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Diary Dates

Tuesday 2nd & 16th December

'SOSO' Community Choir
8.00-9.30pm at St Chad's

Sunday 7th December

Christingle Service
4pm at St Chad's
All ages welcome

Wednesday 10th December

Christmas Afternoon Tea
and Entertainment
2pm at St Chad's

Saturday 10th January

Men's Breakfast
8.45-9.45am at Aroma Café, Irby

Monday 19th January

Wellspring
8pm at The Rectory

From the Registers

Baptisms

*We welcome into the
Lord's family*

23rd November

Olivia Perischine

Charlie Bird

30th November

Violet Brickles

Weddings

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

4th December

Mark Audley &

Emma Cottrell

Funerals

*We commend to
God's eternal care*

19th Nov

Joyce Peel

From your rector

Dear Friends

CAROLLING IN FROSTY AIR

Christmas and carols go together. You can't have one without the other. It would require a high degree of ingenuity for anyone to get through the Christmas season without hearing a carol - and probably singing one, too.

They're on the speakers in the supermarket, they're on the radio, carol singers come round the streets singing them, the brass band plays them in the market place - and, of course, there's the church carol service, the crib service and the midnight communion. Most of us could name lots of them: Hark the Herald, Good King Wenceslaus, In the Bleak Midwinter, Away in a Manger, Once in Royal David's City . . . and so on.

Some of those carols are very old, some relatively modern. They're perhaps the only Christian songs we actually know the words of - but familiarity can breed if not contempt, then at least inattention. Occasionally in those familiar lines we sing absolute nonsense: 'In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron' - in Bethlehem? 'Little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes' - so the baby Jesus wasn't human after all? 'And io, io, io by priest and people sung'? No, not a bad case of the stutters, but a medieval carol-writer's mischievous description of the mumbo-jumbo of incomprehensible Latin in church.

We've been spared other bafflement by the work of editors. Charles Wesley's first line was originally 'Hark how all the welkin rings' - no 'herald angels'. 'Welkin' comes from an Old English word meaning 'heaven' and has absolutely nothing to do with shell-fish.

But enough of problems. On the whole carols are wonderfully clear in their message and profoundly moving in a simple and touching way. The last two verses of 'Once in Royal David's City' always move me:

And our eyes at last shall see him
through his own redeeming love,
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heav'n above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

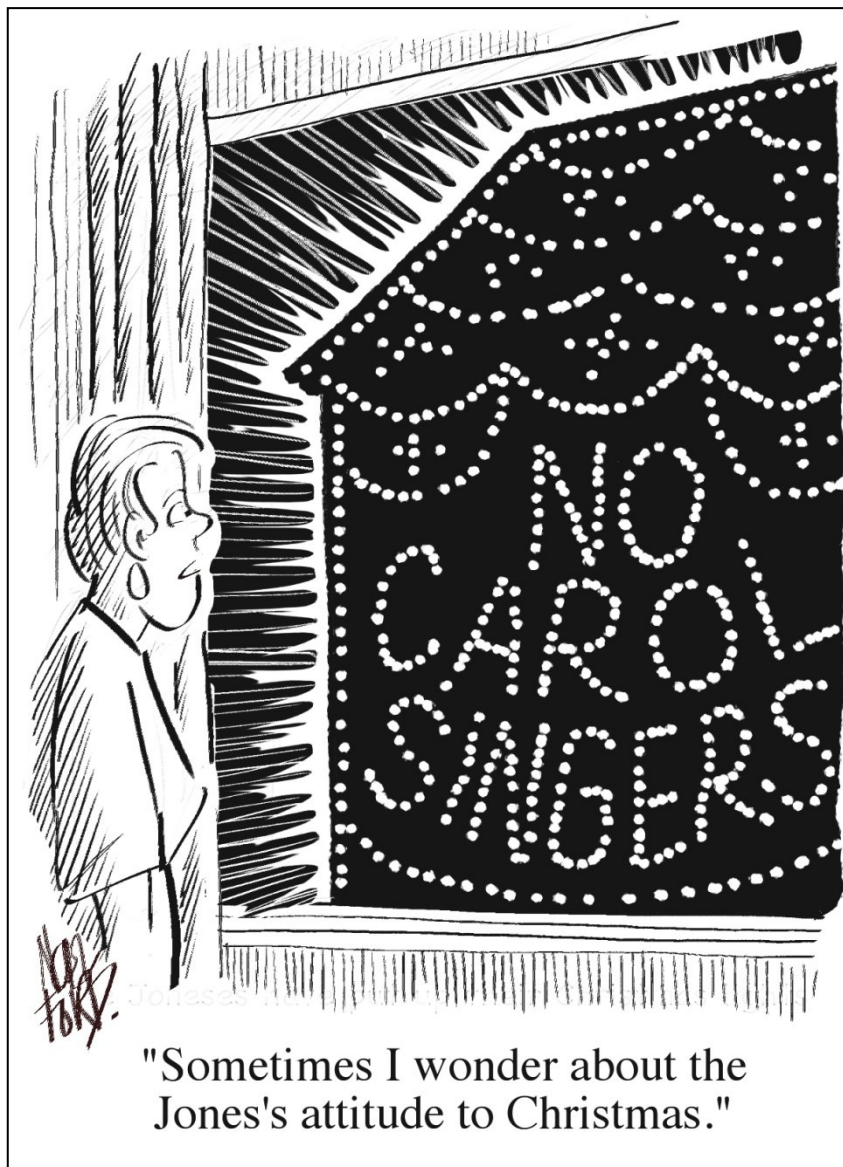
Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars His children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

Trust Mrs Alexander to get it exactly right. And Christina Rossetti's last verse, tellingly quoted at the end of the Queen's Christmas message last year, asks a question so searching that her meteorological musings fade into thin air:

What shall I give him, poor as I am?
if I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him - give my heart.

Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas and a blessed New Year,

Rev'd Jane



"Sometimes I wonder about the
Jones's attitude to Christmas."

Advent and Christmas Special Services: -

Sun Nov 30th ADVENT SUNDAY - All Services as Normal

Sun Dec 7th 9.30am Morning Worship

4.00pm Christingle Family Service at St Chads

8.00am, 11.15am as normal.

Sun Dec 14th 9.30am Nativity Service led by Junior Church

8.00am, 11.15am as Normal

Sun Dec 21st 7.00pm Carol Service at Irby Methodist

8.00am, 9.30am, 11.15am as normal

Dec 24th 10.15am Holy Communion at St Chad's

4.00pm Crib Service at St. Bartholomew's

5.00pm Crib Service at St. Bartholomew's



As in previous years, we will run two services exactly the same one after the other. We suggest that the 4pm service is for younger (up to and including Reception) children and that the 5pm service is for older children. If you have children in both age brackets - you choose!

If coming to the 5pm service, please don't arrive until 4.45pm in order for the 4pm service to have cleared church and car parking spaces!

11.15pm First Communion of Christmas

Dec 25th - Christmas Day

8.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.00am Family Communion at St Bartholomew's

You are invited to bring one of your presents to show to everybody else.

Sun Dec 28th All Services as Normal

Sun Jan 4th 8.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Joint Ecumenical Service at Irby Methodist Church

There will be no 9.30am or 11.15am services. The survey results indicated that people wanted more ecumenical and more joint services, so we would encourage as many people as possible to attend this service. Please bring your normal weekly giving envelope (or a yellow one) and place in the offertory during the service. These will then be collected by our treasurer and banked as if they had been presented at either the 9.30 or the 11.15 services.

Wellspring

Third Monday of each month

8.00pm –9.00pm 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.
Isaiah 55v3

This is an important meeting in the life of our church.

You do not have to be able to pray out loud.

You do not have to feel that you are any good at praying!

Please just come and spend 1 hour each month with others as we commit the work of our church to God.

2015

January 19th

February 16th

March 16th

April 20th

May 18th

June 22nd
(week later
than normal!)

July + Aug
no meeting

Sep 21st

Oct 19th

Nov 16th

Dec - No meeting



Sara preferred to let people work
out the hymns for themselves



St Bartholomew and St Chad

**Christmas
Afternoon Tea &
Entertainment**

Featuring Professional Magician

Steven Cooil

**Wednesday 10th December
2.00 p.m.**

**St Chad's Church Hall,
Roslin Road.**

Admission £5.00

(Includes free entry into the raffle)

Tickets may be purchased from Alan Jones,
Leslie Worrall, June Dean or the Church Office.
For further details or transport requests please
contact 0151 648 1400



4.00pm Dec 7th

St Chad's

ALL WELCOME

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The Children's Society
Christingle and share
the joy



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Saira, a PACT adopter

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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).

P.T.O

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	1 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) 6 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



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St Bartholomew Thurstaston and St Chad Irby Viewpoint Survey Results – Feedback from the PCC

THANK YOU to the 88 people who completed the paper survey and the 48 people who completed the online survey. All of your comments are appreciated and will be taken seriously by your PCC.

The results of the survey are available on the parish website:-

<http://www.thurstaston.org.uk/pcc-information/church-community-survey-results.php>

If you need a paper copy, please contact the parish office (0151 648 8169).

From the specific responses given, including those expressed within the hopes and comments sections of the survey, we have established some common themes. These are:-

1. We need to attract and keep younger people, families, children and youth at both churches
2. We need to review some of our Worship (perhaps include some evening services, joint services, more vibrant services, ecumenical services)
3. We need to improve communication both with existing members and with the wider community
4. We need to improve facilities at St Bartholomew's
5. There is a desire to develop closer links with schools
6. There is a desire to have more involvement in the local community
7. There is a desire to have more unity and activities involving the whole church
8. There is a desire for fellowship group/activities for the elderly

The first three of these were discussed by the PCC meeting on Monday 10th November and three further meetings have been set up to discuss these areas, which you would be welcome to attend:

- **Mon 24th Nov 7.30pm at St Chad's – Worship Arrangements**
Do you have any ideas? Did you make a comment that you'd like to explain further to the PCC? Then please come along to this meeting. If you can't attend but would like to make contact with this group, then please contact Mr Matt James (tel: 648 3355 or e-mail: mp_james@sky.com)
- **Mon 1st Dec 7.30pm at St Chad's – How to attract and keep younger people, families, children and youth at both churches**
Please come and share your thoughts and ideas on how we can do this. Members of all congregations are welcome to join this discussion. If you can't attend but would like to make contact with this group, then please contact Mr Andrew Harford (tel: 648 2362 or e-mail: aj.harford@btinternet.com)
- **Mon 1st Dec 7.30pm at St Chad's – Improving Communication**
Do you think we need to improve communication? Then please come and tell us what would help. If you can't attend but would like to make contact with this group, then please contact Mr Malcolm Studholme (tel: 677 2959 or e-mail: mjsa1@btinternet.com)

Mr John Roberts presented the PCC with a paper suggesting significant ways to **improve the facilities at St Bartholomew's** bearing in mind the church is a grade 2* building in consecrated grounds in a conservation area. This has been taken away by the PCC and will be discussed in detail at a future meeting.

The other common themes will also be discussed at future meetings of the PCC and we will keep



THE GREAT WAR 1914 - 1918

AND THE CONSEQUENCE WAS . . .

Some of you will remember the old party game of 'Consequences'. Armed with pencil and paper participants added various steps to a sequence of risible events, culminating in the requirement to answer this question: 'And the consequence was?' Well, mostly that was another laugh, but in real life consequences of our actions are not always funny, and sometimes they are disastrous. The world is full of unexpected consequences, personal, social and political.

That seems to be the story of the end of the Great War. The guns fell silent on November 11th 1918, but the consequences of that appalling conflict have rumbled and echoed on through the history of Europe ever since. The problems seem to have stemmed from the 'peace process' itself. After the Armistice, there were months of negotiations culminating in the Treaty of Versailles, which was finally signed on the 29th of June 1919.

The conditions of the Treaty, largely dictated by the victorious Allies of course, were intended to ensure that Germany would be in no position in the foreseeable future to embark on military aggression. Kaiser Wilhelm was to go into exile. The German army was to be limited to 100,000 men, with no artillery, tanks or aircraft and her navy reduced to only eight sea-going ships - with no submarines. The Rhine-land would be occupied by the Allies for fifteen years and Alsace-Lorraine was returned to France.

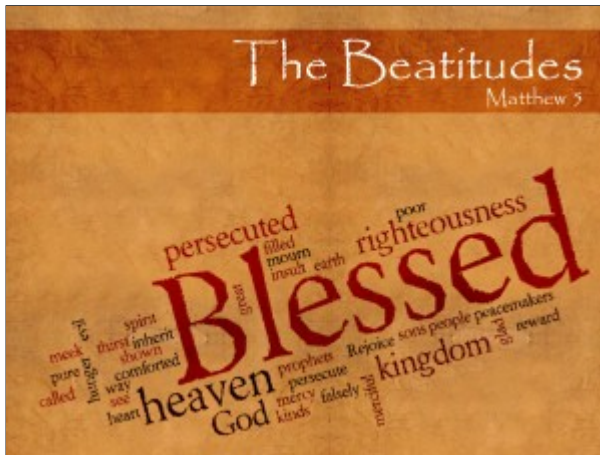
Other parts of Germany were ceded to Poland and all the overseas territories were shared between the Allies. Probably worst of all were the swinging financial reparations which Germany had to pay for the damage she had inflicted on Belgium, France and elsewhere. Effectively, the German economy was left in ruins.

Very soon, this led to the collapse of the Deutschmark. Hyperinflation followed in the early years of the nineteen-twenties. By 1923 a loaf of bread cost two billion marks! The week's pay devalued overnight and families were literally starving. Not surprisingly there was public disorder and strikes, and America - the only major economy to survive the war unscathed - felt bound to come to her rescue, pumping money into the German economy.

The Wall Street Crash of 1929 put an end to that, paving the way for an unscrupulous and ambitious politician called Adolf Hitler to offer an authoritarian way out - National Socialism, as he called it. Singling out the German Jews as 'the problem' - he'd learnt that tactic 20 years earlier in his native Austria - the hideous era of the Hitler Youth, the Nuremberg Rallies, Kristallnacht and Belsen began. Hitler built the autobahns and made the trains run on time, but he also prepared a whole nation for war and did his best to eliminate the Jewish people altogether.

And the consequence was? Well, take your choice, but the Second World War is the most obvious, and the mass emigration of Jews to their old homeland was another. There was, perhaps, a better consequence, too. At the end of World War II Churchill demanded 'Unconditional Surrender' by the Axis powers, but he also counselled 'magnanimity in victory'. The lesson of 1919 had been learnt. Germany and Japan were defeated, but not humiliated, and the world now is a rather safer place . . . as a consequence.

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The Beatitudes (Matt 5:1-10)
 Take a closer look during Lent
 Thursdays
 Afternoon 1.15-2.45pm
 Evening 8.00-9.30pm
 St Chad's

Session One: February 19th
Living with openness to God

In this session we are looking at what it means to live with openness to God and with openness to the world.

Session Two: February 26th
Thirsting for what is right

In this session we are looking at what it means to live with obedience to God and with desire to put things right in the world as God intends

Session Three: March 5th
Living transparently

In this session we are looking at what it means to show others the mercy God freely gives to us and striving to be transparent in all we do and are.

Session Four: March 12th
Peacemaking

In this session we are looking at what it means to be a peacemaker after the example of Christ and recognising the cost of this witness.

Session Five: March 19th
Living as citizens of God's kingdom

In this session we are looking at what Jesus meant by the kingdom and how we can live as its citizens.

Session Six: March 26th
Foundations

In this session we are looking at what it means to build your whole life on the teaching and example of Jesus as we have seen this in the Beatitudes



Men's Breakfast



10th January 2015

8.45 – 9.45am

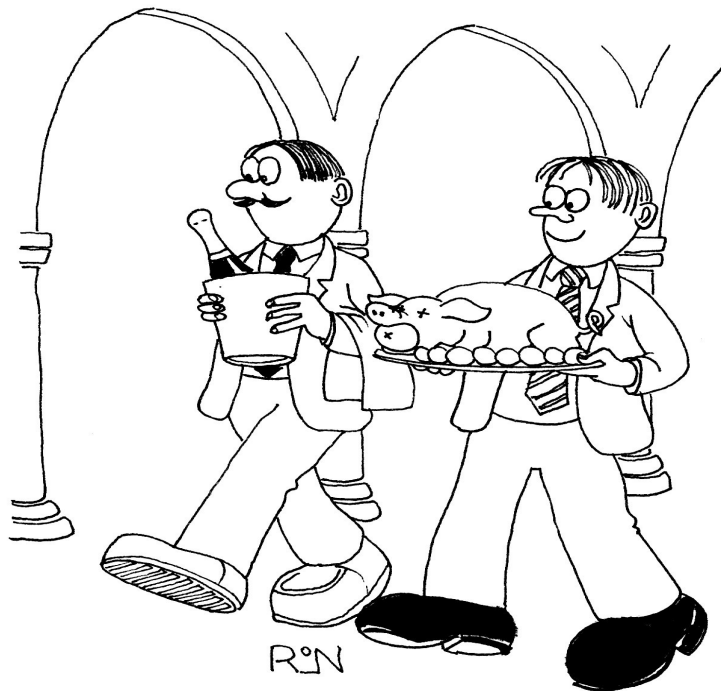
Aroma Cafe, Irby Village

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 2015 are:

7th March, 9th May, 4th July, 5th September, 7th November



*It had started with coffee and biscuits
after the service*



EMU (Evening Mothers' Union) meets:-

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



The next meeting will be the January meal out.
Date, venue and time to be announced.

February meeting, 'Felting' to be confirmed.

Pastoral Visiting

If you are unable to attend church (long term or short term for any reason) and would like someone to visit you in your home, please contact Chris Turnbull (0151 625 0089) if you are or were a member of St Chad's congregation and Alan Jones (0151 648 1400) if you are or were a member of St Bartholomew's congregation.

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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These are now due for 2015. If you see your deliverer please pay them.

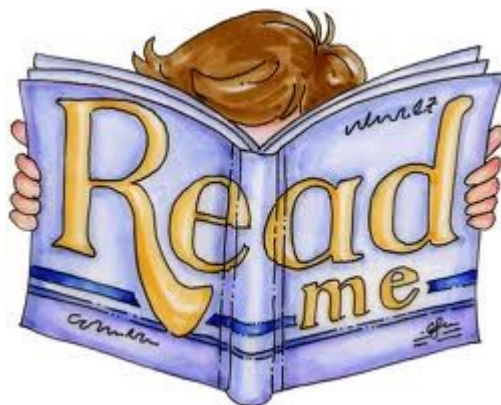
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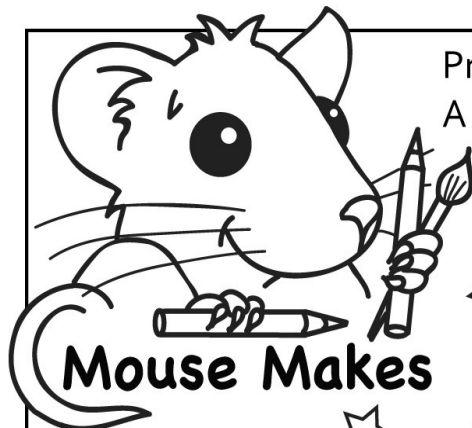
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Presents at Christmas under the tree,
A red Christmas stocking waiting for me.

But what is Christmas? What is it about?
Just look in the Bible and you will find out!

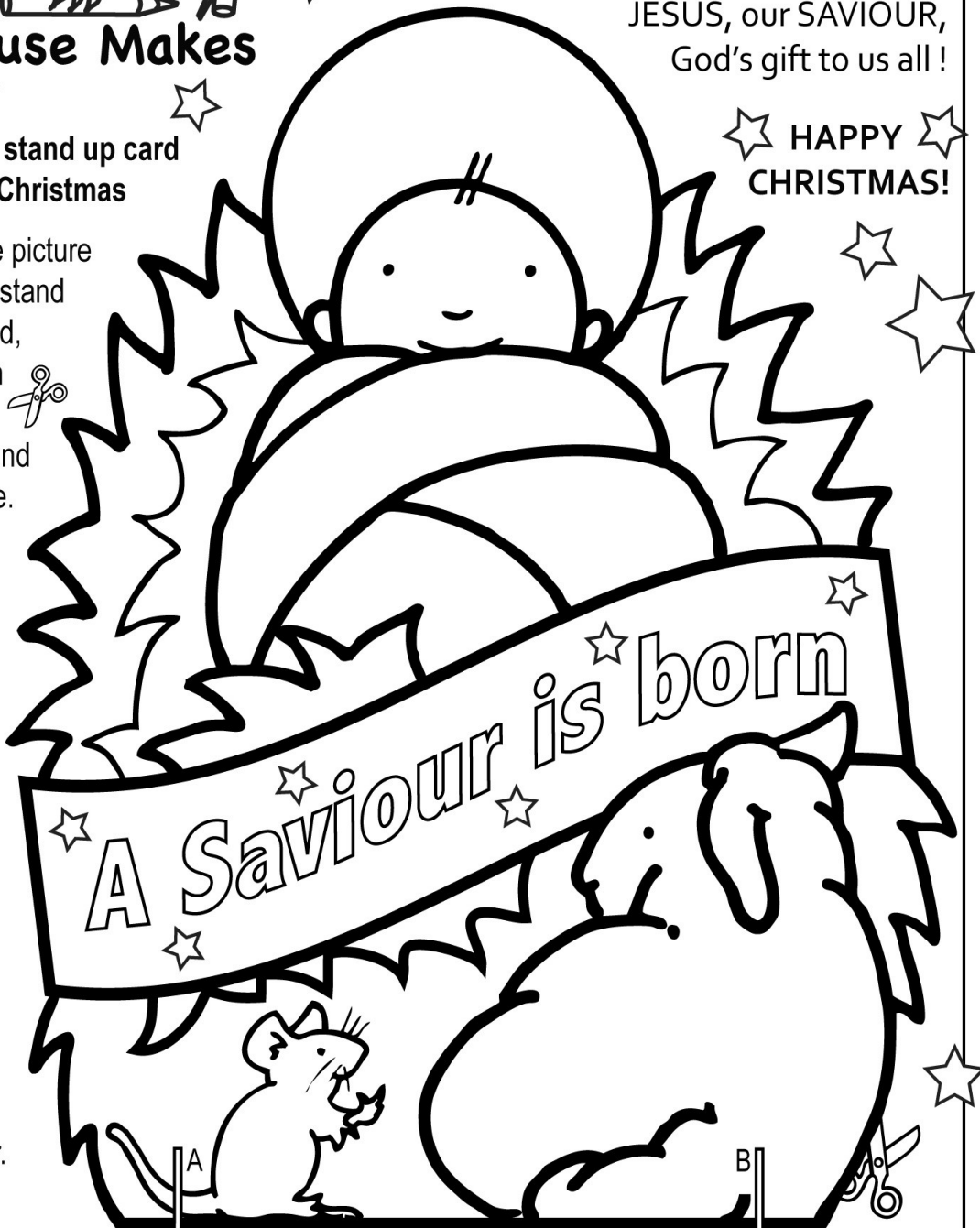
It's about JESUS, the best present of all,
JESUS, our SAVIOUR,
God's gift to us all !

**Make a stand up card
for Christmas**

Glue the picture
and the stand
onto card,
colour in
then cut 
out around
the edge.

Cut
along
the
slots
marked
A and B
on the
picture
and the
stand,
then
slot
together.

**HAPPY
CHRISTMAS!**



STAND

Happy Christmas



The following two anecdotes printed by kind permission of Frances Harrison:

Richard had been sent to his bedroom for being a very naughty boy. The next door neighbour was in her garden and saw Richard open his bedroom window shouting Jesus, Jesus, fetch me a ladder.



Grandma had been asked to pick Edward up from Gayton Primary School. On our journey home we passed Barnston Church, at which Edward asked "what do you have to do to have your name put on one of those stones?" Grandma nearly died at that point.

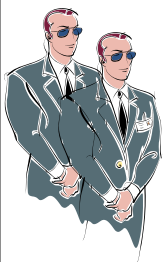


What would you like for Christmas?

A little girl went to visit Father Christmas in the local garden centre grotto. He welcomed her with a smile and the question of what she would like for Christmas. The little girl gasped, and stared up at him in horror. "Didn't you get my email?!"



Church rules



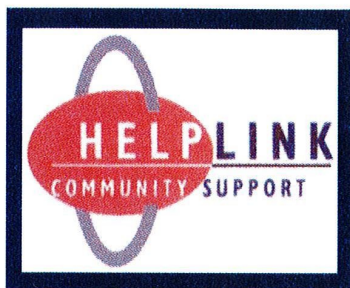
Six year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel sat together for the Christmas concert in church. Joel kept giggling and whispering until his big sister had had enough. "Be quiet in church!"

"Why?" Joel demanded. "Who is going to make me?" Angie pointed to the back of the church and said: "See those two big men standing at the door? They're hushers."

Christmas gifts

Grandfather was talking to his grand-daughter, "When I was a child all we got for Christmas was an apple and an orange." The little girl clapped her hands in joy. "Brilliant! I'd love a new computer and a mobile!"





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CHRISTMAS APPEAL



Helplink offers support & practical assistance to the elderly,
housebound & disabled on the Wirral.

At Christmas time we like to bring a little festive cheer by providing Christmas
Parcels to disadvantaged families in the local area.

We're aiming to help as many families as possible, which includes hundreds of
children. Lots of families can't provide treats for their children, never mind
presents.

THE ITEMS WE NEED ARE (for example):

- Selection Boxes
- Chocolate, Sweets, Biscuits
- Mince Pies, Christmas Cake

Basically anything which would make Christmas special for the children.

(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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Church Services - December

Sunday Services

St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
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11.15am Holy Communion

7th December

2nd Sunday Before Advent

St Chad's

9.30am Morning Wor-

4.00pm Christingle

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Morning Worship

14th December
3rd Sunday Before Advent

9.30am **NATIVITY**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

21st December
4th Sunday Before Advent

9.30am Morning Worship

7pm Carol Service at Irby Methodist Church - EVERYONE WELCOME

4.00pm Crib Service
5.00pm Crib service
11.15pm Holy Communion

Wednesday
24th December
Christmas Eve

10.15am Holy Communion

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday
25th December
Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

28th December
Christmas 1

9.30am Family Communion

Weekday Services

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



Wishing you all a very peaceful and Blessed Christmas

Church Services - January

Sunday Services

See Inside back cover for December Services

St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

4th January

Christmas 2

10.30am Joint Service at Irby Methodist Church - EVERYONE WELCOME
(see page 6 for more details)

St Chad's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11th January

Baptism of Christ or Epiphany 1

9.30am Holy Communion

11.15am Morning Worship

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

18th January

Epiphany 2

9.30am Morning Worship

11.15am Holy Communion

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

25th January

Conversion of St Paul or Epiphany 3

9.30am Holy Communion

11.15am Holy Communion

Weekday Services

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