

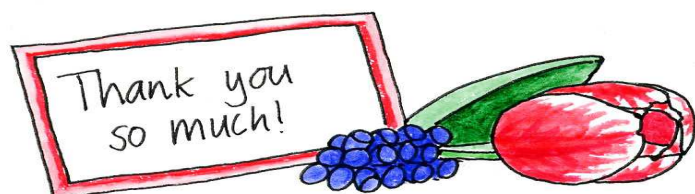
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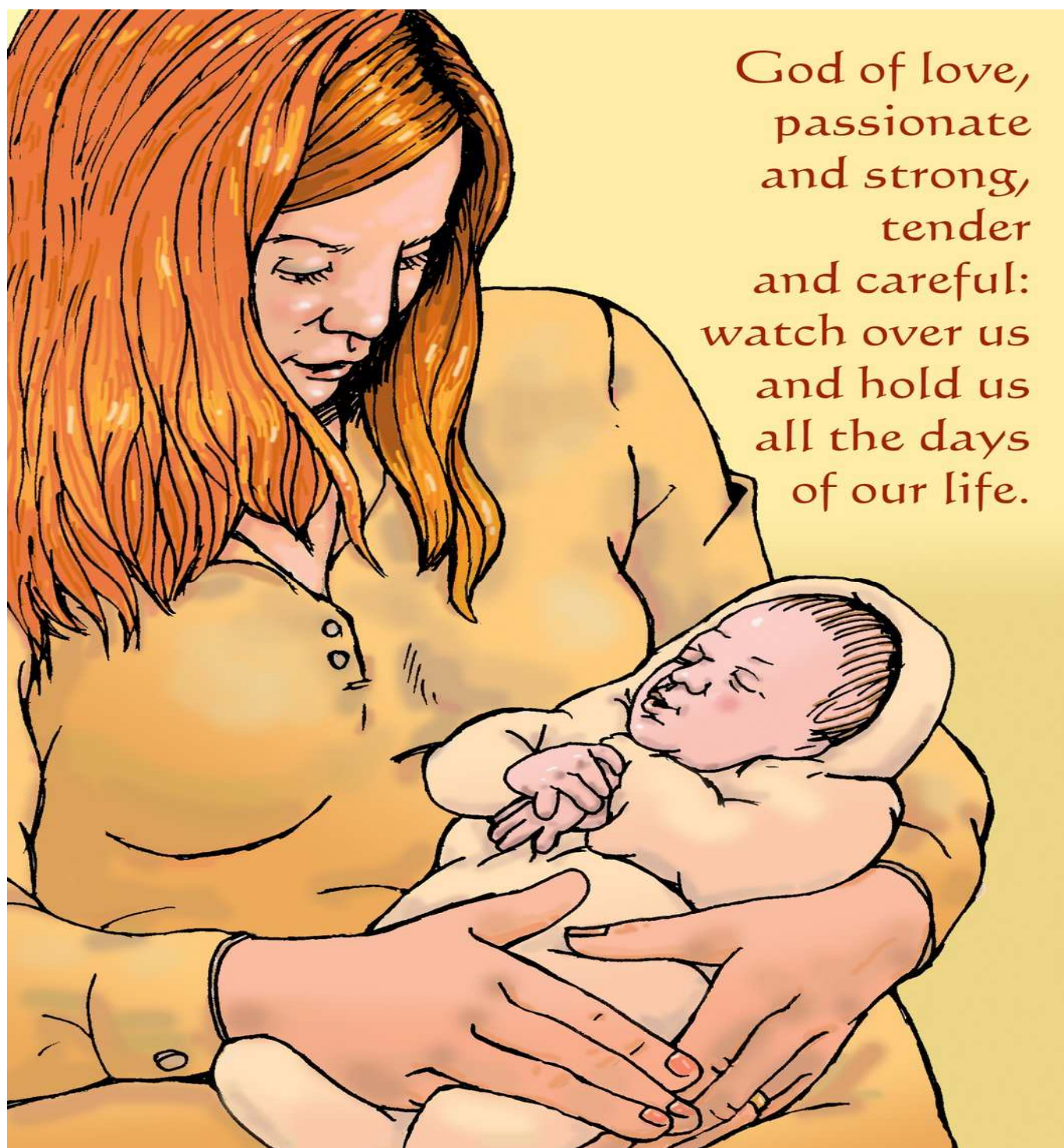


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God of love,
passionate
and strong,
tender
and careful:
watch over us
and hold us
all the days
of our life.

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Diary Dates

Friday 6th March
WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2015

1.45pm at Heswall
Church of the Good Shepherd
7.30pm at Irby Methodist Church

Saturday 7th March

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

Tuesday 10th
& 31st March,
'SOSO' Community Choir
8.00-9.30pm at St Chad's
£4 per session.

Saturday 14th March
Wirral Schools' Concert Band
7.30pm at St Chad's

Monday 16th March
Wellspring

8pm at The Rectory

Saturday 21st March

Children's Society
Coffee Morning 10am-12 noon at
'Barnstables' 233 Irby Road

Wednesday 25th March

EMU Nail night: polish n decor
8pm at St Chad's

Saturday 9th May
Attic Sale

10am-12 noon at St Chad's
See page 17 for
more information

Tuesday 9th June

Parish Outing to Morecambe
See page 7 for more information

Magazine Subscriptions

These are now due for 2015. Details of how to pay on page 26

From your rector

Dear Friends,

Life on a spin

Many years ago, at the Pleasure Beach at Blackpool, there was a certain 'ride' or amusement that was strictly for the physically fit. It consisted of a flat wooden disc about 20 feet in diameter and set at an angle of 45 degrees in the floor. When it began to rotate, the aim was to get to the centre where there was a pole. As the disc rotated faster and faster, everyone who failed to get to the pole got flung off. Nowadays there's probably a European Community regulation banning it as far too dangerous!

The principle of the game was a basic law of physics. When any wheel rotates, the outer rim moves fastest of all. Half way to the centre and you are moving a lot more slowly. And, at least theoretically, at the absolute centre will be a point which is totally still. That's why anyone who reached that pole could stand there quite comfortably.

We have just started the Church's season of Lent. It's generally thought of as being a time for giving up chocolate, wine, whatever. But it's really a time to remind us that in our own rapidly spinning world, God is the still centre.

All around God is motion, sound, change and decay - galaxies circling, seasons and years rotating, life developing and decaying. And at the still centre, where there is no variableness, is God, the same yesterday, today and forever.

Only about seven weeks ago Christians worldwide were thinking of God getting involved in a special way in the ever moving and changing life of the world.

And one great characteristic of Jesus was his stillness. Busy, harassed, injured people found someone with neither clever chat nor idle gossip, neither vulgar boasting nor loud opinion. His life always seemed to rotate round a still central point, which gave him balance and authority.

"Be still then and know that I am God" wrote the Psalmist. Lent is a time for us to try and get a feel of what that still centre in our own lives may be like.

Being still doesn't mean being silent. We're all of us very much in the world and live our lives in all of its busyness. But it may do none of us any harm to be a little more silent than we often are - quick to listen and slow to speak. And the more silent spaces we give ourselves, the more we'll give that still, small voice within each one of us the chance to be heard.

Of course, being still doesn't mean that we should become passive spectators, doing nothing. God's stillness is full of energy. That still centre of the spinning disc is also the point which drives the rest of the rotating circle. Equally, when we're in touch with that still centre, we'll be able to give strength and support to those who feel they're spinning at the edges.

Being still does mean that we need to take time to pause, to take stock, to take a critical look at our lives. That's what Lent is about. On the spinning discs of our own lives, we need to remember that there is a still centre, calm and yet full of energy - which is where God is.

Rev'd Jane

Archbishops propose new “programme for reform and renewal”

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have written to members of the Church of England’s General Synod proposing a “programme for reform and renewal” for the Church.

The statement came ahead of the publication of a series of reports and papers proposing reforms that were published on the CofE website ahead of the February meeting of the General Synod.

The reports have been released alongside videos and blogs on the Church’s communications blog. The first paper, ‘Developing Discipleship’, was published alongside a video interview with the Bishop of Sheffield, Steven Croft reflecting on the vision for the Church in discipleship.

Bishop Steven said: “The Church is called to be and to become a community of missionary disciples. Discipleship is not just about learning, it’s also about service and being equipped for God’s service in the world as Christ sends us out. And growing the Church is about making disciples in obedience to Jesus’ commission in Matthew 28. Serving the common good is about equipping every Christian disciple to make a difference, in the wider world, in their workplace, in their family, in their community, so that the Church as a whole is a blessing to God’s world and a channel of His grace and love.”

The second paper published was entitled ‘Simplification’ and in the accompanying video interview, the Bishop of Willesden, Pete Broadbent introduced the work of the group: “The remit of the Simplification Task Group has been to identify hindrances to mission. We asked bishops, archdeacons and dioceses – ‘What is it that prevents you from making changes that will enable parishes, churches and congregations to flourish and new initiatives to take shape?’”

The third paper, ‘Resourcing Ministerial Education’, was published with another video with the Bishop of Sheffield who introduces the work of that Task Group: “The way we encourage, prepare and form lay and ordained ministers is critical for the future mission of the Church of England....

Are we recruiting and training the right numbers of clergy and lay ministers with the right gifts for the future? Are we offering them the best possible formation and training to equip and support them in their ministry."

Finally, two papers were published together on 'Resourcing the Future'; and a paper from Andreas Whittam Smith, First Church Commissioner entitled 'Church Commissioners' Funds and Inter-Generational Equity'. Canon Dr John Spence, Chair of the Finance Committee of the Archbishops' Council, explained: "We are here to help every parish, deanery and diocese achieve its goals. The totality of the reports published this week represent a coordinated response to a proven and vital need...the need to respond to those dioceses who have asked for us to help inject other expertise on strategy to help turn their ambitious plans to reality."

*All of the blogs, videos and reports can be found at:
www.cofecomms.tumblr.com*



**Parish Outing to
Morecambe
Tues 9th June
2015**



**EVERYONE
WELCOME**



Cost £15.00

Book your place ASAP

**Give your name and a non-refundable £5.00 deposit
to Leslie Worrall or Alan Jones,
or put it in an envelope and deliver to the Parish Office.**

Heysham Village

Heysham is adjacent to Morecambe in Lancashire. It has many 17th century cottages along its steep road which goes down to the beach where boats were launched in the past. The new Heysham port is a little further along the coast and is where ferries to the Isle of Man depart the mainland. There are great views over the Southern Lakes as painted by JMW Turner during his visits to Lancashire at the turn of the 18th century. As you walk down the street in addition to cafés you will see some gardens on a bank managed by local people to help make the village attractive to visitors. You then reach St Peter's Church and its graveyard which date from the 11th century. There are intriguing Viking and Saxon stone monuments and gravestones. Unfortunately at present you cannot go inside the church which is undergoing restoration. Inside the church is a Viking hogback stone the meaning of which is much debated.

Going beyond the churchyard you reach the Barrows which is an area of cliffs with open grassland, woodland, sandy beaches and rock pools. It is known as the Barrows probably because of the ancient burial sites in the area. On a little cliff top just in front of you St Patrick's chapel is situated. It is said that St Patrick landed here and that the chapel was built to recall this event. In fact it was built about 300 years after St Patrick's arrival from Ireland in the 8th or 9th centuries AD. The building was at one time quite extensive but is now mostly relics. There is a plaque explaining how there were several phases of expansion of the buildings. Just beyond the chapel are ancient probably Saxon rock cut graves in the sandstone headland. These are most unusual the only other similar ones being in Portugal at the Necropole of Saint Gens. From this headland there are magnificent views over Morecambe bay looking towards the Kent estuary where Silverdale and Arnside, which are attractive villages worth visiting, are situated near the site of the railway crossing over Morecambe Bay.

If you are visiting Morecambe Bay it is definitely recommended taking to time to stop at Heysham village and enjoy this little bit of history and the views. During the summer in addition when visiting between 11am and 4pm Tuesday to Sunday you can visit the Heysham Heritage Centre to which entry is free.



The Parish outing to Morecambe will stop at this village.

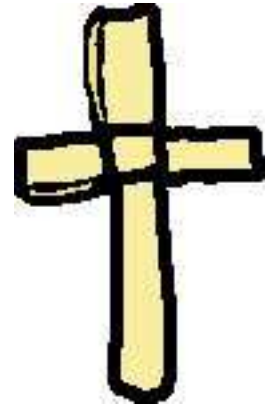
Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday 29th March

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

9.30am Family Communion at St Chad's

11.15am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's



Maundy Thursday 2nd April

7.30pm Holy Communion at St Chad's

There is also a service at 11.00am at Chester Cathedral

Good Friday 3rd April

10.00am Family Service at St Chad's

2.00pm "Hour at the Cross"

Meditative Service at St. Bartholomew's



Easter Day 5th April

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

9.30am Family Communion at St Chad's

11.15am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

6.30pm Easter Praise Service at Irby Methodist Church



Event - The Bible in History and Today

- **Venue:** Christ Church, Upton Road, Moreton, Wirral CH46 0PA
- **Dates:** Tuesdays: 14, 21 and 28 April; 5, 12 and 19 May 2015
- **Time:** 8pm to 9.30pm
- **There is no charge for this course**

Looking at some of the main issues involved in discussions about the Bible

The aim of the course is to consider some of the main issues involved in discussions about the Bible: its origins, authority and interpretation. We will think about what we can mean by the Bible, how we use it today and how it can be relevant both in our own church setting (whatever our tradition) and in wider society.

There are six sessions each with an illustrated talk, a break for tea/coffee, and time for guided questions and discussion. Handouts are provided. The outline for the sessions is:

Session 1: The Bible: Ancient Texts and Modern Versions

Session 2: The Canon of the Bible: A Book or a Collection of Books?

Session 3: The 'Word of God': The Authority of the Bible

Session 4: Interpreting the Bible: Authors and their Historical Context

Session 5: Interpreting the Bible: Texts and Readers

Session 6: The Bible for Today: Its Relevance in a Secular Culture

Tutor: Revd Dr David Lamb is Vicar of St John the Evangelist, Ashton Hayes and Programme Liaison Officer for the Committee for Ministry. He is also an Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Manchester. He has taught a number of courses in the area of Johannine studies, New Testament Greek and biblical hermeneutics, and is currently writing a book on the Gospel and Letters of John due to be published in the *Library of New Testament Studies* series.



There is a maximum of 25 places.

If you would like book for this course, please contact Jane Hood at Church House by email at jane.hood@chester.anglican.org or phone 01928 718834 ext 257.

Further information available from David by email at david.a.lamb@btinternet.com or phone 01829 751440.



The Beatitudes (Matt 5:1-10)

Thursdays

Evening 8.00-9.30pm

St Chad's

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

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

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



"The new vicar is really cool, Dad.
Did you know that God emailed the Ten
Commandments to Moses' Tablet PC?"

WIRRAL SCHOOLS' CONCERT BAND



The Concert Band is made up of young people from Wirral schools. They perform music to suit all ages, with a variety of classics and well known music from films and Disney. Their high standards are achieved through dedication, hard work and real enthusiasm for music. They rehearse weekly and perform locally and in Europe. Last summer they enjoyed a tour of Paris and before Christmas they played at the NSPCC carol concert in the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral. The band includes a number of musicians who started to play their instruments whilst at Dawpool Primary and Irby Primary schools.

Please join us for a wonderful evening of music.

ST CHAD'S CHURCH

SATURDAY 14TH MARCH 7.30 PM

TICKETS £5 available from St Chad's Church office 648 8169
or from Karen Robson 648 6691

Tickets will be needed, in advance, and proceeds will go to the Concert Band and to St Chad's Kitchen Refurbishment Project.

Parish of St. Bartholomew's Thurstaston with St. Chad's Irby:

St Chad's Church Roslin Road Irby CH61¹³ 3UH



EMU (Evening Mothers' Union) meets:-

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



Wednesday 25th March
8pm at St Chad's

**Nail night: polish n décor to
experiment with.**



(Donation towards M.U. charity)

Come along with clear base on nails if possible
but will be available if not.



Men's Breakfast



7th March 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:

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

Raise Money for Church by Enjoying a Night at the Theatre!

The Carlton Players have Charity Performances of their plays at The Little Theatre in Birkenhead. The plays for this season are:-

- Tuesday 17 – Saturday 21 March 2015 – “The Diary of Anne Frank” by Goodrich and Hackett

For every ticket purchased for the **TUESDAY** performance they will give us 50% of the proceeds. Tickets are £8.00 and students are £6.00, so we receive £4.00 and £3.00 respectively.

When you book your ticket, **you MUST quote “St Bartholomew’s Thurstaston”** in order for us to receive this money.

More information about the plays and the theatre can be found at www.carltonlittletheatre.co.uk and tickets can be purchased either on line or by e-mailing boxoffice@carltonlittletheatre.co.uk or phoning 647 6593.



This year In place of the
Envelope Collection, it is our intention to
hold a

Coffee Morning 10am-12noon on
21 March 2015 at 'Barnstables' 233 Irby Road



Donations of cakes & Bring & Buy items would be very welcome.

If anyone has a craft they would like to display, please contact me.

Although we can't hope to match the amount raised through the envelope collection, we do think the event will enable people to come together and enjoy socialising whilst raising money for a worthwhile cause.

Tickets £3, available from Jean Heath, Barbara Kozer & Elaine Kavanagh or on the door.

Jean Heath 648 6015

Tots and Tinies need your help - Are you available on a

Thursday morning? Could you come and help to prepare children's snacks and cups of tea for parents/carers?

Could you come and welcome people as they arrive and record them on the weekly register and then sign them out again as they leave? Revd Jane or Kate Preston can give you more details. Please ask if you think you could help support this valuable community outreach.



ATTIC SALE



9th May



10.00am–12noon St Chad's Church Hall

Contact 07970030794

tables at £5 each.

Entrance 20p

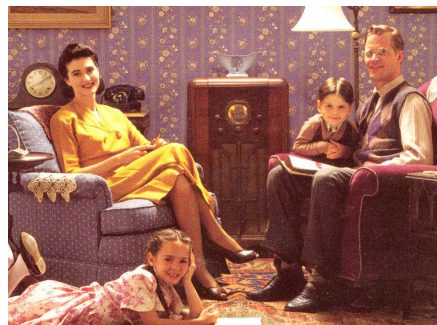
Bacon batches

tea/coffee/juice

*In aid of Mothers' Union
Charities*

Are you sitting comfortably?

I suspect that much of today's radio listening is done on the move. People listen to the radio in their cars and via a range of mobile phones and portable devices, whilst out and about – travelling to and from work, walking or jogging etc. How different it was years ago when, during the evenings, we sat as families around our 'wirelesses' - just as we sit watching the television these days. Of course, during the daytime, some radio programmes would lend themselves to accompanying other tasks - like *Housewives' Choice* and *Two Way Family Favourites*. I wonder how many of you can remember listening to the latter, while mum cooked the roast dinner and dad read the Sunday papers?



The reason I mention this is because I have just read a book by Simon Elmes entitled, *Hello Again...Nine decades of radio voices*, which has brought back many personal memories of listening to the radio during the late 40's and 50's – perhaps the golden age of radio! These were the days before television became the staple entertainment diet of the nation.

My most enduring memories are of the many comedy programmes that filled the airways – programmes that lightened the austerity of the post war years. *Take it from Here* was first broadcast on the Light Programme in 1948. The well known comedian, Jimmy Edwards, was joined by the Australian comedian, Dick Bentley, and by Joy Nichols. In 1953, Joy Nichols left and was replaced by June Whitfield and many of us will never forget her opening words, 'Oh...Ron,' in the weekly cameo of the Glum family. Her fiancé, Ron, played by Dick Bentley, was far from the macho stereotype Australian of the *Crocodile Dundee* films of later years! My only recollection of *Much Binding in the Marsh*, a sitcom based on an imaginary R.A.F. base, is of the gentle opening and closing music sung by its stars Kenneth Horne and Richard Murdoch - who did the, 'tiddlyum pom pom,' bit. The former went on to have great success in the sixties with his iconic comedy series, *Round the Horne*. Broadcast in the 50's, *Life with the Lyons*, was unusual because the stars were a real life American family who had settled in England during the war. Ben Lyon and Bebe Daniels were accompanied by their children, Barbara and Richard, though the star of the show was, undoubtedly, Mollie Weir who played their Scottish housekeeper, Aggie. Ted Ray's series, *Ray's a laugh*, started in 1949 and co-starred Kitty Bluett. I recall, vividly, Ted's continuity lines such as,

'Here's the door, I'll go in.' At that time, Ted's sister worked as cashier alongside my father in a fish shop in Hoylake, Wirral, and Ted used to call in to see her.

Young people today would be surprised to discover that another popular series of the 50's involved a ventriloquist and his dummy – on the radio! Peter Brough and his dummy, Archie Andrews, starred in, *Educating Archie*, through much of the 50's. I think the success of the series lay, not in the quality of the ventriloquism which, of course, could not be seen, but in the sound of Archie's voice which, ideally, suited that of a mischievous young boy. Tony Hancock, Max Bygraves and Julie Andrews all took part in the series in their early show business days. Another series involving a mischievous young boy, which I had totally forgotten about until I read Simon Elmes' book, was, *The Clitheroe Kid*, which started broadcasting in 1957. The star was Jimmy Clitheroe, a diminutive adult who, apparently, dressed up as a boy for the studio recordings in order to get into character! Simon Elmes observes that Jimmy found the often thoughtless attitudes of people in those days to someone of his unusual size difficult to handle. He died, after some personal tragedies, at the early age of 51yrs from an overdose. The inquest verdict was accidental death.

I have deliberately kept my favourite comedy programme until last. It took me some time to understand the anarchic, *Goon Show*, but, once I 'got' it, I was hooked! The early shows involved Spike Milligan, Peter Sellers, Harry Secombe and Michael Bentine but the latter left after the first two years. (You may remember his later BAFTA award winning television series, *It's a square world!*) Along with the rest of the nation, I waited, patiently, each week for Bluebottle to utter those immortal words, '*He's fallen in the water!*' The two jokes I recall most vividly are:

1. The cold war inspired episode when the dramatic observation was made, '*Natasha will never walk the streets again!*' Cue loud musical chord and the chorused question, '*Why?*' Answer – '*Because she's bought a motor scooter!*'
2. Neddy Seagoon declares, '*I'll join the navy!*' Cue at least 5 minutes of the Radio Orchestra raucously playing snatches from almost every seafaring tune imaginable – *Anchors Away, I'll join the navy, Popeye the Sailor Man, The Sailors' Hornpipe*, etc – at the end of which Seagoon announces, '*No I won't, I'll join the army instead – it's too damn noisy in the navy!*'

3.

Of course, broadcasting in the post war years was far from restricted to comedy. By January 1957, *Any Questions* had notched up its 300th edition and programmes like *Woman's Hour* and *Book at Bedtime* had become enduring jewels in BBC Radio's crown. Even the Shipping Forecast became a national institution! How many of us can still recite the magical names of those shipping areas around our coast – Fair Isle, Dogger, Viking, Forties, Cromarty, German Bight etc?

In 1946, a quiz show was launched which built up an audience of over 20 million – far outnumbering anything that Chris Tarrant could muster for his famous television show, *Who wants to be a millionaire?* The host was one Wilfred Pickles. (Earlier, in his broadcasting career, this broad speaking Yorkshire man had caused no small upset when, in 1941, he was chosen to read the news. His Yorkshire accent was so far removed from the ‘cut glass’ pronunciation used by other newsreaders it caused outrage among some listeners.) The show was called, *Have a go, Joe*, and Wilfred was accompanied by his wife, Mable, who sat, ‘at the table’. The top prize was a guinea (one pound one shilling or, in today’s money, £1.05) and, to reach these dizzy heights, contestants had to answer four questions with the prize money ratcheting up from an initial half a crown (two shillings and sixpence – today, 12 and a half pence). Piano accompaniment was by Violet Carson who also worked on *Children’s Hour* and *Women’s Hour* - before taking on the television role of the formidable Ena Sharples in *Coronation Street*.

Drama was also a feature of 40s and 50s radio broadcasting. To date, the longest running drama in the world, *The Archers*, commenced broadcasting in 1950. Dan and Doris were the central characters of the original cast, though they have long since died. If you are old enough, you may remember the demise of Phil’s wife, Grace, in a fire – an event that shook the nation and that marked a spectacular coup for the BBC in 1955! Before *The Archers* took to the air, we listened, along with 15 million others, to *Dick Barton, Special Agent*. We also let our imaginations run riot with *Journey into Space*, written and produced by Charles Chiltern. The eerie voice at the beginning was that of David Jacobs and the cast included Andrew Faulds as Jet Morgan and David Kossof as Lemme, though he was later replaced by Alfie Bass - both of whom switched, effortlessly, to television in subsequent years.

My reminiscences have covered only a small fraction of the nine decades of radio voices Simon Elmes writes about in his fascinating book, which traces the history of BBC broadcasting from its early, tentative days to the modern era. If you are, or have been, a radio listener at any time in the past or present, you are bound to find something of interest within its pages.



Alan Jones

Simon Elmes’ book, *Hello Again...Nine decades of radio voices*, is published as a paperback by Arrow Books, Random House Press.

MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Church Meetings will be held on Sunday 19 April 2015 at 6:30 pm in St Chad's. It is an opportunity for all parishioners to contribute to and be involved in the affairs of the Parish. Please come and give your support. The meeting will be followed by a short service for those who wish to stay.

We shall receive reports on the matters discussed by the Parochial Church Council, the financial affairs of the Church, the Deanery Synod and the associated Organisations. We shall also:

- discuss the independently inspected accounts of the PCC for the year ended 31 December 2014
- elect Church Wardens, who must be nominated and seconded in writing before the meeting (Churchwarden's Measure 2001)
- elect members of the Parochial Church Council
- appoint Sidespersons for the year
- receive a report on the Electoral Roll
- discuss any topics raised by parishioners.

Sidespersons' names are displayed in the churches on the duty rotas. If you wish to bring any topics forward for discussion, please notify the Rector or Secretary in advance of the meeting.

Current Members of the PCC

The Parochial Church Council currently comprises the Rector (Revd J Turner), the Churchwardens (Mr R Jackson and Mr J Roberts), the representatives to the Deanery Synod (Mr C Smale, Mr M Studholme, and Dr C Turnbull), all as *ex-officio* members, and the following elected representatives of the congregation:

- Mr J Oliver, Mrs J DeBoorder, Dr E Norton-Jones, Dr M James and Mr R Dennison, elected until 2015.
- Mrs J Abbott, Mrs E Jones, and Mr A Harford, elected until 2016.
- Mr G Barley, Mrs V King, Mrs J Trigg, and Mr R Cook elected until 2017.

Election of five PCC Members

Mr J Oliver, Mrs J DeBoorder, Dr E Norton-Jones, Dr M James and Mr R Dennison reach the end of their term of office this year but may be re-elected for a further three years. There are two further vacancies for election until 2016, and another one vacancy for election until 2017.

Summary

If all those available for re-election are elected for three years, there will still be a further three vacancies. It is important that the PCC represents all parts of the congregation. Ideally, some of the vacancies would be filled by new members who might provide a different view of the church organisation and different insights into our activities. There are certain eligibility requirements, but anyone who has any interest in becoming more involved in how the church arranges its activities should speak as soon as possible to the Rector, the Honorary Secretary or to any PCC member. Everyone can offer something – do not be put off just because you think you don't know enough about it.

Election of Churchwardens

Mr R Jackson has served the maximum of six consecutive years. Mr J Roberts has served for five consecutive years and therefore may be re-elected for another year.

Nominations for churchwardens must be received in writing in the proper form by the Rector before the meeting and may not be made after the meeting has begun.

Forms for nominations of Wardens, Sidespersons and members of the Council will be available at the two churches.

G.J. Barley (Hon. Secretary)

St Bartholomew's, Thurstaston and St Chad's, Irby
Annual Meetings 2014
6th April 2014 at 6.30 pm

Welcome

Thirty seven people were present. The Rector welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a prayer.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Mrs L Barley, Mrs H Boothman, Dr M James, Mrs M McKie, Dr E Norton-Jones, Mrs L Roberts, Mrs J Ratcliffe, Mrs S Smale and Mr C Smale.

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mr R Dennison, seconded by Mrs C Rostock, proposed acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting on 14th April 2013 and published in the March edition of the Church magazine, Crosstalk. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

Election of Churchwardens

Mr R Jackson (first elected 26th April 2009) and Mr J Roberts (first elected 18th April 2010) had been nominated and seconded by Mr C J Turnbull and Mrs B M Appleyard and by Mr A W Jones and Mr A Wallis respectively. They had signed declarations that they agreed to their nominations, were eligible and were not disqualified. As no other nominations had been received prior to the meeting, Mr Jackson and Mr Roberts were declared elected and the meeting of parishioners closed.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Mrs P Hulme, seconded by Mr E Jones, proposed acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting on 14th April 2013 and published in the March edition of the Church magazine, Crosstalk. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

Approval of Reports

Dr P Robson, seconded by Mr J Oliver, proposed acceptance of the following reports (the page numbers shown relate to the pages of the Annual Report for 2013):

- i) The Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of St Bartholomew's (pages 11 and 12)
- ii) The Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of St Chad's (pages 12 and 13)
- iii) The Business of the Church Council in 2013 (pages 3 and 4)
- iv) The Electoral Roll (page 14)
- v) The Junior Church (pages 16 and 17)
- vi) St Chad's Seniors and 14+ Group (pages 17 and 18)

The reports on St Bartholomew's and St Chad's were supplemented by verbal reports by the churchwardens. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

Approval of Reports on Parish Organisations

The Rector referred to the activities of the Children's Society reported on page 15 of the Annual Report and said that the amount raised from house boxes during 2013 should be changed from £33.42 to £833.42. Mrs J Oliver, seconded by Mr M Rostock, proposed acceptance of the reports from the Mothers' Union, the Evening Mothers' Union (EMU) and other parish organisations. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

Report on the Financial Affairs of the Parish during 2013

The Annual Report included a narrative description of the financial affairs of the parish on pages 5 to 11 and the accounts on pages 25 to 33. The Rector asked if anyone had any questions. Dr Robson asked why the figure for the shortfall in 2013 shown on page 10 (£8,791) differed from the figure shown on page 25 in the accounts (£4,878). He was informed that the figure on page 10 removes all legacies and other windfalls. Dr Robson then asked if we had paid Parish Share in full. The Treasurer informed him that we had not, because we pay on receipt of Gift Aid later in the following year. The meeting accepted the account unanimously.

Appointment of an Independent Examiner of the Accounts for 2014

Mrs J Deboorder, seconded by Dr P Robson, proposed the reappointment of Mrs P Brady as the Independent Examiner, which was agreed unanimously.

Deanery Synod Report

Mr J Oliver, seconded by Mrs J Abbott, proposed acceptance of the Deanery Synod report, which was agreed unanimously.

Election of Three Deanery Synod Representatives to serve until 2017

Nominations had been received for Mr C Smale (proposed by Mr G Barley and seconded by Mrs Appleyard), Mr M Studholme (proposed by Mr Oliver and seconded by Mrs Rostock) and Mr Turnbull (proposed by Mr Jackson and seconded by Mr B Appleyard). There were no further nominations and Mr Smale, Mr Studholme and Mr Turnbull were declared elected.

Election of Five Members of the Parochial Church Council to serve until 2017 and One Member to serve until 2016

Four members had come to the ends of their periods of office and there was a further unfilled vacancy until 2017. A further vacancy until 2016 had been created by the retirement of Mrs S Lang because of ill health. Four nominations for membership had been received, for: Mrs D Wiseman (proposed by Mr Jackson and seconded by Mrs Deboorder);

Mrs V King (proposed by Mrs Deboorder and seconded by Dr Robson); Mrs J Trigg (proposed by Mrs Deboorder and seconded by Dr Robson); Mr G Barley (proposed by Mrs Oliver and seconded by Mrs Appleyard). They were duly elected. Three other people had expressed interest in membership.

Appointment of Sidespersons

The Rector read out the list of names of current sidespersons and all were approved unanimously.

Other Business

The Rector presented Mr Eric Jones with a Book of Common Prayer, a Bible and a Hymn Book in large print editions, in recognition of over 40 years' service to the church as PCC member, churchwarden and deanery synod representative. She also presented a bouquet for Mrs J Jones. Gifts and thanks were given to other retiring members of the PCC. There was no other business.

Rector's Closing Remarks

The Rector thanked all those who had helped in any way with the work of the church and all those who had attended the meeting.

Closing Remarks by the Churchwardens

Mr Jackson thanked the Rector for her work in the parish. He also thanked Mr Roberts for his work as treasurer and the other members of the finance team, Mr Turnbull and Mrs Rostock. Mr Roberts thanked the Rector and explained how difficult it was for her to keep properly in touch with all members of the church community.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm and was followed by a service of Compline.

REFURBISHMENT OF ST CHAD'S HALL KITCHEN

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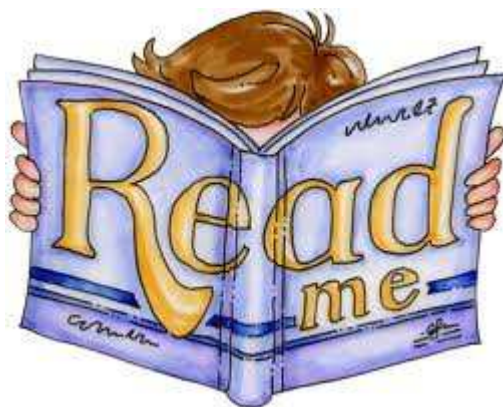
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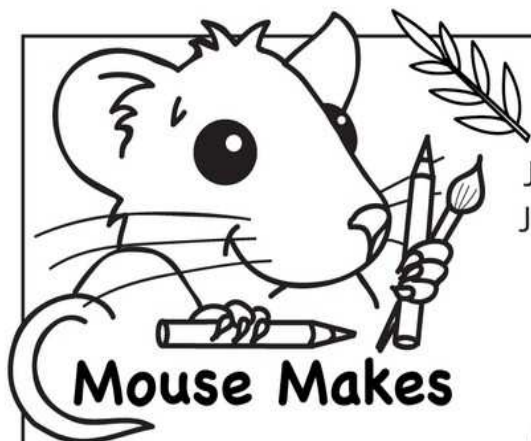
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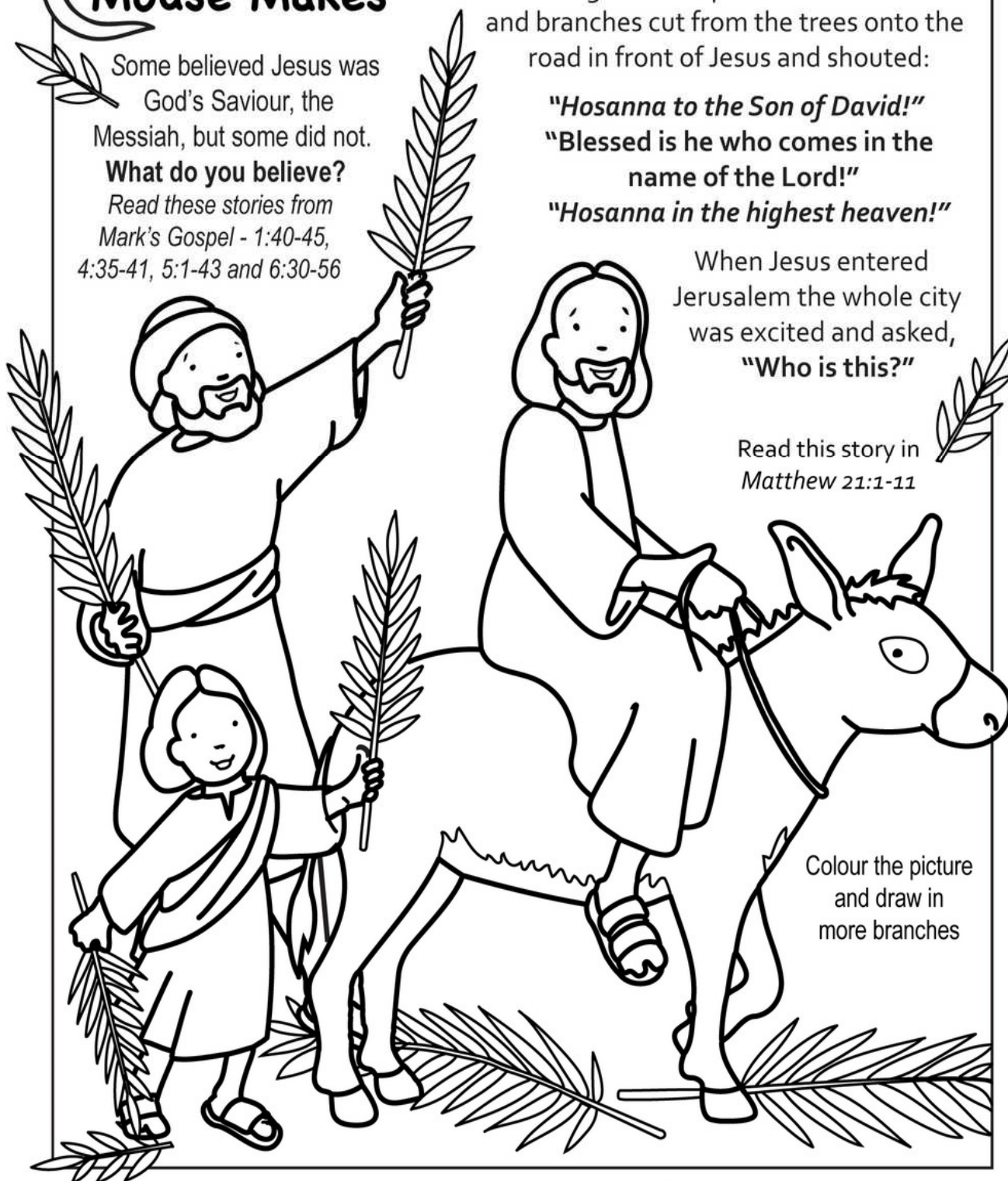
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Sunday Services

St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

1st March
Lent 2

St Chad's

9.30am Christian Aid
Family Service

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Morning Worship

8th March
Lent 3

9.30am Holy Communion

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

15th March
Mothering Sunday

9.30am Morning Worship

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

22nd March
Lent 5

9.30am Family Communion

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

29th March
Palm Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion

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