

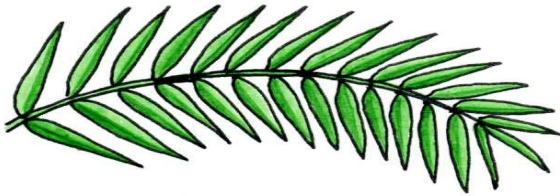
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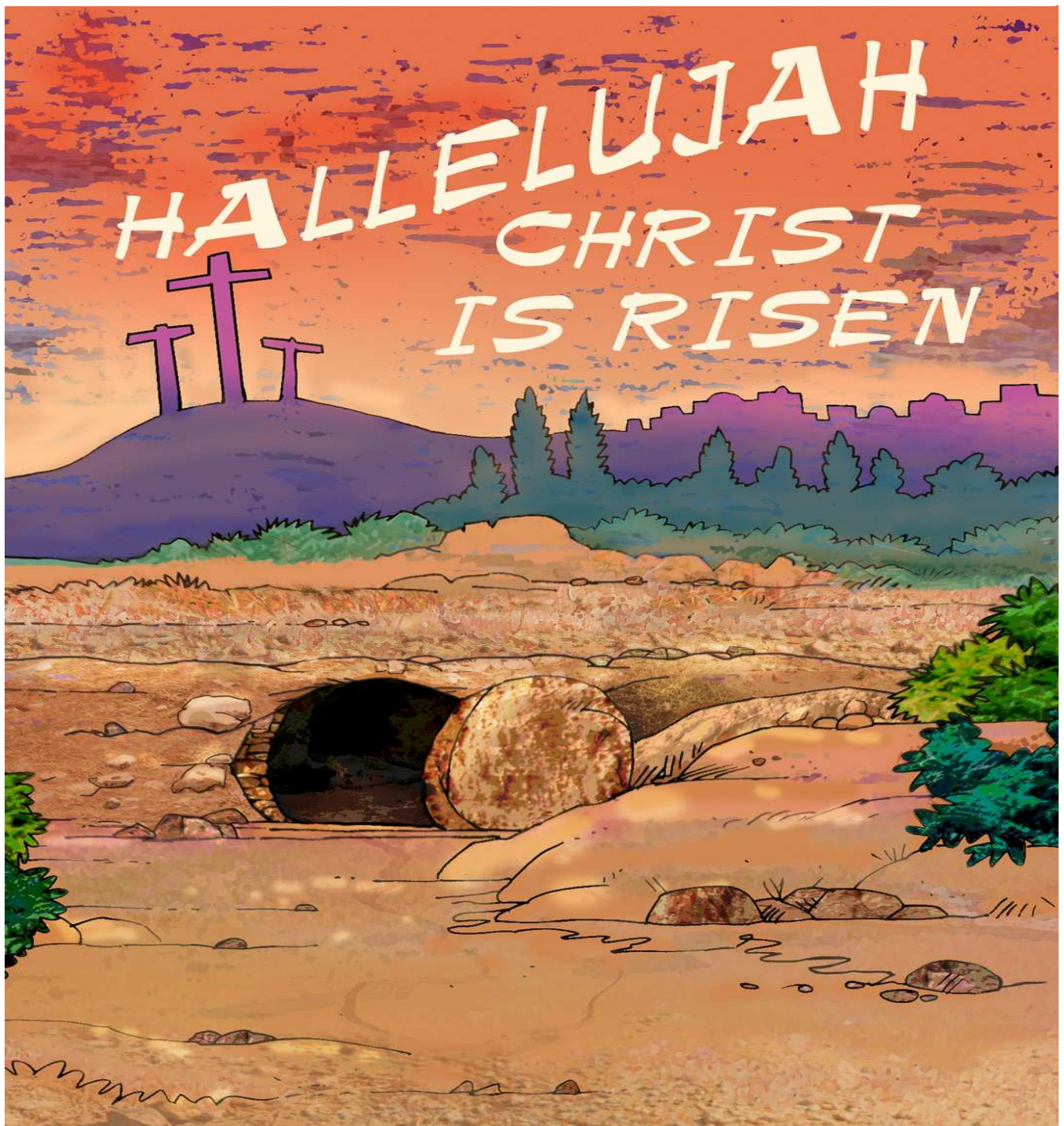


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### **Magazine Subscriptions**

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## **Diary Dates**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> April**

SOSO Community Choir

8.00-9.30pm at St Chad's

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

APCM

6.30pm at St Chad's

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

Wellspring

8pm at the Rectory

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

EMU-Picture making

8pm at St Chad's

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Attic Sale

10am-12 noon at St Chad's

See page 14 for

more information

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Men's Breakfast

8.45am-9.45am

at Aroma Café, Irby

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

Parish Outing to Morecambe

See page 9 for more information

## ***From the Registers***

### ***Funerals***

*We commend to God's eternal care*

***11th March***

***Charles Ellis***

***13th March***

***Eileen Wakelam***

## From your rector

Dear Friends,

### Never Far Away

We can only imagine how the two travellers to Emmaus felt knowing that Jesus had died. Gone were their hopes for a bright future. They thought God had let them down. They had suffered a cruel blow and were bewildered and upset.

In their grief, the risen Jesus came alongside them and spoke with them at length but somehow they didn't recognise Him. Why was this, and why did Jesus intend to leave them at Emmaus without first revealing who He was?

The answers may be found by looking back at the encounters Jesus had with people. He never forced His true nature onto anyone. Every individual had to make up their own mind as to who He was, and to decide if the things He said were true.

Today, Jesus does not 'gate-crash' into our lives. In a number of ways He gently and persuasively reveals Himself. So, the story of the walk to Emmaus should encourage us each time we feel His absence; at those times when we thought He would step in and immediately solve our problems! On our journey of life, we can have times of sadness and it can seem as though God is far away.

But while we are thinking that Jesus has left us alone, He is actually with us. He knows where we are and what we are feeling. He can quietly draw alongside us. Surprisingly, it can sometimes be in situations of sadness and solitude that Jesus 'speaks' to us more clearly.

We don't have to go off in search of some 'religious experience' or to a special 'holy place'. He is present in the here and now.



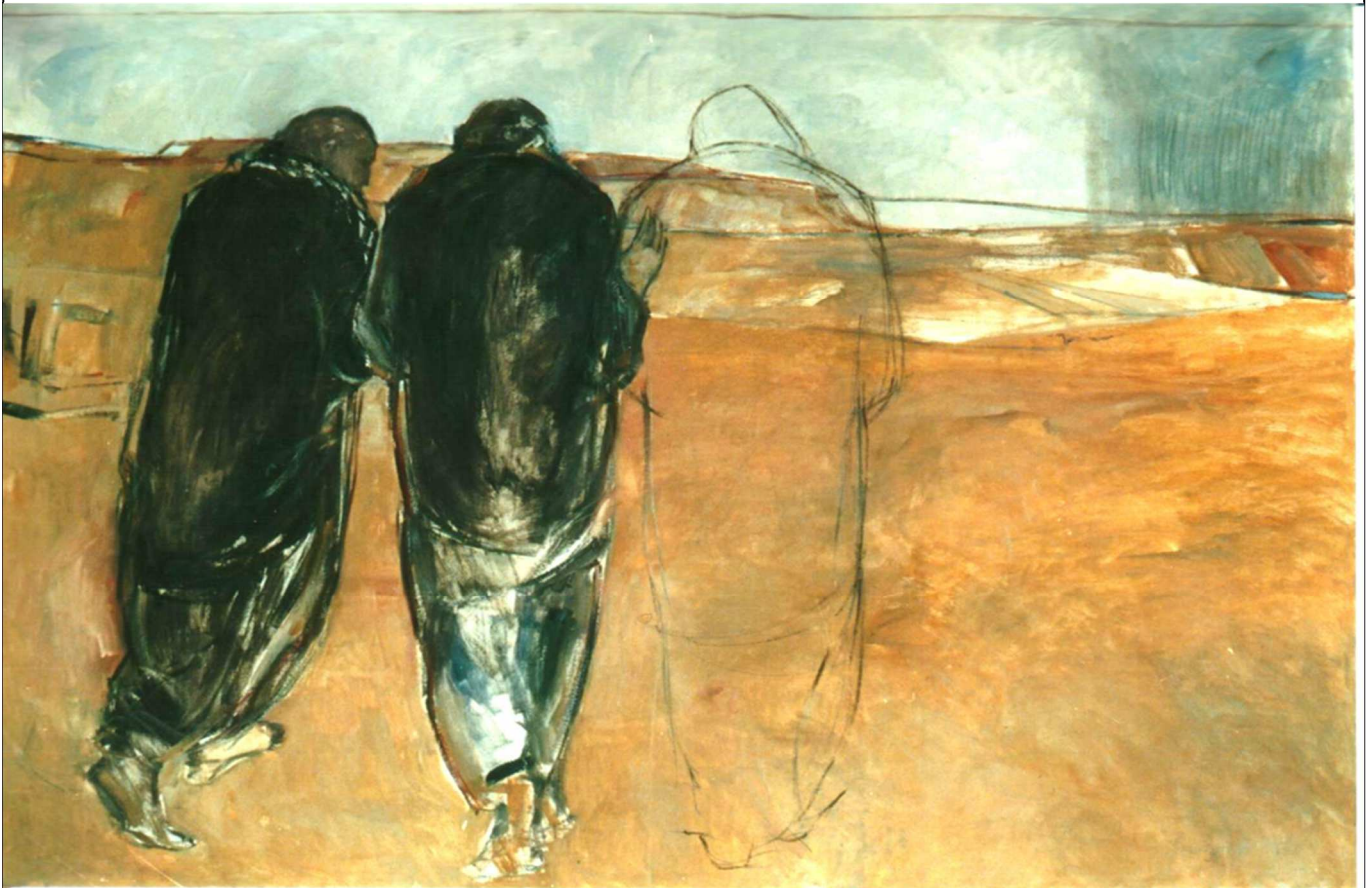
Jesus is the unseen companion on every journey and the unseen guest at every meal. In His way and in His time, our Lord reveals Himself to us in different situations. We may be aware of His presence in surprising circumstances and on unexpected occasions. How important it is that we stay alert.

There will be times when we will be like those two men on the Emmaus Road, searching for answers. We will earnestly desire clear and direct answers to our questions and the knowledge, understanding or revelation may be slow to come. But, with Jesus, there are many lessons to be learnt along our Emmaus Road than would have been discovered any other way.

*Further reading: Luke 24:13-35*

Wishing you a Blessed Easter

*Rerd Jane*





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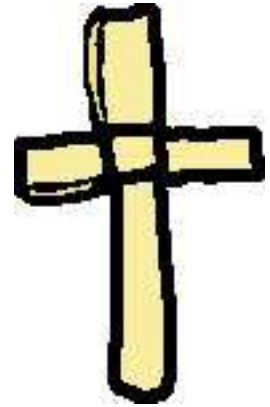
## Holy Week and Easter Services

### Palm Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> April

7.30pm Holy Communion at St Chad's

*There is also a service at 11.00am at Chester Cathedral*

### Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

10.00am Family Service at St Chad's

2.00pm "Hour at the Cross"

Meditative Service at St. Bartholomew's



### Easter Day 5<sup>th</sup> 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





**Creating space to listen**—writing, felting and intuitive art.

Saturday April 25th at St John the Baptist C of E Church,  
Birkenhead Road, Great Meols, Wirral CH47 0LF.

This is a day of practical activities which will allow you to experience some creative practices in a context of Christian worship and spirituality. When we are creative, we participate in a small way in the creativity of God. We find new abilities and openings in our lives, as well as new ways to listen to what God says to us. These workshops are designed to be accessible and non-threatening, and no previous artistic skill or experience is required or expected.

Brief description of workshops:

### **Workshop A**

#### **Writing**-Andrew Rudd

A practical writing workshop. Paying close attention to the world in which we live, and writing out of silence, can refresh us and lead us into a deeper understanding of ourselves and God. No experience necessary.

### **Workshop B**

#### **Felt making**-Chris Branch

Felt making using soft fibres and repetitive movements to create soft beautiful fabrics. The process while busying your hands allows your mind a quiet time for contemplation and allows a freedom of thought sometimes absent from still silence. Felt making draws me toward that silence where God can speak to me.

### **Workshop C**

#### **Intuitive art**-Wendy Rudd

Intuitive art will be a gently guided, reflective activity using chalk and oil pastel crayons and maybe a little paint. The process will be much more important than the result! All materials will be provided.

No cost—donations towards expenses.

How to book:

Contact Jane Hood—[jane.hood@chester.anglican.org](mailto:jane.hood@chester.anglican.org)

Be sure to indicate your choice of workshops—one morning, one afternoon when applying.

Programme for the day:

9.30 Arrive refreshments

10.00 Introduction and worship

10.30 Workshop 1 (Choose A, B or C)

12.30 Lunch

1.00 Workshop 2 (Choose A, B or C)

3.00 Conclusions

3.30 Depart



A big THANK YOU to the ladies from St Bartholomew's  
and St Chad's who came to help with the  
Mothering Sunday flowers.

Also thank you to all who have donated towards the  
Easter flowers.

Joyce



**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.**

## 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](mailto:jane.hood@chester.anglican.org) or phone 01928 718834 ext 257.

Further information available from David by email at [david.a.lamb@btinternet.com](mailto:david.a.lamb@btinternet.com) or phone 01829 751440.

# Wellspring

2015

Third Monday of each month

April 20th

8.00pm –9.00pm Meeting at the Rectory

May 18th

An opportunity to Listen to God and to Pray.

June 22nd  
(week later  
than normal!)

All are Welcome

July + Aug  
no meeting

Together we will seek God's Vision  
for our church communities.

Sep 21st

*Give ears and come to me; listen, so that you might live.*  
Isaiah 55v3

Oct 19th

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

Nov 16th

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

Dec - No meeting

**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.**



"Police? This is St Mary's Ladies' Knitting & Vigilante Circle. We've detained two gents trying to nick the church silver."





**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 22nd April

8pm at St Chad's

**Picture Making with Chris Carlson**



## **Men's Breakfast**



9th May 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](mailto: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:

4th July, 5th September, 7th November

## **Pilgrimage**

The increasing attraction of the Celtic Saints of the north of England will be the focus of a pilgrimage based at The George Washington Hotel near Durham this summer (13-17 July) led by BBC Radio 4 *Thought for the Day* presenter Revd Dr Rob Marshall.

Participants gather at the hotel from where the lives of the Celtic saints of Hilda, Aidan, Cuthbert and Cedd will be explored.

Those taking part visit Holy Island and Bamburgh as well as taking in Bede's World, Whitby, Lastingham and Durham Cathedral.

"Each day consists of talks, services and many of the days include a trip out to a well known site including a highly memorable pilgrimage to Lindisfarne itself" said Dr.Marshall this week.

"The Celtic saints have so much to tell us about the way in which we face up to the challenges of mission today," he added.

### **For further information please contact:**

Rene Siva

01992 579697

[www.livingthegospel.co.uk](http://www.livingthegospel.co.uk)



Thank you to all who helped, attended and contributed in any way to the Children's Society Coffee Morning. It was a lovely social occasion and the sum of £512.00 was raised.

**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*





The Community choir for everyone

# Community

# Choir



# for EVERYONE,

no musical experience necessary.

2nd & last Tuesday of each month

8.00 - 9.30pm

at St Chad's, Roslin Rd, Irby.

COST £4.00 per session

Contact Su Grainger

[Su@sosoclub.co.uk](mailto:Su@sosoclub.co.uk)

07717181826

# **REFURBISHMENT OF ST CHAD'S HALL KITCHEN**

Anyone who has used the kitchen at St Chad's recently will know that it is in urgent need of refurbishment. In particular many of the kitchen units are barely serviceable. The church has obtained a small grant from Wirral Council but this only covers about 12% of the estimated cost of full refurbishment. The estimated total cost of the project is about £10,000. We just do not have sufficient general church funds to be able to contribute to the cost. We may only be able to partly do the work but even to cover the basic costs we need to raise a lot more money as soon as possible because the work needs to take place this August during the summer building closure.

The church would therefore be very grateful for any contributions to this project and any donation however small would be gratefully received and will be acknowledged. Please could you send any contributions clearly labelled for St Chad's kitchen refurbishment to the parish office indicating whether the contribution can be considered as gift aided. Cheques should be made payable to "Thurstaston PCC". The full address is: Parish Office, St Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby, Wirral CH61 3UH.

**Current total is £4060.00, with donations still coming in.**

If you need any information about the project please contact Chris Turnbull on 01516250089 or email [sjturn@liv.ac.uk](mailto:sjturn@liv.ac.uk).



## **SOUP OF THE MONTH**

### **SPICED CARROT AND RED LENTIL SOUP**

2tsp cumin powder

Pinch chilli powder

1 tsp curry powder

2tbsp olive oil

600g carrots, washed and coarsely grated, or cut into chunks and put in a food processor

120g split red lentils

1 litre hot vegetable stock or chicken stock if you prefer

125ml milk

Plain yogurt and naan bread, to serve.

Add the oil, carrot, lentils, spices, stock and milk to the pan and bring to the boil.

Simmer for 15 mins until the lentils have swollen and softened.

Whizz the soup with stick blender or in a food processor until smooth (or leave it chunky if you prefer). Season to taste and finish with a dollop of yoghurt.

Serves 4-6

Pam Greenhow





## **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 and Mrs J Trigg 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 three vacancies for election until 2017.**

## **Summary**

If all those available for re-election are elected for three years, there will still be a further five 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**  
**6<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> April 2009) and Mr J Roberts (first elected 18<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **"Cross Talk Subscription for 2015 is £4.00"**

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

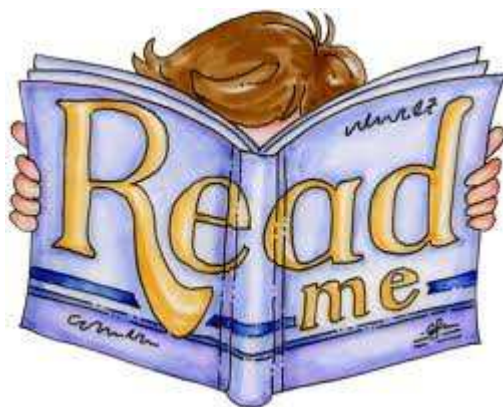
Alternatively either post a cheque for £4.00 payable to Thurstaston PCC,  
to St Chad's Church Office, Roslin Road, Irby, CH61 3UH or pay on-line at  
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### **Know**

While attending a Marriage Seminar, Tom and his wife Grace were told: "It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other." The instructor then turned to Tom and said, "For example, can you describe your wife's favourite flower?"

Tom leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, "It's self-raising, isn't it?"

The rest of the story gets rather ugly, so better stop right here...

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### **Sermon**

A pastor, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his message. The man returned just before the conclusion of the service. Afterwards the pastor asked the man where he had gone. "I went to get a haircut," was the reply.

"But," said the pastor, "why didn't you do that before the service?"

"Because," the gentleman said, "I didn't need one then."

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### **Church Bulletin Notices**

*Some church bulletin notices have a charm all their own, where you know that they MEANT to say....*

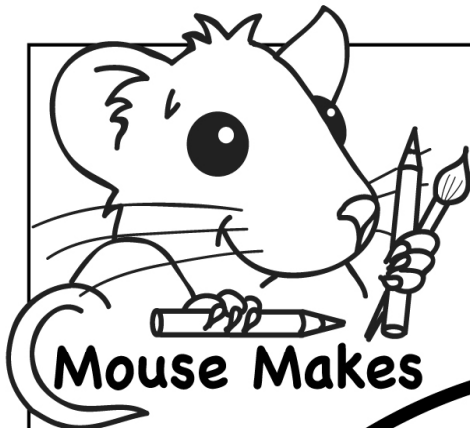
At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?'  
Come early and listen to our choir practise.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married last Saturday in the church.  
So ends a friendship that began in their school days

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Colour the picture  
and cut out. ✂  
Make into  
an Easter  
card or  
hang  
up.

Jesus said to Martha,  
"I am the one who raises the dead and gives them  
life again. Anyone who believes in me, even  
though he dies like anyone else, shall live again.  
He is given eternal life for believing in me and shall  
never perish. Do you believe this Martha?"

"Yes, Lord," she said "I believe  
you are the Messiah,  
the Son of God, the  
one we have  
so long  
awaited."  
Matthew  
11:25

**JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED**

**JESUS**  
**SON OF GOD**  
Matthew 3:16-17  
**SAVIOUR**  
John 3:16-17  
**LORD**  
1 Corinthians 1:9  
**SHEPHERD**  
John 10:11

**JESUS WAS BURIED**

**JESUS IS WITH US**

**JESUS IS RISEN**

**JESUS IS ALIVE!**  
Read the  
Easter story  
in Luke 22-24

**THE WORD**  
John 1:1-50  
**THE WAY**  
John 14:6  
**THE LIGHT**  
John 8:12  
**THE BREAD**  
John 6:35  
**THE LAMB**  
John 1:29  
**THE DOOR**  
John 10:9  
**THE LIFE**  
John 11:25-27

**JESUS IS ALIVE**

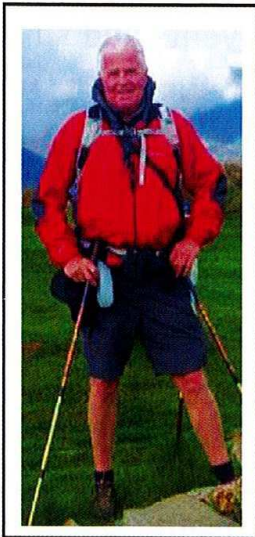
✝  
Jesus  
said:  
"I am the  
resurrection"  
Read Matthew  
11:14-44



## EL CAMINO de SANTIAGO de COMPOSTELA

### "THE PILGRIM'S WALK"

#### **IAN COCHRAN OF HESWALL NEEDS SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY OF WIRRAL**



Ian is embarking on a Pilgrimage in March 2015 to raise much needed funds for this Wirral based Charity:

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**IAN COCHRAN**, a 70-year-old who has a passion for walking, has taken on the challenge of The Pilgrim's Walk. It starts in France, at St. Jean Pied de Port, crosses the Pyrenees and, via the Cathedral in Santiago, finishes at Cape Finistere, Spain, a distance of 571 miles.

**HELPLINK** is a charity founded in 1995 which offers practical help and friendship to over 800 elderly, disabled and vulnerable residents on the Wirral. It does this by providing services which include transport, shopping, befriending and odd-jobs, all of which help to relieve social isolation

**ORGANISATION.** Under the Chairmanship of Sir David Clarke, a board of 6 trustees, 3 full-time and 3 part-time employees and a network of 100 volunteers, mainly drivers in their own cars, provide the day-to-day services to meet clients' needs.

**Please turn over the page to find out how HELPLINK is funded  
and how to make a donation.**



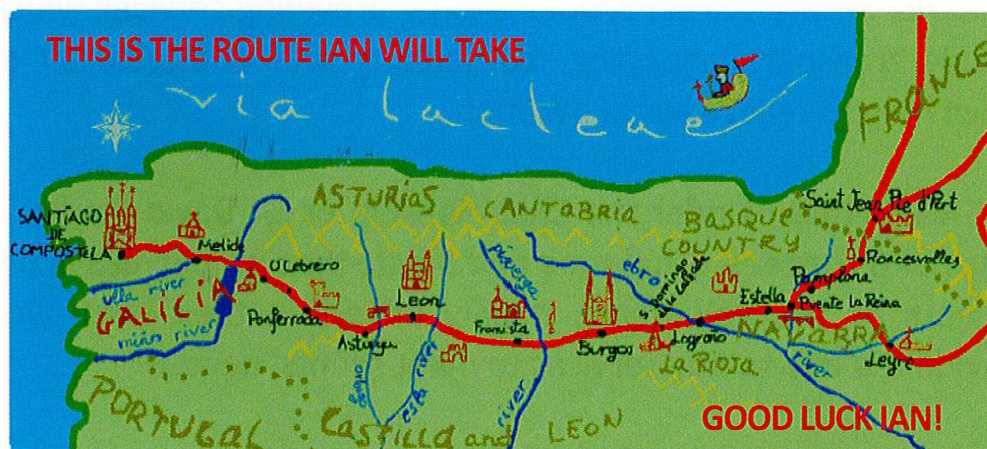
Funding for HELPLINK is by donations, fundraising events and small bequests. There is no statutory funding and many of our clients are on very low fixed incomes but, somehow, they manage to make a contribution to our costs for the services they use.

In 2009 Ian donated to HELPLINK £7,053 which he raised by taking on the Everest Base Camp Challenge and has pledged to raise even more from sponsorship of this pilgrimage.

Ian is funding all of his costs associated with this challenge, amounting to approximately £3,500. This covers flights, hostels, food and a guide to take him across the Pyrenees.

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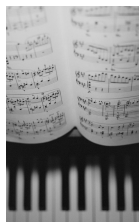
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## **Church Services - April**

### **Sunday Services**

#### **St Bartholomew's**

2.00pm 'Hour at the Cross'

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

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11.15am Morning Worship

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**2nd April  
Maundy Thursday**

**3rd April  
Good Friday**

**5th April  
Easter Day**

**12th April  
Easter 2**

**19th April  
Easter 3**

**26th April  
Easter 4**

**3th May  
Easter 5**

6.30pm Easter Praise Service at Irby Methodist Church

#### **St Chad's**

7.30pm Holy Communion

10.00am Family service

9.30am Family Communion

9.30am Family Communion

9.30am Morning Worship  
**6.30pm APCM**

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Family Service

### **Weekday Services**

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

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**PLEASE NOTE: Rector's day off - Tuesday**

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