

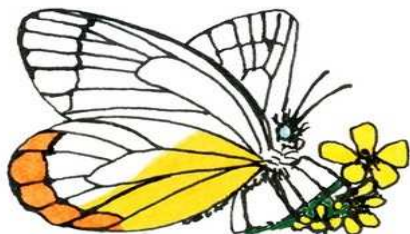
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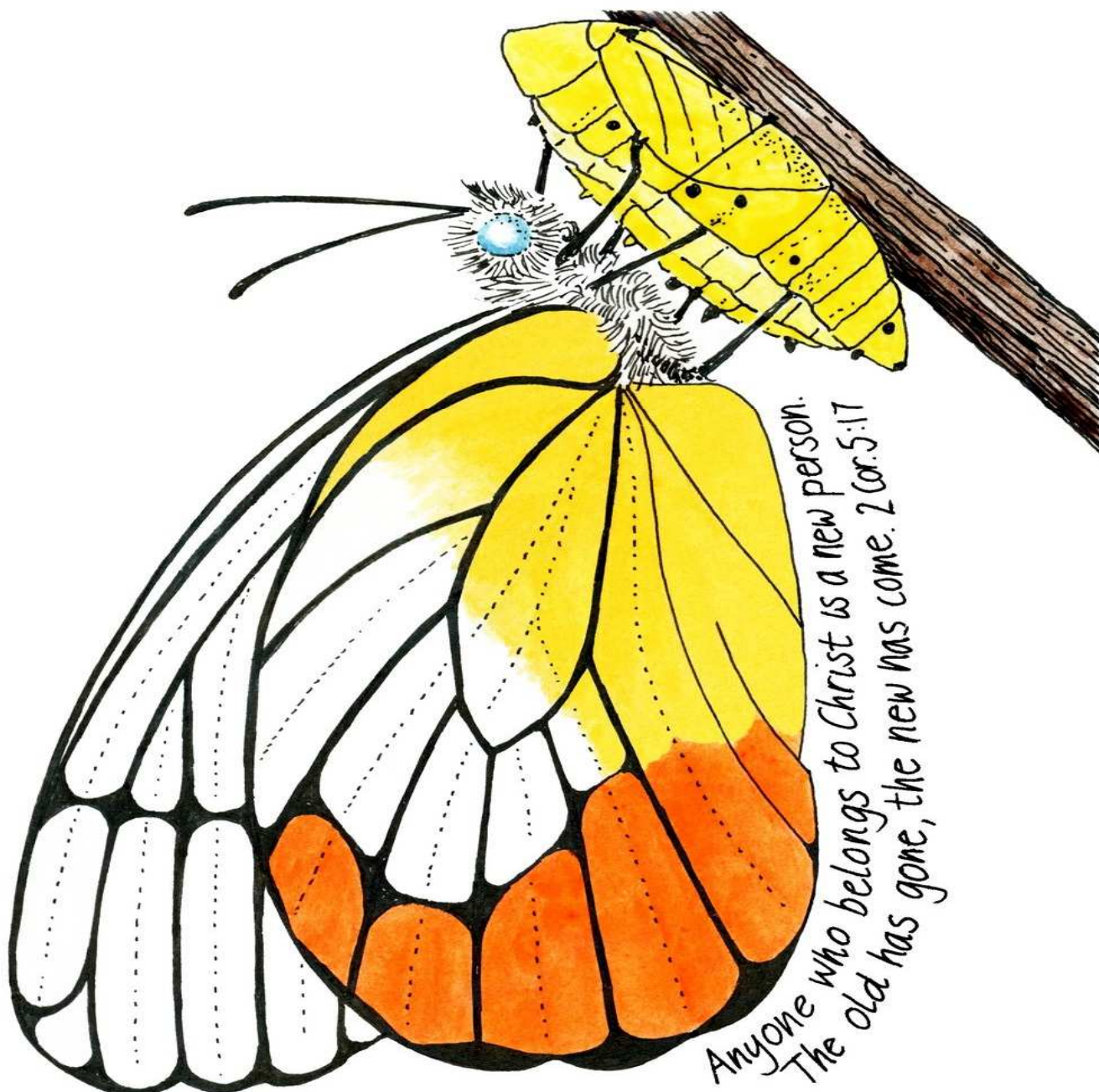


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Diary Dates

**Tuesday 26th May &
Tuesday 2nd, 23rd & 30th June**
SOSO at St Chad's, 8pm

Monday 8th June
Extraordinary Meeting of
Parishioners
8.00-8.30pm at St Chad's

Tuesday 9th June
Parish Outing to Morecambe
(See page 8 for more info)

Wednesday 17th June
EMU
7.30pm at Irby Park

Saturday 27th June
Summer fun at St Chad's
(See page 7 for more info)

Saturday 4th July
Men's Breakfast
8.45-9.45am at Aroma Café Irby

From the Registers

Funerals
We commend to God's eternal care

5th May
Frank Bresnan

From your rector

Dear Friends

You may be aware that we are currently conducting a hymn survey in church and one that is proving to be very popular is “To God be the Glory”, so I thought I would take a look at this hymn:-



To God be the glory, great things He hath done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life, an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate, that all may go in.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer, the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see!

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

Frances (Fanny) Jane Crosby ranks among the Church's greatest writers of hymns and spiritual songs. Over the course of her more than 90 years of life, she composed more than 8,000 texts, many of which have been set to music and are today some of our favourite hymns of the faith. These include "Praise Him! Praise Him!," "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine."

This prodigious output is made more remarkable still with the realization that Crosby was totally blind from six years of age; she praised the Creator and Light of the World for more than 80 years without actually seeing the work of His hands.

"To God Be the Glory" is well-recognized as a wonderful hymn of praise and adoration of God. Several aspects of this beloved composition set it forth not only as a hymn of praise, but also as a hymn of grace.

From the outset, it is clear that Fanny Crosby ascribes all credit to God for His work ("great things He hath done"), with no role for man's efforts in God's great plan. In the first stanza, it is Jesus alone who opens the lifegate of salvation, so that all have the opportunity to be saved. This is a clear message of grace, in contrast to the idea that man must prove his worth before eternal life is granted.

However, it is in the second stanza that Crosby most clearly sets forth the conditions for entrance through this gate—faith, and faith alone. Note that redemption is promised to "every believer" (cf. John 3:16), and that regardless of the magnitude of one's sins, even "the vilest offender" who puts his or her faith in Christ, such as the criminal crucified with Christ (Luke 23:43) or Saul of Tarsus (1 Tim 1:15), will immediately receive pardon from Jesus.

The third stanza and chorus continue to bring this point of grace home, proclaiming that it is God who has done great things, and the One to whom praise and adoration belong. As is evident here, as well as in her other hymns, Fanny Crosby was a great woman of God who clearly understood the importance of God's marvellous grace in salvation.

As with other classic hymns and gospel songs from the pen of Fanny Crosby, "To God Be the Glory" is a marvellous expression of praise to God for His wondrous works and His grace - salvation is provided as a gift from God to everyone who will place his or her faith in Christ, regardless of one's sins before or after conversion. The act of love on the cross which made this possible is truly reason to "Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!" Let us indeed rejoice in our salvation provided so freely by Christ Jesus!

Revd Jane

Being a disciple online

by Bishop Steven Croft (Bishop of Sheffield)

People in Britain spend more time online than they do sleeping: 8 hours 41 minutes a day according to an Ofcom survey in 2014. That's twice as much time as the average person spends watching television. The same "average" person checks their phone 113 times a day.

Last Sunday, I was asked to preach on the theme of **being a disciple online** at All Saints Church, Woodlands, near Doncaster. What does the Bible have to say about how to be a Christian on Twitter or Facebook, in emails or texts? How are we salt and light in that part of God's world?

I turned to the Book of Proverbs in the Old Testament. Proverbs is made up of over 400 short, pithy sayings, most under 140 characters. They are thought provoking, memorable and full of wit, just like a good tweet.

So here are my top ten Proverbs from the Old Testament for users of Facebook and Twitter and other online media. The words in italics are my own, very short, application of each verse.

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches (Prov. 22.1)

Take care of your reputation online and offline

Some friends play at friendship but a true friend sticks closer than a brother (Prov. 18.24)

Friend is a big word not a small word; friendship is a gift and a blessing

Iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another (Prov. 27.17)

We grow as people through wit, humour and interaction online and offline

Better is a little with righteousness than a large income with injustice (Prov. 16.8)

We spend much of our time online buying and selling and banking. Financial honesty and transparency is key; pay your taxes

Like a city breached, without walls is one who lacks self control (Prov. 25.28)

Self control is needed in normal life and even more in the private world of online interaction. When it goes, we are soon overwhelmed.

A gossip goes about telling secrets but one who is trustworthy keeps a confidence (Prov. 11.13)

Holding confidences is as important in texts, emails, facebook and twitter as in real life

A gentle tongue is a tree of life but perverseness in it breaks the spirit (Prov. 15.4)

Words have real power to build up and to pull down. Use them well.

The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels, they go down to the inner parts of the body (Prov. 18.8)

So do rumours circulating on the internet. Beware.

Like vinegar on a wound is one who sings songs to a heavy heart (Prov. 25.20)

It's well worth taking the trouble over what you say. Engage brain and heart before posting.

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver (Prov. 25.11)

And its worth taking trouble over the way you say it....



Summer Event to raise money for St Chad's kitchen refurbishment on Saturday 27th June 2015.



Starting with a ramble at 4pm, from St Chad's arriving back at approximately 5.30pm for a fish & chip supper at 6pm. Quiz, various stalls, including a plant stall and nearly new/unwanted gifts stall.

Tickets for Fish and chip supper £5.00, will be available soon at both churches. If you would like an alternative supper (because of dietary needs, then please speak to Sue Turnbull on 625 0089). Please bring your own glasses and drinks. Desserts and soft drinks will be available to purchase. Tea/coffee is included in ticket price. If you take part in the ramble and/or the quiz you will be invited to make a suggested donation of £1-£2 for the ramble and £2-£3 for the quiz towards the kitchen fund. You may come to the whole event or just part, whatever suits.



*******Extraordinary Meeting of Parishioners –
Monday 8th June – 8.00-8.30pm (or shorter if
half hour not required) at St Chads at which we
will present the 2014 accounts and answer any
questions that you may have. Copies of the
accounts available at the back of church if
anyone wishes to have a copy. It would be
helpful if you could let Revd Jane know
whether you intend to come to this meeting,
so we know how many chairs to put out!



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Family Service

9.30am June 7th at St Chad's

Come and hear

"The King's Tale", "The Knight's Tale", "The Peasant's Tale" and "The Archbishop's Tale"
as we learn together about Magna Carta and Justice and Fairness for all people.

The Magna Carta - 800 years on

This month marks the 800th anniversary of the signing of Magna Carta – one of the most famous documents in the world, and one of the most misunderstood.

Meaning 'Great Charter', it was signed at Runnymede, a water meadow probably designated for regular meetings, on the Thames between Windsor and Staines. Described sometimes as 'a failed peace treaty', it was agreed between the vastly unpopular Plantagenet King John (1199-1216) and a coalition of powerful barons who threatened his reign.

Although nearly a third of the text was deleted or substantially rewritten within ten years, and almost all the clauses have now been repealed, its 39th and 40th clauses gave all 'free men' the right to justice and a fair trial.

This and other Magna Carta core principles are echoed in the United States Bill of Rights (1791), described in 1946 by Eleanor Roosevelt as "a Magna Carta for all mankind", and in many other constitutional documents around the world, as well as in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) and the European Convention on Human Rights (1950).

Magna Carta is 4,000 words long and is now usually divided into 63 clauses, and opinions of it vary. Sir Edward Coke in the 17th century and many others have seen it as enshrining the basic rights of an English subject, and this is how it is normally viewed.

More recently, though, it has been pointed out that Magna Carta's more prominent clauses "offered special legal protection for the Catholic Church and the aristocracy, advocated tax breaks for the wealthiest, freed the City of London from regulatory oversight, promised total freedom of immigration and placed the burden of infrastructure maintenance on local communities instead of government".

In 1904, Edward Jenks published an article entitled "The Myth of Magna Carta", which also undermined traditionally accepted views. In 1930 the document was parodied by Sellar and Yeatman in *1066 and All That*: "Magna Charter," they concluded, "was therefore the chief cause of Democracy in England, and thus a Good Thing for everyone (except the Common People)".

However, for most of us, Magna Carta remains a foundation of English national identity. Lord Denning, the most celebrated English judge of the 20th century, described it in 1956 as "the greatest constitutional document of all times – the foundation of the freedom of the individual against the arbitrary authority of the despot".

Mothers' UNION

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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 17th June 7.30pm at Irby Park

'Bowling'

All Welcome, just turn up!



Men's Breakfast



4th July 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:

5th September, 7th November

Wellspring

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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

June 22nd
(week later
than normal!)

July + Aug
no meeting

Sep 21st

Oct 19th

Nov 16th

Dec - No meeting

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.

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.



There are children who need homes in our area. Find out what you can do.



An inspiring and informative evening for people to find out more about what fostering and adoption involves and how to get started.

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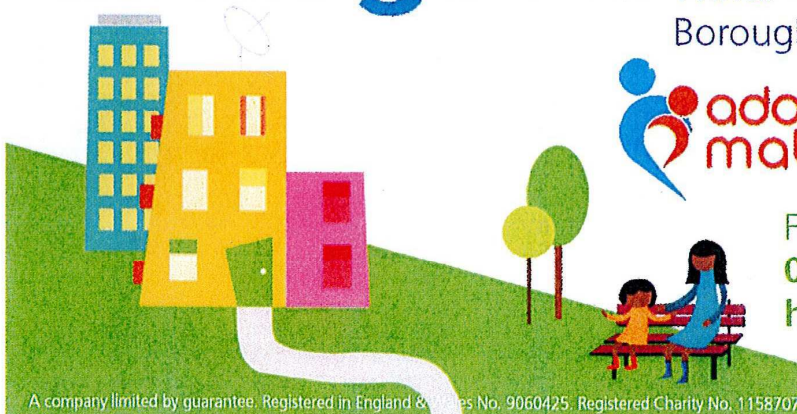


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SPIRITUALITY THROUGH TEXTILES



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**

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 £5100.00, 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.



SOUP OF THE MONTH

BROCCOLI AND FETA SOUP

250g broccoli

250g potatoes

Method:

1. Chop the broccoli and potatoes and sauté them over a very low heat in butter or oil, or in a combination of both, until soft, adding some water if the vegetables seem to be too dry.
2. Add 1 litre of hot chicken stock and simmer for 20 minutes covered. Liquidise with hand blender and add 150ml of hot milk.
3. Crumble 100g Feta cheese on top. (If liked Blue cheese can replace the Feta cheese).
4. Season to taste and serve.

Sorry if last month's soup recipe was too spicy for your taste but this one contains no spice. The amount of spice can always be halved!

Pam Greenhow





Techie trouble

The vicar at our local church experienced some technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. Instead of starting the service as usual with 'The Lord be with you', he said: "There's something wrong with the microphone."

Not hearing this, the congregation responded: "And also with you."

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Advice to young clergy on preaching

'Consider the postage stamp. Its usefulness consists in its ability to stick to one thing until it gets there.'

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Lost in translation

A certain vicar had a kindly, pastoral heart. He often wrote little notes to any parishioners in distress, assuring them of his prayers. Then came the day he heard that one of his favourite old ladies in the church had been injured in a bad fall. The vicar felt so much sympathy that he wanted to add a note of pastoral affection. He thought of the little postscript that his young niece always added to her emails to him, which he took as a sign of her affection, and decided to add that to this note.

It read: "Dear Mrs Gantry, I am told that you fell down the stairs, broke both legs, and may be in hospital for some weeks. This is just to assure you that you are much in my thoughts." Then he added the postscript: LOL.

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Descriptions

Dust: mud with the juice squeezed out.

Inflation: cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

Raisin: grape with a sunburn.

Mosquito: an insect that makes you like flies better.

Beauty salon: where women curl up and dye.

Committee: a body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

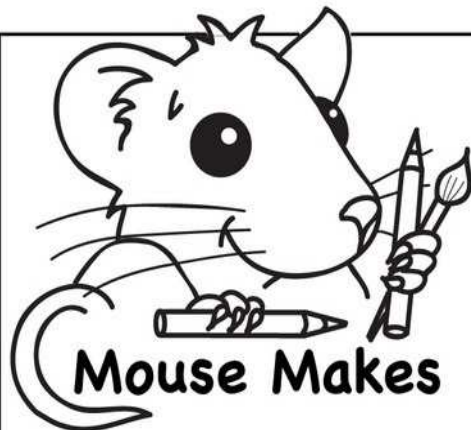
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Maths lesson: The only place where you can buy 64 watermelons without anyone wondering why.

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Park: A journey of a thousand miles begins with trying to find a place to park your car near the church.

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There was a time when the whole **world** spoke **one** language. Everyone used the same **words**. Then they said to each other, "Let's make some **bricks** of **clay** and **bake** them in the fire."

They used these bricks as stones and they used **tar** as mortar. Then the

 people said, "Let's **build** ourselves a **city** and a **tower** that will reach the **sky**, then we will be **famous**."

The **Lord** came down to see the city and the tower and said, "These people all speak the same **language** and I see that they are joined together to do this **work**. This is only the beginning of what they can do, soon they will be able to do anything they want. Let's go

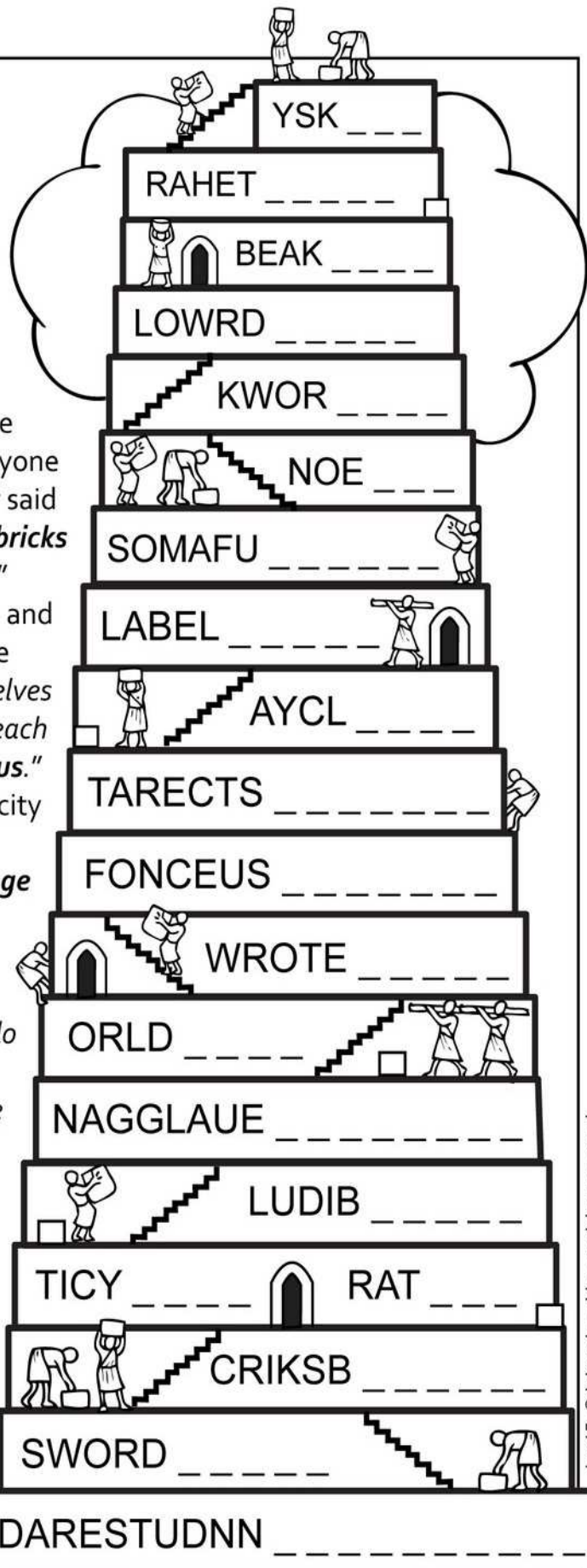
down and **confuse** their language  then they will not be able to **understand** each other."

So people stopped building the city and the Lord **scattered** them all over the **earth**.

That is the place where the Lord confused the language of the whole world.

That is why it is called **Babel**.

The words in **bold** in the story have become jumbled up on the tower, can you unjumble them?



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Mrs J Heath	648 6015
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Evening Mothers' Union (EMU)

Mrs C Rostock (Secretary)	6481112
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Flower Guild (St Bartholomew's)

Mrs E Jones	648 1400
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Flower Guild (St Chad's)

Mrs J Ratcliffe	648 6171
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Church Services - June

Sunday Services

St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

7th June
Trinity 1

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Morning Worship

14th June
Trinity 2

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

21st June
Trinity 3

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

28th June
Trinity 4

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

5th July
Trinity 5

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Morning Worship

12th July
Trinity 6

St Chad's

9.30am Family Service

9.30am Family Communion

9.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Family Communion

9.30am Family Communion

9.30am Family Service
Bookgiving Service

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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