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Diary Dates

Saturday 25th October Children's Society Coffee Morning 10am-12noon at St Chad's Tuesday 28th October 'Singing Our Socks Off' Community Choir 8.00pm-9.30pm at St Chad's Friday 31st October Pumpkin Party 6pm-7.30pm at St Chad's Saturday 1st November Men's Breakfast 8.45am-9.45am at Aroma Café, Irby Monday 24th November Wellspring 8pm at The Rectory Saturday 29th November Christmas Fair

1pm-4pm at St Chad's

From the Registers

Baptisms We welcome into the Lord's family

26th October **Ben Harford** *Weddings* We ask for God's blessing upon the marriage of

2nd October Roger Dennison L Joyce Abbott **Funerals** We commend to God's eternal care

22nd October Chris Eden

From your rector

Dear Friends,

How do we 'Remember' what we've never known?

This has been a year of 'remembering'. Up and down the land, local events and national commemorations have reminded us again and again of the Great War which cast such a dark shadow over Europe a hundred years ago - a shadow which spawned a second and equally destructive conflict barely twenty years later.

The problem with remembering is that in the end we can't. What I mean is, we can't remember what we've never experienced, whether that's a song, a person or a place. Nor can we, in a literal sense, 'remember' events which happened before we were born. And that, in a nutshell, is the problem of having a Remembrance Sunday (as we do this and every year) or being urged to 'remember' those who died on the battlefield of Flanders and the Somme a century ago. I can, personally, remember my grandparents, who lived through the war, but I can't possibly remember what happened over 20 years before I was born.

Yet oddly enough every Sunday millions of people all over the world go to church specifically to 'remember' an event that took place not a hundred but nearly two thousand years ago, the death of Jesus Christ on the cross. 'Do this', he had said, 'in remembrance of me'. And in his memory bread is broken and wine shared, exactly as he commanded, in order to evoke and represent the profound significance of what he did. We 'remember' not because we were there and saw it happen, but because (like the dark shadow of war) the event itself still matters, still changes things, still touches our lives.

That kind of 'remembering' demands a response. We should not simply remember the horrors of two world wars as phenomena of the past, but as challenges to us to change the future. To remember and do nothing is not really to remember at all. True remembering changes us, and in changing us it may, please God, eventually change the world.

Revd Jane



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Similarly, if you are aware of someone who would benefit from a pastoral visit because of illness or other circumstances, please contact either of the above.

If you feel you would like to join the list of pastoral visitors in the parish, please also contact one of the above or the Rector.

Alan Jones (Reader) and Chris Turnbull (Licensed by the Bishop for visiting)

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"Goodness! is it time for Christmas Fair organising, carol service planning and nativity play rehearsals already?!"

Thank You to everyone who has completed and returned their survey.

We have received over 70 yellow long versions and over 40 blue or online versions.

As you can imagine this will take some time to collate and analyse. This is currently being done. We had hoped to be able to discuss the results at the October PCC meeting, but in order to do justice to the many very valuable comments that have been received, and to include those surveys which continued to arrive after the deadline, we have decided to postpone this discussion until the November PCC meeting.

There will be further information published after that meeting, once the collation has been done and the results properly analysed.

Christmas Fair

The fair will be on Saturday 29 November 1 - 4 pm.

Anyone willing to help me please let me know as I will need a committee to brain storm, plan and organise everything, the more hands the easier it gets ! New ideas and feedback on what can be done better from last time are very welcome.

Please start to put to one side anything you think we can sell, Good as new / unwanted gifts , Books/DVDs/CDs (no videos), Jewellery, Toys in good condition, soft toys for kid's 'take-a-ted' Raffle prizes - who do you know that will donate a voucher or prize?

For the Crafty and Cooks please start planning or creating ; hand made crafts, home made preserves/pickles, cakes, sweets, Christmas decorations etc, as a homemade stall always looks fantastic . We had a beautiful array last year.

I hope to do glass painting again for the kids, so please can you collect any small jars that will take a tea-light, e.g the gü pudding containers.

There is usually a small number of tables available for a fee, subject to any space after our own stalls are accommodated.

Lastly, it takes many hands to pull this off and we need all the help we can get on the day and the night before, so if you can help in any way, setting up, clearing away, a couple of hours on a stall, sorting donations, decorating the hall, etc please pass me your name when you see me or drop me an email.

Last year was fantastic, lets see if we can do it again! Many thanks Julie DeBoorder 648 6331 debs1313deb@btopenworld.com





4.00pm Dec 7th

St Chad's



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PARISH WEEKEND AWAY – EVERYONE WELCOME

11th September 2014.

Dear Friends,

I am very pleased to be able to let you know that we are planning to hold a residential Parish Weekend and we hope that a significant number of you will want to attend. Those of you with long memories will remember that we last held one five years ago, at Cloverley Hall (http://cloverleyhall.org/), a beautiful country house which has been converted into a Christian conference centre, situated near Whitchurch in Shropshire. After carrying out research into several possible venues, we have once again decided that Cloverley offers the best combination of convenient location, comfortable accommodation and facilities, and value for money. It has the added advantage of provision for caravans (and even camping) within the extensive grounds.

We have made a provisional booking from the evening of Friday 16th to Sunday 18th October 2015, which should be an ideal time for everyone to relax and refresh themselves before the clocks go back, wintry weather sets in and all the preparations for Christmas get under way.

Our aim is to provide an interesting weekend for people of all ages, consisting of talks, workshops, worship, informal discussion and leisure time. One of the things we should love to see would be plenty of families joining us, as indeed was the case on some of our previous residential weekends. We certainly plan to lay on activities for our children and young people, whilst parents are able to enjoy a break and listen to talks, chat or enjoy the glorious countryside around Whitchurch. On previous occasions we have invited someone to come and lead the weekend, so that Reverend Jane does not feel under pressure to organise a lot of material. It is our intention to invite someone this time, although people should feel free to do whatever suits them.

Cloverley Hall has not yet finalised its 2015 prices, but I can assure you that they will hardly differ from this year's prices, given below:

Adults:	£101.50
Children (10 – 12)	£66.50
Children (5 – 9)	£46.50
Children under 5	Free

All rooms have central heating, and bedding and towels are provided. There are fifteen rooms with en-suite facilities, for which there is a modest additional charge. If you wish to bring a caravan, the cost is currently £12.00 per night for caravan club members or, for others, £10.00 per day for adults, with reduced prices for children. There is also scope for anyone who wishes to come and join the fun for just one of the days, with prices ranging from £30.00 (including lunch and supper) to £12.00 (no meals).

The programme for the weekend has not yet been decided, but it is likely to follow this kind of pattern:

Friday evening	Arrive in time for buffet supper at 7 pm 8.30 pm Introductory session and short evening worship
Saturday morning	 8.30 am Breakfast 9.30 – 10.45 am Optional talk and discussion. (Activities will be laid on for children and young people) 10.45 – 11.15 am Coffee break 11.15 am – 12.30 pm Optional talk and discussion. (Activities will be laid on for children and young people)
Saturday afternoon	 pm Lunch Free time. Those who so wish may explore the area or simply relax. (Activities will be laid on for children and young people) pm Tea
Saturday evening	7.15 – 8.15 pm All age workshops (craft, music, drama, etc.) 8.30 pm Social gathering
Sunday morning	9 am Breakfast 10 – 11 am Workshop sessions 11.15 – 12.15 Family worship
Sunday afternoon	1.00 pm Lunch Depart after lunch

I would stress that, whilst we hope that you will want to participate as fully as possible in the talks and activities that are laid on, you will not be put under any pressure. Those of you who wish simply to relax during the weekend will certainly be free to do so.

If you would like an opportunity to re-charge your batteries and to get to know your neighbours in the parish better, do fill in the slip on the next page and return it to me as soon as possible. Don't hesitate to talk to me or anyone in church who has previously been on one of our Parish Weekends, or you can ring me (648 4944), if you would like any further information. When you return the slip, we shall need a deposit of £20.00 per person, although I shall not send any money to Cloverley Hall until I know that we have enough people to make the weekend viable. The balance will need to be paid by Sunday 21st June 2015, but if you prefer to spread the cost, it will be possible for you to pay in monthly instalments between now and next June.

I look forward to hearing from you very soon.

Yours sincerely, Chris Smale

CLOVERLEY HALL PARISH WEEKEND 16th - 18th OCTOBER 2015

Name (please print)

I wish to reserve place(s) as indicated below on the Parish Weekend at Cloverley Hall, from Friday 16th to Sunday 18th October 2015 and enclose a cheque for...... (made payable to Thurstaston PCC) as a deposit.

STAYING IN THE HOUSE FOR THE WEEKEND:

No. of Adults:

No. of Children (10 - 12):

No. of Children (5-9):

Children under 5:

BRINGING A CARAVAN FOR THE WEEKEND:

No. of Adults:

No. of Children (10 - 12):

No. of Children (5 - 9):

Children under 5:

PLANNING TO COME FOR A DAY VISIT:

No. of Adults:

No. of Children (10 - 12):

No. of Children (5 - 9):

Children under 5:

Signed

Evening of Remembrance and Thanksgiving on Sunday 2nd November 2014 at 6.00pm at St.Chad's, Roslin Rd, Irby

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

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

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

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

Rev'd Jane Turner	
An Evening of Remembrance and Thanksgiving Name of the deceased:	
Your Name:	
Your Address:	
Please return to:- Rev'd Jane Turner, 77 Thi	ngwall Rd, Irby, CH61 3UB

Sunday 9th November – Remembrance Sunday

AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S (No Service at St Chad's)

10.15am TRADITIONAL SERVICE

10.40am Uniformed Organisations meet on the Green at the front of Church

10.50am Uniformed Organisations Assemble at War Memorial to be joined by 10.15am Congregation and anyone else who wishes to be present for:-



11.00am ACT OF REMEMBRANCE at the War Memorial

11.05am FAMILY SERVICE (aim to finish by 11.30am) for anyone with small children and uniformed organisations and their families





ARMISTICE

1918 was a miserable year for the countries involved in the Great War. Nothing much seemed to happen, in the sense of the conflict coming to any conclusion. Casualties continued to mount, so that all over Europe there were bereaved families indeed whole villages where most of the young men had been killed or were grievously wounded.

1914

THE GREAT WAR In Britain, the advantage of being an island may have kept us 1918 from the invading German army, but now it began to make us vulnerable to a new and deadly foe, the marauding U-boats,

which stalked the seas in order to torpedo ships bringing food and goods to these shores. Suddenly there were shortages and the need for a new naval strategy to deal with their menace. Zeppelin, and then aircraft raids on London and other British cities brought home the truth that this war was not simply being fought out on foreign fields.

The truth was, however, that bad as things were in Britain and France, they were far worse in Germany. Casualties were so great that teenage boys were being recruited into the army, food was scarce, and by early 1918 the resources to continue fighting the war were at breaking point. If they could not win the war in the next six months, the generals told the Kaiser, it would be lost. Soldiers were drafted back from the far-flung battle grounds of Asia and Africa to shore up the dwindling ranks at home.

By contrast, in June 1917 the first American troops had joined the war, though they were inexperienced in battle terms and relatively few in number. But by the Spring of 1918 their numbers had swollen, and the encouragement that gave to the hard-pressed Allies was considerable. During the summer of that year the balance of the war began to tip crucially towards the Allies, so that as Autumn approached the German generals were moving towards accepting the need for some kind of negotiated cease-fire. The Allies were at the German borders, the Americans had brought not just men but equipment and, more importantly, hope. Perhaps, after all, this war could be won.

That was the atmosphere in which the warring powers agreed to formal talks about what they called an 'armistice' - a word derived from Latin, simply meaning 'end of armed combat'. The Germans at first hoped it would give them a chance to recover, and perhaps eventually pursue the conflict with renewed strength. The Allies, however, from a position of strength, were determined to ensure that Germany would be left in no condition to wage war or swiftly to recover economically.

With those as the negotiating positions, the generals met in a railway carriage at Versailles, near Paris. An armistice agreement was eventually hammered out and the guns of this terrible war were silenced at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

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David Winter, a former Head of Religious Broadcasting at the BBC

Steve Jenkins, who used to work in Communications at Church House Westminster, remembers how the First World War affected his own family.

Remembrance: of those who die – and those who survive

'Madam. I regret to have to inform you that a report has been received that Sapper A Jenkins Royal Engineers has been admitted to 2nd General (Australian) Hospital, Boulogne on the 23rd day of April, 1918. The nature of the wound is Gas Poisoning (mild). I am to express to you the sympathy and regret of the Army Council. Yours faithfully....'

Thanks to those Australian doctors and nurses, my grandfather made a complete recovery. After the war, he returned to his wife Emily Rose, brought up four girls and two boys, including my father, and died just short of his 85th birthday. He had served in France, Italy and Germany.

Sadly, many others, serving all over the world down the years, have not been as fortunate.

I remember my grandfather. I know he vowed never to go abroad again. Through research and his medals and paperwork (quoted above), I know some of what he went through. I never heard him speak about it.

Through Remembrance, we not only remember those who die in war but also those who return and what they live with. We remember what they gave. We remember those who supported them. We remember those they left behind. We remember the respect we owe so many ordinary people who gave so much and we remember what war is truly like.

In August 1914, the war in Europe began, and went on to resonate around the world. At 11.00am on 11^{th} November, 1918, the Armistice was signed, giving peace another chance.

Memories fade and peace becomes taken for granted. It was only 20 years after my grandfather returned from the army that the world descended into the hell of war once more. My father was young enough to 'miss out'. His older brother served throughout as a pilot.

Again, others were less fortunate. Again, others were left behind. Is there any sacrifice greater than giving your life for your fellow human beings? Every time we share in Holy Communion, we remember Jesus' willing sacrifice for all of us. He laid down his life so that we might live.

On Remembrance Sunday, at memorials and cenotaphs and in our churches, we remember the sacrifice that so many have made in war. We remember the horror of war that so many have been through. But we also reflect on the peace that can hopefully follow.

Remembrance teaches us that we should never take peace for granted. Lest we forget.

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By Steve Jenkins, formerly of Church House Communications, Westminster



Third Monday of each month this month: Monday 24th November

8.00pm Meeting at the Rectory

An opportunity to Listen to God and to Pray.

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God's Vision

for our church communities.

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





1st November 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.







November meeting is on Wednesday 19th, 8pm at St Chad's 'Jane's Jewellery' All Welcome. Come along and have a go at making some jewellery and/or purchase a gift for Christmas





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(PLEASE NOTE: this does not affect our appeal for the Christmas Parcels for the elderly, housebound & disabled - that is a separate appeal)



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God bless

Thora Hird told this story on a BBC1 programme 'Praise Be' about a little girl saying her prayers: "God bless Mummy, God bless Daddy, God bless my brother Tommy, God bless Granny – and God look after yourself, 'cos if anything happens to you, we've had it!"

Ever consider the fact that

A chicken crossing a road in really poultry in motion.

Every calendar's days are numbered.

Once you've seen one shopping centre, you've seen a mall.

Some people are living way beyond their seams?

Putting on weight is the penalty for exceeding the feed limit.

The best medicine for rheumatism is being thankful it isn't gout.

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Pancakes



A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons Kevin, five, and Ryan, three. When the boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake, she decided to give them a moral lesson. 'If Jesus was sitting here, He would say: 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.' There was a brief pause of astonishment and then Kevin rallied. Turning on his younger brother he said: "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

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Wanna do

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Church Services - October Sunday Services			
St Bartholomew's		St Chad's	
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.15am Holy Communion	2nd November 4th Sunday Before Advent	9.30am Family Service 6.00pm Evening of Remembrance & Thanksgiving	
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.15am Traditional Service 11.05 Family Service	9th November Remembrance Sunday	NO SERVICE	
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.15am Holy Communion	16th November 2nd Sunday Before Advent	9.30am Morning Worship	
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.15am Holy Communion 3.00pm Baptism	23rd November Christ the King	9.30am Holy Communion	
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.15am Baptism	30th November Advent Sunday	9.30am Holy Communion	
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.15am Holy Communion	7th December 2nd Sunday Before Advent	9.30am Morning Worship 4.00pm Christingle	
	Weekday Services		
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please telephone the	rrange a baptism or wedding, Rector, Revd Jane Turner on Church office on 0151 648 8169 Tuesday		
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