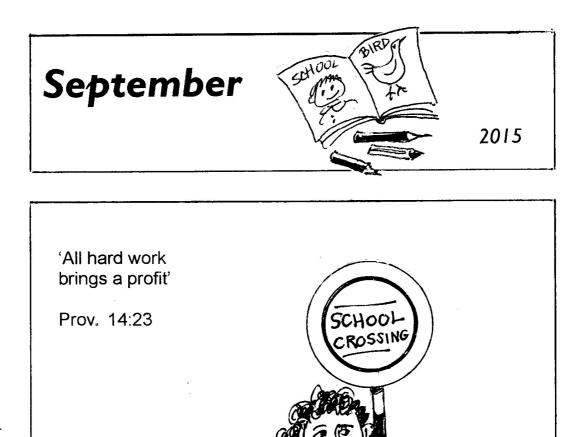
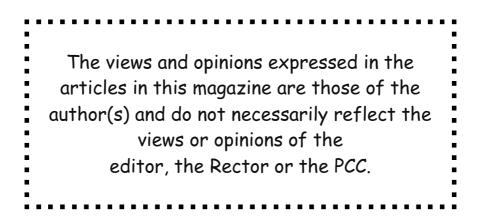




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Diary Dates

Monday 14th September PCC Meeting 7.30pm at St Chad's Monday 21st September Wellspring 8pm at The Rectory Saturday 26th September Parish Walk to Hilbre 1pm (see page 6 & 7 for more info) Provisionally Friday 2nd October Harvest Supper at St Chad's Saturday 3rd October Harvest Family craft 2pm-4pm at St Chad's

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family 26th July Delilah Craven L Emilia Armstrong 23rd August Scott Burnet L Max Skillicorn-Grey 30th August Faye Charsley Weddings We ask for God's blessing upon the marriage of 1st August Phillip Conroy & Catherine Jennings 7th August Gregory Davies & Laura Stocks **Funerals** We commend to God's eternal care

21st August Joan Corfe 28th August Lilian Hennity 4th September Agnes Oliver 7th September Mildred Dwerryhouse

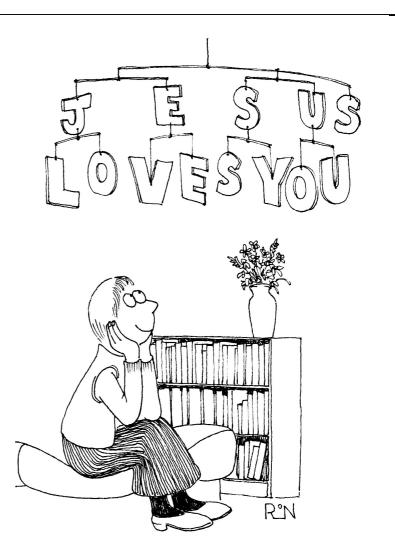
From your rector

Hello Everyone,

Give Him a Call!

The phone was а areat invention. How easy it is to press a few numbers on our small devices and speak to someone the other side of the world. There was a time when a phone in a home was a luxury item. Now, it seems, we take it for granted that we have a gadget in our pocket enabling contact anyone, at any us to time, in any place.

However, how many times have you wanted to speak to someone, only to be given a recorded message giving a variety of options? Then you have to wait in a gueue for ages



Wendy checked the message on her mobile

before your call is answered. Sometimes a voice informs you 'your call is important to us' ... but meanwhile you are left waiting, listening to endless music.

Yes, a phone may be useful in all kinds of circumstances, but they can also be very frustrating! So, it's good to know that God can be contacted immediately we need Him. There is no celestial call centre where our messages are delayed or referred. With prayer we can call on God directly. This service is free with no charges. He hears our every call and we can be confident that our Creator will answer us in ways which are only for our good.

'When you pray, I will answer you. When you call to me, I will respond.'

(Isaiah 58:9)

How including A.S.A.P. in your life will transform it

Have you ever considered the abbreviation A.S.A.P.? Generally, it brings even more hurry and stress into our lives (As Soon As Possible). Yet there is another way to think of A.S.A.P, a way which might help us deal with those difficult times in our daily lives.

When there's work to do, and deadlines to meet, and your colleagues are rushing around, here's what you can do to help: A.S.A.P. – Always Say a Prayer. When your worries mount up and you don't know how you are ever going to cope with what is coming at you: A.S.A.P. – Always Say a Prayer.

God knows how stressful our lives can be, and He wants to ease our cares. In the Bible He promises to respond to our calls for help. So – call Him! A.S.A.P.!

Revd Jane

THANK YOU

to everyone who contributed in any way to our new kitchen.

It looks great! New Cooker will hopefully follow very shortly!



Parish Walk to Hilbre Island

Saturday September 26th 2015

All Ages Welcome - You need to be fit enough to do the walk!



Dogs Welcome - Need to be on lead whilst on Island - see below

You will need to bring a drink and a snack

See below for other advice regarding this walk.

Please sign the list at the back of church if you intend to come.

TIMETABLE FOR THE DAY

1.00pm Meet at Dee Lane Slipway Set off to walk to Hilbre

2.00pm (approx .) Arrive at Hilbre and enjoy your drink and snack

Explore island - "Friends of Hilbre" will be staffing the Old Telegraph Lookout

Building and have a Telescope set up for Seal Watching (weather permitting)

3.00pm Meet to depart

4.00pm (approx) Arrive back at West Kirby slip road

- Facilities: There are no shops or fresh water on the islands, and very little shelter. There are composting toilets on the island. Toilets are available at Dee Lane slipway 10am 6pm in the summer months.
- **Clothing:** Always carry waterproofs, and warm clothing, and food and hot drinks in winter.
- Footwear: Wear sensible footwear as rocks, barnacles and broken glass can cause injury.
- Overnight stays: are not allowed.

Please help Protect the Wildlife:

All plants and animals in the Local Nature Reserve are protected. Please do not collect any living creatures, pick or damage the plants. Please avoid disturbing the roosting birds in winter.

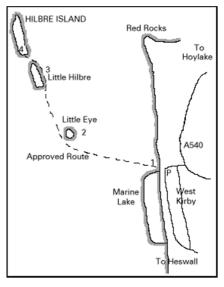
Please keep to the paths or rocks to avoid trampling plants or eroding soil.

Please take your litter home with you.

Fires are not allowed on the Islands,

if you see a fire please contact the Ranger or dial 999.

Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times on the Local Nature Reserve (i.e. once Little Hilbre is reached)



Those who came to Hilbre Island last year





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

Dec - No meeting

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.

Songs of Praise Style Services Everyone Welcome

Sunday 6th September 6.30pm at St Bartholomew's

Sunday 13th September 6.30pm at St Chad's



2015

Sep 21st

Oct 19th

Nov 16th

Messy Time

New structured art and craft sessions with a bit of messy play thrown in! Suitable for children aged 18 months to 4 years. Mums, Dads and carers come and join us with your children for some Messy Time fun.

First session Tuesday 15th September 10am-11.15am at St Chad's Church Hall. £3.50 per child, discount for siblings.

This is a session for parents, guardians and children to enjoy doing together. We provide everything and tidy up when you've gone home....we just want you to have fun!

Please wear old clothes and maybe bring some spare!

Find me on Facebook for more information.

Liz Pollock





Sunday 4th October Harvest Services:-

At all services we will be collecting food for Wirral Food Bank. Please see the Shopping List for the things they most need. Also at all services we will be having an Additional Collection for Christian Aid.

8.00am Book of Common Prayer
Holy Communion Service at St Bartholomew's
9.30am Family Worship at St Chad's
11.15am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's



Date to be arranged—WATCH THIS SPACE

Harvest Family Craft Saturday 3rd October 2-4pm Just turn up!

Harvest Supper PROBABLY Friday 2nd October Harvest from around the world Details to follow via weekly notice sheets, please keep your eyes peeled or watch the website!



Feeding local people in crisis

Your donations enable us to provide three days of emergency food to local people in crisis. Working with local care professionals to identify those in need, we are able to provide short term relief and support as well as signposting people to organisations able to help solve the longer term problems

Please help us to feed the hungry by buying some of the following non-perishable food items:

- Tomatoes (Tinned) Baked beans
- Soup (Tinned or packet)
- □ Sugar
- □ Orange Juice (Carton)
- □ Nappies \ Baby Food
- **Toothpaste \ brush**

- □ Milk (UHT or
 - powdered)
- □ Fruit (Tinned)
- □ Breakfast Cereal
- □ Meat (Tinned)
- □ Vegetables (Tinned)
- □ Tuna / Fish (Tinned)
- □ Pasta Sauce (Jar)

- Pasta / Noodles (Dried)
- 🗆 Tea Bags
- □ Rice Pudding
 - (Tinned)
- Chocolate
- □ Biscuits

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The Birdmen of the 20th Century

During the middle part of the 20th Century two men, Robert Stroud and Leo Valentin each became famous as the '*Birdman*' but for very different reasons!

Robert Stroud

In 1911, Robert Stroud was convicted of manslaughter for the murder of a bartender two years earlier. He was sent to serve out his sentence at McNeil Island, a federal penitentiary in Washington State but was later transferred to Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary in Kansas. In 1916, Stroud murdered a guard, for which crime he was given a death sentence and was put in solitary confinement to await his execution. Stroud's mother, however, desperately pleaded for his life and, in 1920, the president, Woodrow Wilson commuted his sentence to life imprisonment without parole.

Over the course of his 30 years solitary confinement at Leavenworth, Stroud developed a keen interest in canaries, after finding an injured bird in the recreation yard. Stroud was allowed to develop this interest and was, eventually, allowed to breed birds and maintain a laboratory inside two adjoining cells. As a result of this privilege, Stroud was able to write two books on canaries and their diseases, having raised over 300 birds in his cells and studied their habits and physiology. He also developed and marketed medicines for various bird ailments and is credited with making important contributions to avian pathology. However, his research came to an abrupt end when, in 1942, he was transferred to Alcatraz, following the discovery that some of the equipment he ordered was being used to construct a still to make alcohol!

Stroud achieved world-wide recognition when a 1955 book about him by Thomas Gaddis was made into the film, *The Birdman of Alcatraz*, starring Burt Lancaster. Lancaster visited Stroud in prison as part of his research for the role but Stroud himself was never allowed to read the book or see the film.

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Many former prison guards and inmates, however, felt that Burt Lancaster's sensitive and dignified portrayal of Stroud was highly fictionalised and that, in reality, he was a far more sinister and unpleasant character. Despite many appeals for Stroud to be paroled, particularly by bird and poultry breeders, Stroud died in November 1963 in Alcatraz, having spent 54 years in prison - of which 42 years were in solitary confinement.



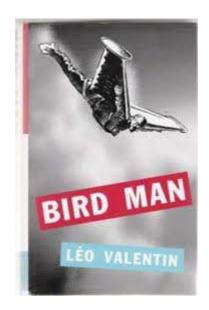
Robert Stroud in 1951

Leo Valentin

At the age of 13 years in 1956, my friend Teddy Turner and I set out on Whit Monday on a cycling adventure from our home in Liverpool 8 to Speke Airport, where an air show was being held organised by SSAFA, the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association and sponsored by the *Liverpool Echo*. At the end of the five mile journey, we set up 'camp' on the central grass verge of the road adjacent to the airport. There was no way we could afford the entrance fee to the airfield itself! Although we could not hear him, Kenneth Wolstenholme apparently did the commentary. After seeing a display by eight Manchester based Vampire jets and the tiny Sipa S 200, which flew so low we could clearly see the pilot through his almost all-glass cockpit, the time came for the star of the show to perform.

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This was the famous *Birdman*, Leo Valentin, who jumped out of planes with his own wings strapped to his back to enable him to glide like a bird. However, tragedy struck when Valentin's wing was damaged on his exit from the Dakota and his emergency parachute failed to open. Valentin plunged to his death in a field not far from the airport. His body was returned to France where he received a full military funeral because this courageous man had been a paratrooper during the Second World War and, subsequently, a parachute instructor after the war.



Alan Jones

Footnote

Jhonathan Florez a contemporary 'Birdman' from Colombia and holder of a number of world records for flying in a winged suit, including flying the longest horizontal distance of over 16 miles in such a suit, was killed in July of this year when he also fell to his death.





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 will be the late summer meal on Wednesday 16th September, 7.30pm at The Cottage Loaf.

Please speak to Chris Rostock(648 1112) if you would like to attend.



'We need your help to make sure your children continue to benefit from Rainbows, Brownies or Guide within Irby! Many of you have or have had girls in our local units BUT without further help, at least 2 of our brownie and guide units are planned to close by Christmas. We need your support as a helper or even after some easy training , becoming a leader for a local unit.

We have 2 rainbow units (girls age 5-7) 2 brownie units (girls aged 7-10) and 2 guide units (girls aged 10-14). The girls achieve and benefit so much from being part of guiding. You are welcome to come along to any of our local meeting to see if you would like to make a difference to guiding within Irby and to keep it going strong.'

If you would like to know more please contact some of our local leaders -Karen Fearns 07479498703 or Sarah Barr 07584247294

For more information on guiding please see http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/home.aspx

Two hymns with North West Connections

Encouraged by the Rector's June letter, the recent hymn survey and the pending local Songs of Praise Sundays, I thought it worth adding a couple of hymns with North West connections.

1) Thine for ever, God of Love

Appearing in our three hymn books, this has found its way into over 25 others.

The text was written in 1847 by Mary Maude for her Girls' Sunday School Group on the Isle of Wight and published in 1848. Also published in 1848 was Mrs Alexander's hymn, Once in Royal David's City, which we sing to the tune Irby.

Mary married her minister Revd. Joseph Maude, and in 1852 they moved North, where together they exercised a long and loving ministry among the villagers and colliers of the Parish of St Mary, Chirk. Joseph died in 1894. Widowed Mary ended her days in nearby Overton, dying at the age of 94 in 1913. They were both buried in the Chirk Church graveyard. The inscription below Mary's name on the stone reads:-

WAITING FOR THE COMING

OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

The Maude's second daughter Edith married Francis James Chavasse who, in 1900 would become the second Anglican Bishop of Liverpool.

2) Jesus Shall Reign

Just north of Clitheroe and off the A59 is a little village called Rimington. It has given it's name to one of the tunes we sing to this great hymn by Isaac Watts.

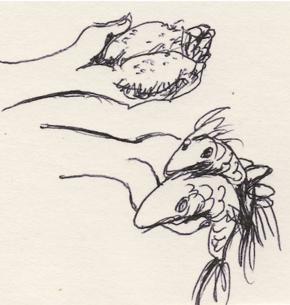
The writer Francis Duckworth, known as Frances Duckworth of Colne, but spent his boyhood in Rimington. Inspired by his uncle's enthusiasm for Isaac Watts' great hymn, he eventually wrote the tune which was published in 1904.

'Rimington' has found its way not only into English hymnals but also further afield, not least on far-flung Pitcairn Island.

Most popular Bible Stories: no. 1 - The Feeding of the 5000

This month sees the start a new series on Scripture Union's Top Ten Must Know Stories. These were voted by parents and teachers as the most important Bible stories to share with the next generation. We begin with the feeding of the 5000, a story found in all four gospels and telling us important truths about Jesus and our relationship with Him.

Jesus and His disciples were confronted with a huge crowd (at least 10,000 including the women and children) in a



lonely place with no food! When the disciples suggested that He send them away, Jesus challenged them: 'you give them something to eat' (Matthew 14:16). When we see the spiritual needs of own community, Jesus challenges us with the same words! So how do we respond?

Look with compassion: 'When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, He had compassion on them' (14). Do we see people in the same way, as those in all kinds of need, often lacking meaning and purpose in their lives? Unless we feel the needs as Jesus did, we cannot respond to those we meet at work, school, or in our community.

Respond in obedience: The disciples simply offered what they had to Jesus: 'Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, He gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.' (19).

When meeting the needs of others we simply offer to Jesus what we have, however insignificant it may seem, for Him to multiply to feed the crowd. He will use our plans, skills, time and energy. However, it is often only when we come to the end of ourselves, that God's power can be released through us.

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

<u>& Eight</u>

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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Churchgoers encouraged to contact MPs over assisted suicide Bill

Churchgoers are being encouraged to contact their MPs NOW, to highlight the risks involved in proposed legislation to legalise assisted suicide.

James Newcome, Bishop of Carlisle, has asked that parishioners either make an appointment to see their MP or write them a letter expressing their concerns about a Private Member's Bill **to be debated in the House of Commons on Friday 11th September**.

The Bill is expected to seek to grant physician assisted suicide for mentally competent, terminally ill adults, who have six months or less to live.

Bishop James, the Church of England's lead bishop on health care, said the proposed legislation, if passed into law, would have a detrimental effect both on individuals and on the nature of society.

He said: "Our concern about this proposed legislation is rooted in our practical care for the most vulnerable in our society. In our communities and through healthcare chaplaincy, the Church of England cares daily for the elderly, the ill, the dying and their families.

"If this Bill is passed we will have crossed a line that will make the future very uncertain and dangerous for a significant proportion of the most vulnerable people, including the elderly and those living with disabilities.

"This is a key moment for all of us as we decide what sort of society we want to live in and what future we want for our children and grandchildren, one in which all are valued and cared for, or one in which some lives are viewed as not worth living.

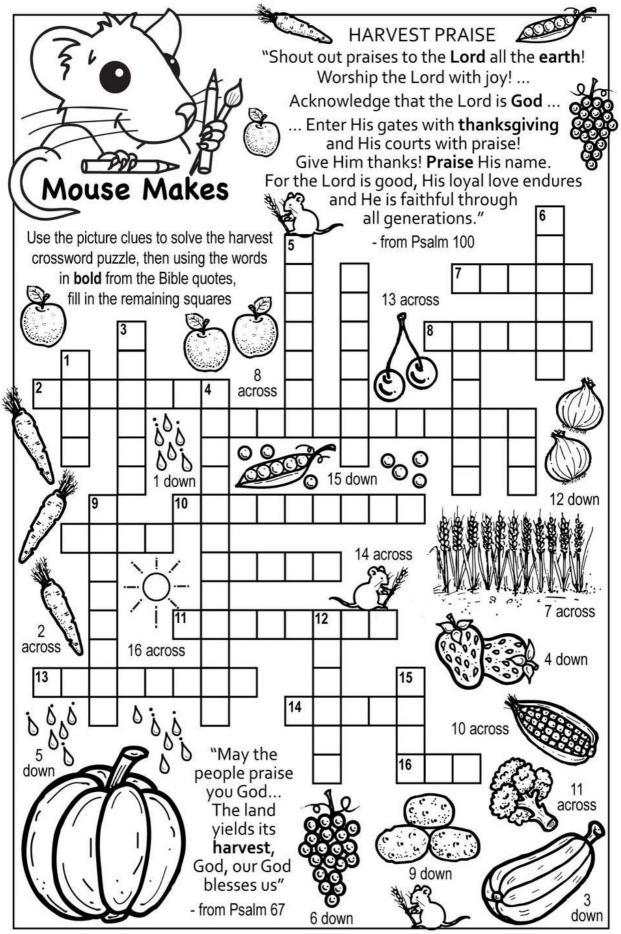
"I ask those who are happy to do so, to contact their MPs, either by making an appointment to see them in person at their constituency surgery, or by letter, to make it clear that they oppose this Bill."



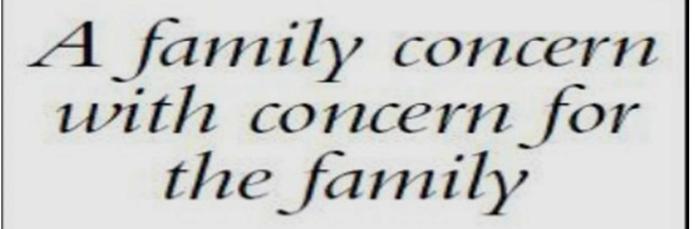
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