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#### Diary Dates

#### Tuesday 29th September

5050 An Evening's Entertainment 7.30pm at Irby Methodist Church

#### Friday 2nd October

Harvest Supper 6pm at St Chad's (see page 6)

#### Saturday 3rd October

Harvest Family craft 2pm-4pm at St Chad's

#### Saturday 3rd October

McMillan Coffee Morning

10am-12noon at

Irby Methodist Church

#### Sunday 4th October

Deanery Songs of Praise service
4pm at

Christ Church Higher Bebington

#### Tuesday 6th, 13th & 27th October

SOSO 8pm at St Chad's

#### Monday 12th October

Church meeting

7pm at St Chad's

#### Monday 19th October

Wellspring

8-9pm at The Rectory

#### Wednesday 21st October

EMU 'Jane Young's Jewellery'

8pm at St Chad's (see page 5)

#### Saturday 24th October

Children's Society Coffee Morning

10-11.30am at St Chad's (see page 14)

Saturday 28th November

Christmas Fair at St Chad's

#### From the Registers

#### **Baptisms**

We welcome into the Lord's family 27th September Nia Jenkinson

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#### From your rector

Dear Friends,

#### Abiding in Jesus

This month we celebrate Harvest Festival. There will be displays of food, some bought with others grown in gardens and allotments. While gardeners can have pleasure growing fruit and vegetables it can be hard work tending to them and dealing with pests.

Jesus knew about the care given to vines. In John 15:1-8 Jesus compared Himself to a vine and referred to God as the gardener. These verses are both challenging and reassuring. In this parable, God is responsible for pruning the vine. He sees what parts are useful and what parts are useless. The unproductive parts are cut away, so that growth is encouraged. Jesus is telling us that God will prune our lives, not to harm us, but to encourage our spiritual growth.

God's pruning cuts away wrong attitudes and wasteful behaviour, all of which serve no useful purpose in our lives. This pruning is required so that we become more fruitful. And the fruit God wants is love, joy, patience etc. (see Galatians 5:22-23) These holy qualities are intended to influence the world to change it from the bad to all that is good.

To encourage its growth a vine has to be regularly cut back. The effect looks drastic, but essential. When God cuts away the dead wood in our lives He does it because He knows how our lives can grow. The pruning knives are in the hands of our Father God who only desires the best for us. This pruning process can be painful, but Jesus says that it is vital if the Holy Spirit is to flow through us to produce the fruit that God wants.

Also in this parable, Jesus said He was the vine and we are the branches. We have no existence apart from Jesus. We can do nothing for God on our own and must be joined to Jesus. In the same way a vine utilises the life-giving sap to flow into the branches, so we need the Holy Spirit to flow His life into us. It is only by remaining in Jesus can He give us the inner resources for an effective fruit-producing life.

Jesus said 'Abide in Me' (John 15:4 King James Version). Abiding speaks of sustenance, being upheld and supported, enduring and withstanding. So, if we are to reap a harvest of holiness, may we be prepared for God's pruning, and continue to abide in Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.



Revd Jane

## EXTRAORDINARY PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Parish of St Bartholomew, Thurstaston with St Chad, Irby

AN EXTRAORDINARY PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING will be held in

ST CHAD'S, ROSLIN ROAD, IRBY

on MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> October 2015<sup>†</sup> at 7.00 o'clock pm

#### For the consideration of:

The Financial Statements of the Council for the year ending on 31<sup>st</sup> December (immediately preceding the meeting) audited or independently examined.

Dated 2015 Signed (\*Minister of the Parish)

† See Rule 6(1). The notice must be affixed for a period including the last two Sundays before the date of the meeting.

Church Representation Rules 2011





**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 on Wednesday 21st October 8pm at St Chad's.

Get ahead for Christmas.

Come along & make and/or purchase some jewellery with demonstration from Jane Young.

Why not bring a friend?





#### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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

Harvest Supper
Friday 2nd October 6pm
Harvest from around the world
Deadline for booking your meal is Sunday
27th September. If you decide after this
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Thank you for Supporting your Local foodbank Unit 14 Wirral Business Centre, Dock Road Birkenhead, CH41 1JW 0151 638 7090 (0790205481) www.wirral.foodbank.org.uk

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packet)	☐ Breakfast Cereal	☐ Rice Pudding
□ Sugar	☐ Meat (Tinned)	(Tinned)
☐ Orange Juice	☐ Vegetables (Tinned)	☐ Chocolate
(Carton)	☐ Tuna / Fish (Tinned)	☐ Biscuits
☐ Nappies \ Baby Food	☐ Pasta Sauce (Jar)	4
☐ Toothpaste \ brush	, ,	
		THE FOOD BANK

# Evening of Remembrance and Thanksgiving on Sunday 1st November 2015 at 6.30pm at St.Chad's, Roslin Rd, Irby

I come into contact with a lot of families who are going through the sad and difficult circumstances of bereavement. Sometimes the loss of a loved one helps people to come to faith and there are many people in church today who came back to God as a result of bereavement.

I will be writing personally to all whom I am aware have experienced a bereavement in the last 12 months. If you have experienced a recent bereavement of which I am unaware, then please accept this invitation to join us at the service. If your bereavement was further back in time but you would find this service helpful, then you too are also welcome.

This will be a quiet, reflective service in which we will remember our loved ones by name and say thank you to God for the good times we shared with them throughout their lives. In this service we will be reading out a list of names of those you would like us to remember, and so **if you are planning to come to this service** and would like your loved one to be mentioned by name please fill in the form below and return it to me.

Please feel free to extend this invitation to other members of your family.
Rev'd Jane Turner
'
An Evening of Remembrance and Thanksgiving
Name of the deceased:
Your Name:
Your Address:

Rev'd Jane Turner, 77 Thingwall Rd, Irby, CH61 3UB

Please return to:-

### ADVENT SONGS OF PRAISE - SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 6.30pm at St Chad's

Following the two very successful Songs of Praise Style Services which we held in September, I would like to invite you to choose a hymn for a similar service for Advent. All of our hymn books have seasonal indexes at the back, so take a look at the Advent section and nominate a hymn. In order for this service to be at its best we would need some people willing to introduce one the hymns – this involves saying a few sentences about why you chose it, why you like it, are there any words within it that help/encourage you in faith etc. You will need to give your hymn choices to Revd Jane by Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November so that the service can be prepared.

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#### ADVENT SONGS OF PRAISE - SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER

Name: Contact Phone/e-mail:

My choice of Advent Hymn:

I would be willing to introduce this hymn: YES / NO



#### **SOUP OF THE MONTH**

#### **Butternut Soup**

45g butter

2 medium onions

1 medium butternut in small cubes

1 green apple

2ml curry powder

Pinch nutmeg

10ml flour

Rind and juice of 1 orange

500ml chicken stock

500ml hot milk



Melt butter and cook onion, apple and butternut over a very low heat until very soft, adding a little water if mixture seems to be drying out.

Stir in nutmeg, curry powder, flour and grated orange rind and cook for 1 minute.

Gradually add stock and hot milk, mix together and cook gently for 20 minutes.

Blend until very smooth, add juice of orange, salt and pepper to taste and reheat to serve.

Don't boil.

A rather special soup, nice as a starter for a dinner party.

A swirl of cream or yoghurt would finish it off nicely.

#### **Pam Greenhow**

### Most popular Bible Stories: no. 2 - Adam and Eve

This month we continue our series looking at the top ten *Must Know Stories*. We will look at the story of Adam and Eve (Genesis 1-3), reflecting on God's question to Adam: 'Where are you?' (Genesis 3:9).

These chapters remind us that *God is our creator*. He created Adam and Eve in his image (1:27), to steward the earth and enjoy an intimate relationship with each other and Himself. This remains God's purpose for our lives, despite living in a fallen world, where things have gone wrong.

We also see that *God calls us to obey His commands.* Adam and Eve were told not to eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (2:15-17). This command was for their benefit and protection, so that they could continue to enjoy fellowship of God. The story shows that disobeying this command and eating the fruit brought separation and death. When God questioned Adam and Eve they were hiding in the garden from their loving Father.

God asks us all 'Where are you?', for we all share Adam and Eve's story. The universal condition of humanity is that we have all sinned and are separated from God's love and life. Yet this story points to a second Adam, Jesus Christ, who came to bring us back into relationship with the Father. His death and resurrection enables each of us to know God personally in our lives.

The story is told of an estranged Spanish father and son. Having searched for his son in vain, the father finally puts an ad in a local newspaper. The ad read: 'Dear Paco, meet me in front of this newspaper office at noon on Saturday. All is forgiven. I love you. Your Father'. On the Saturday, 800 Pacos showed up!

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### Wellspring

Third Monday of each month

Oct 19th

8.00pm –9.00pm Meeting at the Rectory

Nov 16th

An opportunity to Listen to God and to Pray.

Dec - No meeting

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.

Room at the inn? Small charity **HOST** is seeking friendly people who would like to learn more about other countries and cultures and share their home life with adult international students at UK universities. Young adults from many countries would love to have a short homely break and discover the real life of this country.



Host Kit Millington-Hore wrote "Meeting students from around the world is hugely fulfilling and satisfying. Watching their pleasure as you introduce them to our ways of living, particularly over Christmas, is extremely rewarding."

Visits can be for a day, weekend, or four days at Christmas. Offering a Christmas invitation to someone who would otherwise be alone on a University campus can make a big difference. Invitations are urgently needed from volunteer hosts, no matter their age, or how far they live from a university. To find out more, or to be put in touch with your local organiser, please visit <a href="https://www.hostuk.org">www.hostuk.org</a> or call 020 7739 6292.

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www.sthilarywallasey.org.uk

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#### **Leprosy mission boxes**

It is time for the annual collection of your Leprosy boxes. To all those members, of both congregations, if you have a box, I would be grateful if you would leave them at the back of either church, where they will be collected and returned to you. If you don't have a box, donations are always acceptable, or I can provide you with a box. This year the Leprosy Mission treated earthquake victims at 15 emergency medical camps, households received food and supplies, and tarpaulins for shelter. They also received roofing sheets or cash grants to repair their homes. Thanks to your continued help to the mission, 18,000 victims of the Nepal earthquake were helped. Thank you for your continued help to the mission, remember leprosy is a dreadful, but curable disease. Any problems please contact Pat Hulme on 538 1953.

#### **Children's Society Coffee Morning**

on Saturday 24th October, 10-11.30am.

Bring & buy. All Welcome.

Box holders please return your house boxes or bring to church from now. If anyone would like a box, or needs theirs collecting then please contact Jean 648 6015, Barbara 648 3523 or Elaine 648 1721.





'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 <a href="http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/">http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/</a> home.aspx

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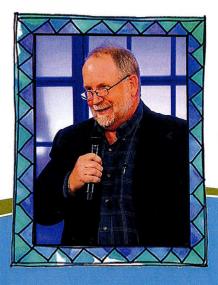
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September 8th, 22nd and 29th.

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)

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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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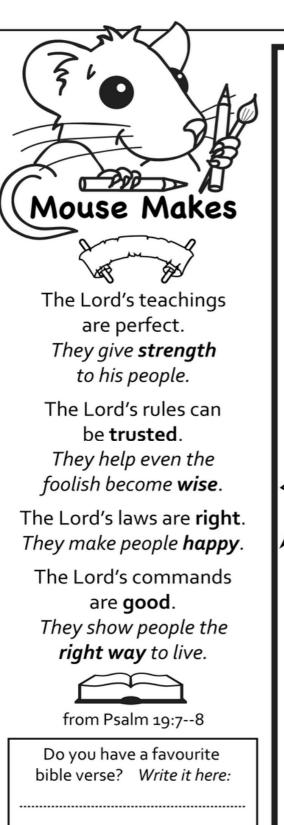
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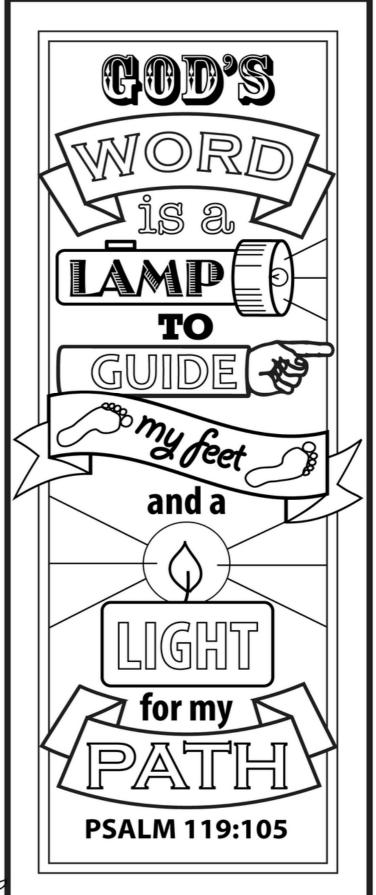
#### **Exciting news!**

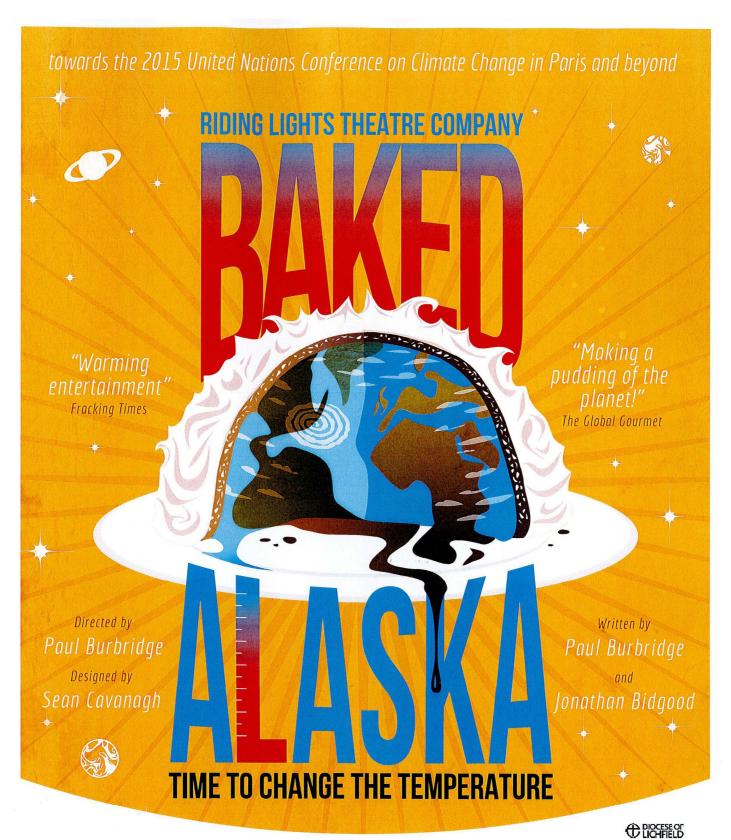
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Mrs E Jones **648 1400** 

Flower Guild (St Chad's)

Mrs J Ratcliffe 648 6171

Church Services - September					
St Bartholomew's	Sunday Service	St Chad's			
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.15am Holy Communion	4th October HARVEST Trinity 18	9.30am Family Service			
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.15am Morning Worship	<b>11th October</b> Trinity 19	9.30am Family Communion			
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.15am Holy Communion	<b>18th October</b> Trinity 20	9.30am Morning Worship			
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.15am Holy Communion 3.00pm Baptism	<b>25th October</b> Bible Sunday	9.30am Family Communion			
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.15am Holy Communion	<b>1st November</b> All Saint's Day	9.30am Family Service 6.30pm Evening of Remembrance			

#### **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

**RECTOR: Revd Jane Turner** 

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