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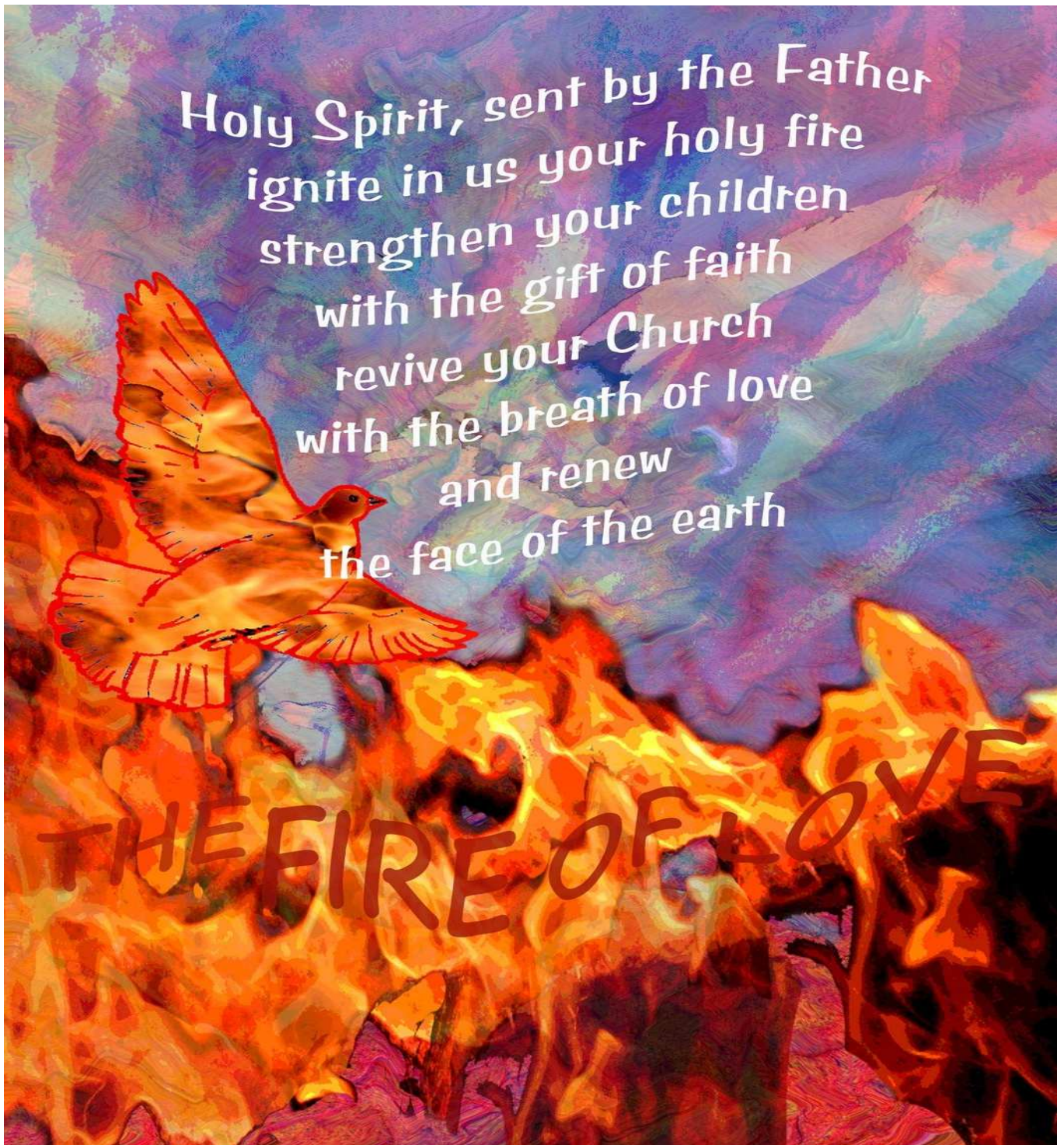


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with the breath of love
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the face of the earth



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Diary Dates

<p>Saturday 9th May Attic Sale 10am-12 noon at St Chad's (See page 13 for more information)</p>	<p>Wednesday 20th May EMU- 'From flowers to Vicar' by Margaret Fletcher 8pm at St Chad's</p>
<p>Saturday 9th May Men's Breakfast 8.45am-9.45am at Aroma Café, Irby</p>	<p>Wednesday 20th May Hotspot-A good death? 7.30pm-9.00pm at St Andrew's Church Bebington (See page 9 for more information)</p>
<p>Tuesday 12th May SOSO Community Choir Concert 8pm at St Chad's (See page 14 for more information)</p>	<p>Saturday 6th June Prom Praise 7.30pm at the Liverpool Philharmonic (see page 20-21 for more info)</p>
<p>Monday 18th May Wellspring 8pm at The Rectory</p>	<p>Tuesday 9th June Parish Outing to Morecambe (See page 8 for more information)</p>

From the Registers

Funerals
We commend to God's eternal care

15th April
Margaret Reid

From your rector

Dear Friends,

How to transform those habits in your life

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Colossians 3:12-14



For much of our life we operate on automatic pilot with routines that require virtually no thought. We stand in the same place on the station platform each morning, or take the same route to work, and so on through the day with habitual patterns guiding our actions.

Our habits are like familiar, comfortable clothes. Many practical habits are helpful, but some habitual thought patterns and responses can reflect our workplace culture. Our everyday environments may have a level of noise and activity that can, all too easily, pull us in to a worry-filled life – where we feel distracted and fragmented, pulled in many directions.

Paul likens the Christian life to taking off an old set of clothes and putting on new garments: 'you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self' (Colossians 3:9-10). Unless our beliefs transform our habits, our desire to become more like Christ will be frustrated. We know that we are called to be in the world (John 17:18), working, serving, building relationships and bearing fruit. Yet we are not of the world. We are people who are guided and directed by the Holy Spirit and who walk, as Henry David Thoreau put it, 'to the sound of a different drummer'. In order to hear that different beat we will need, regularly, to shut out the other noise.

Throughout the centuries, the Church has understood that it requires discipline, instruction and training to be a disciple. Spiritual disciplines or exercises are intentional practices that give space in our lives for the presence of Jesus to transform us. These exercises include solitude, silence, prayer, fasting, study, service, worship and celebration, and are designed to replace the habits of our former thinking and behaving with ones that fuel our desire to know and love God.

As we approach Summer, let's see if we can find space for some of these spiritual disciplines in our lives. Here are some examples of how you might do that:-

Go on a Retreat. There is a Summer Retreat (Mon 13 – Wed 15 July) being led by Revd Canon Anne Samuels (formerly vicar of Christ Church Higher Bebington) at Foxhill, nr Frodsham. Leaflets at the back of church or look at their website <http://www.foxhillconferences.co.uk/>. In West Kirby the “Sisters of Jesus Way” have a walking weekend Fri 12 – Sun 14 June and a Quiet Weekend Fri 10 – Sun 12th July – see their website http://www.redacre.org.uk/index.php?content=celebrations_retreats. Plus plenty of others further afield, speak to Revd Jane if you would like help to find one which is suitable for you.

Commit yourself to joining the new “felting group” starting in September (see pages 16&17). ”Come to our once a month parish prayer gathering “Wellspring” – this month Monday 18th May, 8pm at the Rectory.

Get a good book to read over the Summer, or try out some Bible notes (speak to Revd Jane for specific suggestions).

Think about joining the PCC, helping with Junior Church, being on the reading or prayer rota, offering to help with mowing the lawn at St Chad's or keeping the church yard tidy at St Bartholomew's. Volunteer with Guides or Rainbows. Help out at Tots and Tinies, Volunteer in a charity shop

This month sees the festivals of Ascension (Thurs 14th), Pentecost (24th) and Trinity (31st). Make a special effort to come to worship.

May each of you know the transforming love of Jesus in your life.

Revd Jane



At our APCM on 19th April
we said thank you to
Mr Roger Jackson
for his six years as Church Warden.

Following consultation with his son Sam, he was
presented with a whisky glass inscribed with the
words:-

*Roger Jackson
Church Warden
2009-2015
St Bartholomew and St Chad*

Roger remains on the PCC and we will value his
continued expertise and wisdom.

**Introducing
your new Church Warden
Mr Chris Perry**



Chris, his wife Helen and their son Daniel are
part of the 9.30am congregation at St Chad's.
Chris has been on the PCC for the last year and
looks forward to getting more involved in the life
of the church in his new role, if a bit daunted by
it!

Following the APCM your PCC consists of the following people:-
Church Wardens: John Roberts and Chris Perry
Deanery Synod Representatives: Malcolm Studholme, Chris Smale, Chris
Turnbull
Elected Representatives: Graham Barley (Secretary), Julie DeBoorder, Roger
Dennison, Joyce Dennison, Andrew Harford, Roger Jackson, Matt James,
Elaine Jones, Jon Oliver, Kate Preston, Janet Trigg, Chris Williams (Treasurer)
*There are still three vacancies, if anyone is interested speak to Revd Jane or
any member of the PCC*

Pentecost then – and now?

It was Edward Lorenz in the 1960s who first described the butterfly effect, which explains how a small event can have a profound effect elsewhere. In climate terms, the tiny atmospheric disturbance of flapping butterfly wings in Africa can eventually give rise to a hurricane in the Atlantic. We can also apply this effect to a unique event like Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13), which is still having a profound effect on us today. How can we experience the full effect of Pentecost in our own lives and churches?



Pentecost is God's promise to us: 'When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.' (Acts 2:1). If we are to experience the power of the Spirit in our lives, it means being in the right place to receive. The disciples followed Jesus' instructions as they gathered in the Upper Room, 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.' (1:4). If God is going to use us and do new things in our lives, we cannot rely on our own plans and ideas, but trust Him to direct and equip us. Like the surfer waiting to catch the wave, timing is everything!

God wants to empower us: 'All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit' (4). Just as we are dependent on electric power in our homes, so we need the power of the Spirit to empower our lives. He alone has the power to transform our lives into Christlikeness and empower our witness. The disciples' experience of this power was overwhelming, with wind and fire. However, it was essentially an encounter with God's love, which for us can be equally emotional or very quiet. However, all of us are included and nobody is excluded from this experience.

We are empowered for a purpose: The disciples 'began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.' (4). The Spirit empowered them to witness, with the result that everyone heard them speaking in their 'native language' (lit: dialect, v8). We all have a story to tell of what God means to us and it's the Spirit who translates what we share and do, so those around us can understand! At Pentecost, 3000 people were added to the church in one day! What are our expectations of what the Spirit can do today?

'Let the church return to Pentecost, and Pentecost will return to her. The Spirit of God cannot take possession of believers beyond their capacity of receiving Him' (Andrew Murray).

Bell Ringing for the 70th Anniversary of Victory in Europe

(VE Day 70)

This year is the 70th Anniversary of the Victory in Europe. The Rt. Hon. William Hague MP as Leader of the House of Commons has written to the Diocesan Bishops and the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers asking for their help in marking the anniversary.

He noted that; *'The ringing of church bells has long been part of commemorating the moment in 1945 when peace broke out and brought an end to nearly six years of war and chaos across Europe. VE Day 70 is an opportunity to remember the sacrifice and sheer determination of the people who saw us through this dark period, give thanks to all those who so bravely played their part and celebrate peace and reconciliation.'*

They have asked that as part of the national events marking the occasion that Church bells are rung on the day of Saturday, 11th May.

We intend to ring during the day at Thurstaston and there will also be ringing at other Churches throughout the Wirral, Cheshire and the country. Please listen out for bells being rung throughout the day and take the opportunity to stop, listen and remember.

Peter Robson

Tower Captain



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John Wyatt is Emeritus Professor of Neonatal Paediatrics
at University College London, and author of "Matters of Life & Death".
He is a member of the ethics committee of the Royal College of Paediatrics and
Child Health and past chair of the Ethics Study Group of the Christian Medical Fellowship.

Wellspring

2015

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.

May 18th

June 22nd
(week later than normal!)

July + Aug
no meeting

Sep 21st

Oct 19th

Nov 16th

Dec - No meeting

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.



Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families



EMU (Evening Mothers' Union) meets:-

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



Next meeting Wednesday 20th May, 8pm at St Chad's

Talk by Margaret Fletcher
'From flowers to Vicar'



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 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

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tables at £5 each.

Entrance 20p

Bacon batches

tea/coffee/juice

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SOSO Community Choir
are holding a concert fea-
turing a performance by
Su at

St Chad's Church hall on
Tuesday

12th May at 8pm

with refreshments

Tickets £3 available from
both churches

Money raised to go towards the
refurbishment of St Chad's kitchen

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 £4700.00, 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.



SPIRITUALITY THROUGH TEXTILES



St Chads Church Irby

Tuesday afternoons - 1pm - 3pm.

There will be a charge of £4 per Session

September 8th, 22nd and 29th.

October 13th and 27th.

November 10th and 24th.

December 8th

These sessions will offer the basic techniques of felt making which can then be used both practically and spiritually.

Many of us find the rushing, demanding pace of life gives us little breathing space. A time to think and consider without distraction is precious. It will be chance to give time to the things on our mind. Arts and crafts can heal and give hope to our often weary souls. *"The body is naturally restless, if you give it a focused activity, it settles down, calming the mind as well"* (Anthony Bloom)

Textile memory is important, the touch and feel of fibres and fabric can be calming and soothing. Soft blankets used to wrap and swaddle give comfort and security. The feel of a fabric can be as evocative as smell and taste. Felt making uses 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. Prayer does not need the right words or indeed any words - it needs time. Felt making draws me toward that silence where God can speak to me.

**For more information or to secure a place contact Chris Branch
0151 632 6121 branchbcd@yahoo.co.uk**

Session One

We will make flat felt pieces using a rainbow of colours. While we work we will hold in our minds the promise and hope that a rainbow represents. The sight of a rainbow lifts your heart.

Session Two

We will make more flat felt to improve our technique so that our concentration moves away from the process. We will look at the work of artists such as Anneke Kaai and Vater Unser as inspiration.

Session Three

We will make 3D felt vessels to fill with lavender .These comforters are lovely to handle and as you do they release their relaxing fragrance with the warmth from your hand. They are good stress relievers in themselves.

Session Four

A journal cover for a special book in which to keep names , images, mementoes and jottings of and for your prayer journey.

Session Five

Making felt cords and beads, which can be knotted and beaded to use as a marker for the hands during prayer.

Session Six

Making a panel which incorporates pockets. These pockets can hold the names of people you are holding in prayer or topics you want to talk over with God; so they are there ready for you when you find a quiet moment.

Sessions Seven

& Eight

Felting prayers. Making pieces that are a prayer in themselves. You might make a piece for a person, holding them in your thoughts as you work the piece. Alternatively you can make a piece that is a prayer in itself. Revisiting the piece will revisit the prayer. By the last session I hope the technique will have become familiar allowing more thinking space

No explanations of anything you do will be asked for; sharing of your thoughts is not required.

This a space for YOU – hopefully a safe comfortable space

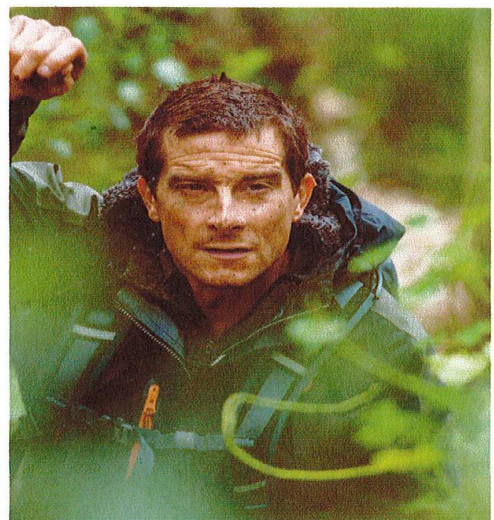
If you are interested but cannot do these times please give me a ring as it may be possible to offer the sessions at another time. **CHRIS BRANCH 01516326121**



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SOUP OF THE MONTH

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1 large red pepper, chopped
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1 tsp cumin powder
1 tsp mixed herbs
½ tsp chilli powder
2½ pints vegetable stock
4 tbsp. tomato puree
400g tin chopped tomatoes
400g tin kidney beans
1 tbsp. olive oil



Method:

1. Heat the oil in a large saucepan and add the onion.
2. Stir in the celery, pepper and garlic and cook for a further 5 minutes.
3. Stir in the herbs and spices then add in the stock, tomato puree and chopped tomatoes.
4. Bring to the boil and then reduce the heat, cover and simmer for 15 minutes.
5. Drain and rinse the kidney beans and add to the soup simmering for a further 5-10 minutes.

(With the compliments of NHS Trust)

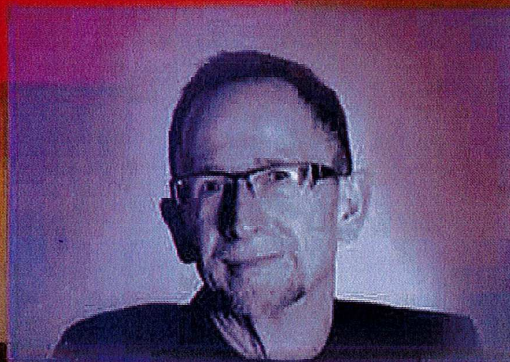
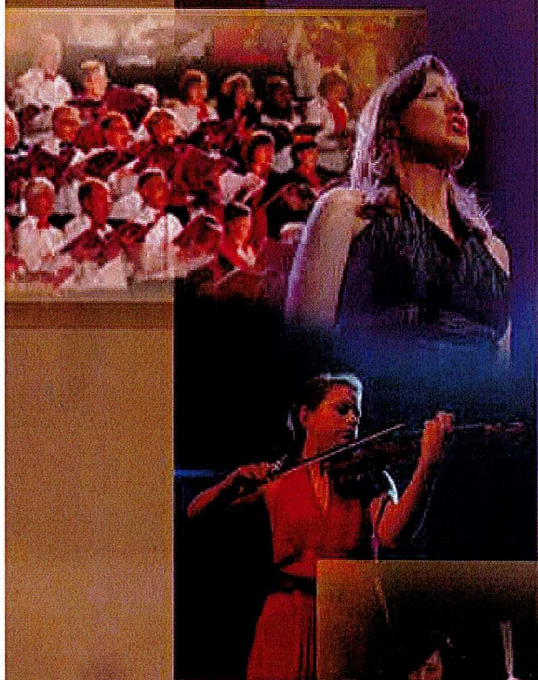
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March 2015

Prom Praise at the Liverpool Philharmonic - Saturday 6 June 2015 (7.30pm)

Graham Kendrick coming to Merseyside and putting the Praise in the Prom

Saturday 6 June 2015 (7.30pm) sees internationally-renowned worship leader, Graham Kendrick heading an exciting line-up of classical and contemporary musicians at Liverpool Philharmonic Hall, joining the All Souls Orchestra for **Prom Praise**.

We asked Graham how he feels about hearing his songs in this very different experience:

"I've joined the All Souls Orchestra a few times now. The experience of having a whole orchestra behind... well the first time I did it, it was quite scary, you feel 'my goodness there's this fantastic sound, a whole orchestra, playing that little song I wrote sitting in my room strumming the guitar'. I feel very privileged to hear my songs make that journey to a full orchestra through the great gifts of the orchestrators - and hear them in such a different way than before.

Then there's this Prom Praise tradition that, along with the weight of worship and the great themes we're singing, there's also an element of fun as well, because an orchestra can take you into so many moods so quickly. I'm sure it's going to be a lot of fun!"

Joining Graham on the stage of the Liverpool Philharmonic will be soprano Helen-Jane Howells and solo violinist Rebecca Eves - reuniting after their performances together at the Royal Albert Hall in 2014 - which became a great recording '[Majesty](#)' (also featuring Martin Smith & Paul Baloché). The programme will also include 100-strong choir massing from all around Merseyside, the inspiring opportunity for all to join in worship with the capacity audience, and to hear a Gospel message from the Bishop of Liverpool, Paul Bayes.

It promises to be a significant time to bring together musicians of different ages, styles and backgrounds to stand together simply in worship of God.

Anybody still interested in joining the Prom Praise Merseyside Choir to support Graham Kendrick in worship, are invited to contact Eric Linford at elinford@blueyonder.co.uk who will be happy to provide them with further information.

PROM PRAISE Merseyside starts at 7.30pm and tickets priced £10 - £27 are available from the Box Office at Liverpool Philharmonic Hall on 0151 709 3789 or www.liverpoolphil.com.

See also:

Local website: prompraisemerseyside.org.uk

Local Facebook page: [Prom Praise Merseyside](#)



When Children and RE mix...

When children meet the Bible, the result can be unpredictable. As in these answers to a school chaplain's efforts to teach RE....

The main purpose of the prophets was to set up the lights for when Jesus came on the stage.

The Kingdom of God is no ordinary place like the bathroom at home.

Jesus said: If you want to divorce your wife leave a note for her on the table.

Jesus healed a man with a weathered hand.

Some of the seed from the sower was curried off by Satan.

The last verses of Mark's gospel were written later by a unanimous person.

Jesus first proclaimed the gospel to the Jews: He told them to make love to each other.

An altar is a stall for candles.

An example of Holy Orders are the Ten Commandments.

An epistle is the wife of an apostle.

**

Found in church pew-sheets....

The youth group will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church hall this Friday at 7 PM . The congregation is warmly invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the parish church. Please use the large double door at the side entrance.

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Married

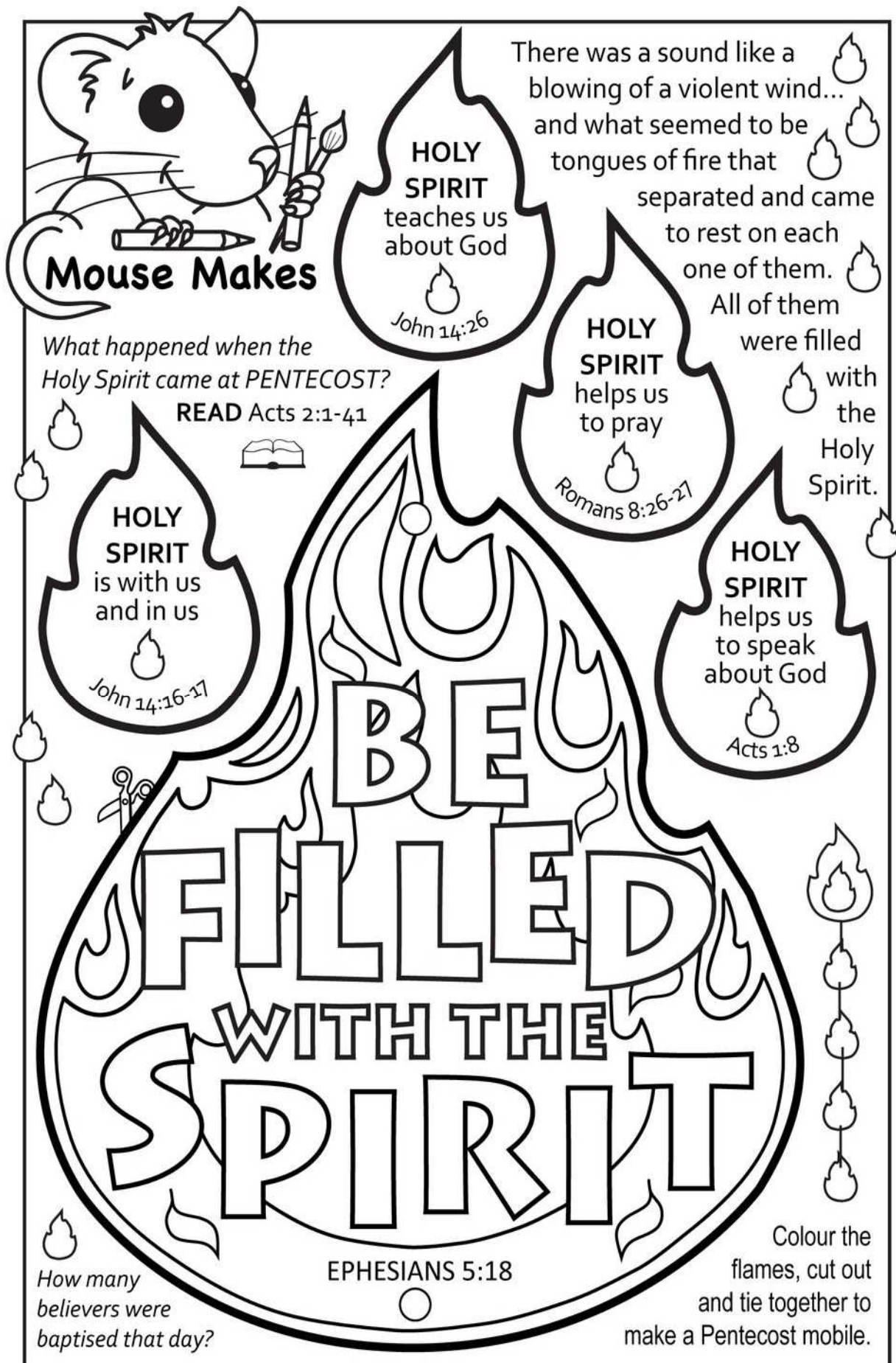
How many women can one man marry? A little boy who attended his first wedding worked that one out pretty quick: the answer is 16. It is easy, if you think about it. Four better, four worse, four richer, four poorer. Comes to 16.

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Night-time

How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark, to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?

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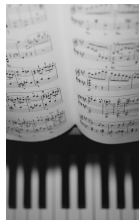
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Reader

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Church Services - May

Sunday Services

St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

3rd May
Easter 5

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Morning Worship

10th May
Easter 6

7.30pm Holy Communion

14th May
ASCENSION

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

17th May
Easter 7

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

24th May
Pentecost

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

31st May
Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

7th June
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St Chad's

9.30am Family Service

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Family Communion

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Weekday Services

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

Baptisms and Weddings

To arrange a baptism or wedding,
please telephone the Rector, Revd Jane Turner on 0151 648 1816
or the Church office on 0151 648 8169.

PLEASE NOTE: Rector's day off - Tuesday

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