,
WEST KIRBY**

Friday 10th October

7:30 pm

Professor, Fellow & Organist,
Liverpool John Moores University,
Chorusmaster to the Royal Liverpool
Philharmonic Society,
Organist Titulaire, Liverpool Cathedral,

The Parish Church of Saint Andrew, West Kirby, Meols Drive/Graham Road CH48 5DE

Tickets: adults £8:00; young people £5:00

Pay on the door, or in advance from Fr. Peter Walsh ☎0151 632 4728

✉revpeterwalsh@btconnect.com

IN AID OF THE ORGAN RESTORATION

Rushworth & Dreaper 1925, a three manual instrument with tubular pneumatic action

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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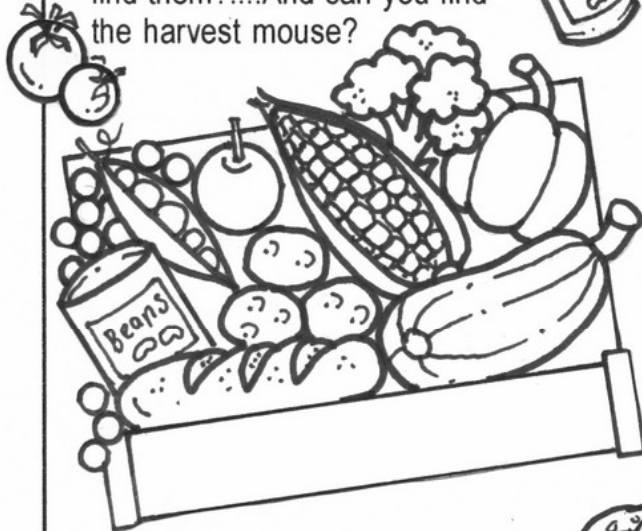
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Liverpool

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OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Manchester



Mouse Makes

The boxes are full of harvest food for Harvest Thanksgiving, but only two have exactly the same things in them... can you find them?....And can you find the harvest mouse?



'Let us *fear* and *respect* the Lord our God.

He gives us autumn and spring rains at the right time.

He makes sure that we have the harvest at just the right time.'

Jeremiah 5:24



HARVEST THANKSGIVING

'May the peoples praise you, God!

May all the peoples praise you.

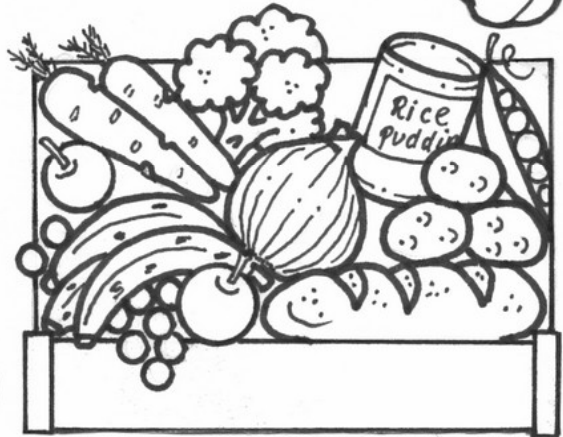
The land yields its harvest; God, our God blesses us."

Psalm 67:5-6



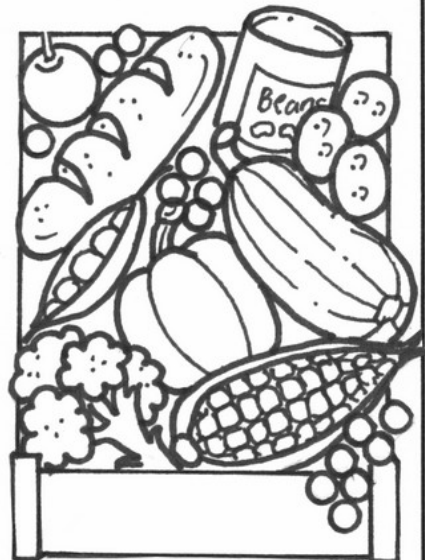
'Honour the Lord with your wealth and the first part of your harvest'.

Proverbs 3:9



'God...gives you rain from heaven and good harvests at the right times. He gives you plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy'

Acts 14:16-17





Back to school

Young James finished his summer holidays and went back to school. Two days later his teacher phoned his mother to tell her that James was misbehaving. "Wait a minute!" protested his mum. "I had him here for weeks and I never once called YOU when he misbehaved!"

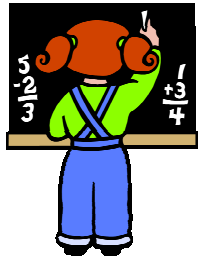
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No tables

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your maths multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

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Mystery music

A friend of mine, a professional organist, was asked to play for a wedding. Unfamiliar with the church's organ, she went to the sanctuary to practice. Curious about a small keyboard that slid out from under the two regular keyboards, she tapped out a couple of bars of a simple tune but heard nothing. Then she played a few more notes, but still no organ music.

Just then a man came running into the church, shouting, "Who's playing 'Three Blind Mice' on the church-steeple bells?" She had been operating the carillon.

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Confess

A man walked into a minister's study and confessed: "I think I'm addicted to Twitter." The minister looked at him and replied, "Sorry, I don't follow you."

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First day back

It was the first day of school. As the Head made his rounds, he heard a terrible commotion coming from one of the classrooms. He rushed in and spotted one boy, taller than the others, who seemed to be making the most noise. He seized the lad, dragged him to the hall, and despite his protests, told him to wait there until he was excused. Returning to the classroom, the Head restored order and lectured the class about the importance of good behavior. Now," he said," are there any questions?"



"One girl stood up timidly. "Please sir," she asked, "May we have our teacher back?"

"Where is exactly is your teacher?"

"He's in the hall, sir."



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Sunday Services

St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

7th September
Trinity 12

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Morning Worship

14th September
Trinity 13

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

21st September
Trinity 14

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

28th September
Trinity 15

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

5th October
HARVEST
Trinity 16

St Chad's

9.30am Family Service

9.30am **CONFIRMATION**

9.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Family Communion

9.30am Family Service

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