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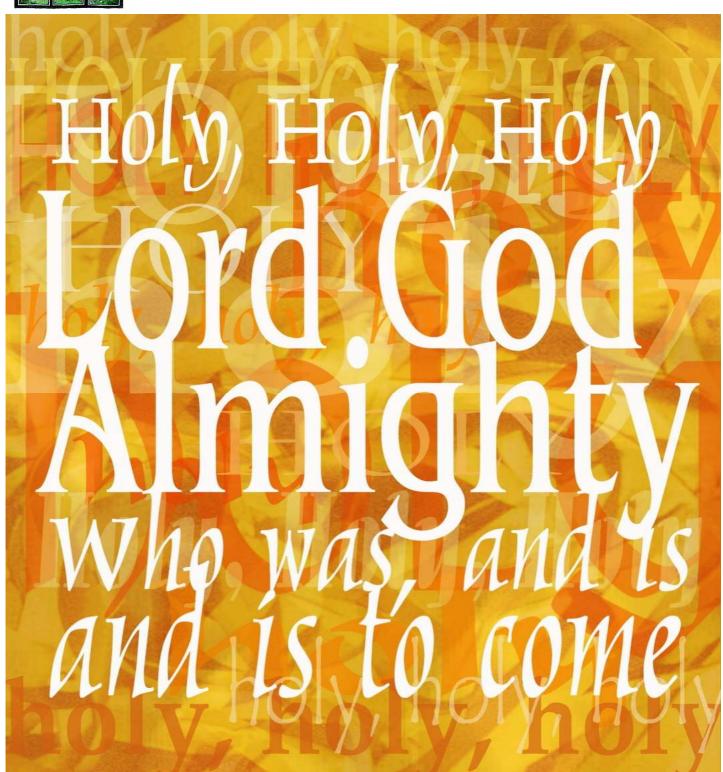


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Diary Dates

Saturday 24th October

Children's Society Coffee Morning

10-11.30am at St Chad's

Sunday 1st November

Evening of Remembrance 6.30pm at St Chad's

Tues 3rd, 10th & 24th November

SOSO 8pm at St Chad's

Saturday 7th November

Men's Breakfast 8.45am-9.45am

at Aroma Café Irby

Monday 9th November

PCC Meeting

7.30pm at St Chad's

Monday 16th November

Wellspring

8-9pm at The Rectory

Saturday 28th November

Christmas Fair

1pm-4pm at St Chad's

Sunday 29th November

Advent Songs of Praise

6.30pm at St Chad's

From the Registers

Funerals

We commend to God's eternal care
12th October
Thelma Welsh

From your rector

Dear Friends

I will be taking a sabbatical from Jan 1st-March 31st 2016. The Diocese has a programme of Sabbaticals for clergy: Sabbatical leave is available to stipendiary clergy who have been in their current post longer than three years and who have not had a sabbatical in the last seven years. In June 2016 I will have been ordained for 20 years and have not taken a sabbatical before.

Since I asked the PCC for permission to take this sabbatical, I have been asked many times "What will you be doing?", "What will you be studying?" And every time my answer has been "As little as possible!"

The word sabbatical comes from the Hebrew word 'Shabbat' meaning 'to close or rest' and is connected with the last day of Creation when God rested. So a sabbatical is not an extended vacation nor does it have to involve study. It's a generous gift for renewal and refreshment, to nurture vision and restore energy.

In September 2014, whilst I was on my annual retreat, I heard God saying loud and clear "Rest and Sabbatical" and began to investigate the possibility as soon as I returned home. It has taken a full year to fully sort out the details. At the end of September this year, I went to visit one of the theological colleges (where students train for ministry), in order to check that the flat would be suitable for both myself and Lily (my labrador). I had a wonderful twenty four hours there and am now very much looking forward to "soaking" myself in the worship life of the college community, and taking the opportunity to have theological conversation in the common room about whatever the latest topic might be!

Rest assured that you will all be well cared for and looked after in my absence. Mr Alan Jones (our Reader) alongside the regular retired clergy (Joe, Simon, David, Julian, and Ray) and some visiting clergy and readers will be covering all services and providing appropriate pastoral care where needed. If you need pastoral care during my sabbatical, please contact the Church Wardens, Reader or Retired Clergy - their details are on the inside back cover of the parish magazine. In the unlikely event that there is an emergency that requires me, the Church Wardens and the parish office will have a means of contacting me.

My e-mail (<u>rector@thurstaston.org.uk</u>) will be redirected to the parish office, so as to prevent any communication (e.g. wedding/baptism enquiries) getting lost. The funeral directors will be informed and will know who to contact to arrange funerals for the duration of my time away.



I hope that you will join with me in praying for God's Blessing as I take this precious time out, and that you will all be blessed by the variety of people covering for me.

Revd Jane

I Love To Live

Today, dear Lord, I'm 80 and there's much I haven't done.

I hope, dear Lord, you let me live until I'm 81.

But then, if I haven't finished the things I want to do,

Would You let me stay here awhile, until I'm 82?

So many places I want to go, so many things to see,

Do you think that You could manage to make it 83?

The world is changing very fast, there is much in store,

I'd like it very much to live until I'm 84.

And if I've got me marbles and if I'm still alive,

We might just round it up until I'm 85.

Well now that I have got this far, I'll want to get my kicks,

Do you think I'll still be clubbing, when I make 86.

I know, dear Lord, it's much to ask, (and it must be nice in heaven)

But I'd like it very much if I could stay till 87.

I know by then I won't be fast, and sometimes I'll be late,

But it really would be pleasant to be around at 88.

I will have done so many things and had a lovely time,

I'm sure that I'll be willing to leave at 89.

Just one more thing I'd like to say, my dear Lord God Almighty,

But if it's okay with You, I'd love to live past 90.

Author Unknown



November 8th AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S (No Service at St Chad's)

10.15am TRADITIONAL SERVICE

10.40am Uniformed Organisations meet on the Green at the front of Church

10.50am Uniformed Organisations Assemble at War Memorial to be joined by 10.15am Congregation and anyone else who wishes to be present for:-

11.00am ACT OF REMEMBRANCE at the War Memorial

11.05am FAMILY SERVICE (aim to finish by 11.30am) for anyone with small children and uniformed organisations and their families

At the 10.00 a.m. service last year, we recalled the wider sacrifice made by so many men and women through wartime poetry. This year, we shall be recalling that same wider sacrifice using stories of local people.

Below are two of the stories we shall be hearing – the first about Philip Toosey from Oxton and the second about Douglas Halliday, a former pupil of mine at Rock Ferry Primary School.

Brigadier Phillip Toosey

Phillip Toosey was born in Upton Road, Oxton and worked for Baring Brothers' Merchant Bank in Liverpool. He was also a part time soldier in the Territorial Army. When war broke out in 1939, he immediately became a full time soldier, left his home and saw action in Belgium, before being evacuated at Dunkirk.

In 1941 he was sent with his unit to the Far East and fought in the defence of Singapore. He refused evacuation - opting instead to remain with his men - with whom he was taken prisoner.

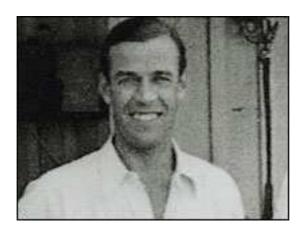
Toosey and his fellow prisoners were sent to work on the infamous Burma Railway. Highly respected by his men, Toosey did everything in his power to try to ensure as many as possible survived the war. He courageously stood up for them, enduring regular beatings for his trouble. He worked hard to maintain hygiene, he negotiated with the Japanese for concessions, including one day off in ten rest. He also did everything in his power to delay construction of the railway, collecting white ants to eat wooden structures and making badly mixed concrete.

When six of his men decided to try to escape, Toosey agreed to hide their disappearance for as long as possible. However, sadly, they were, recaptured and executed. As punishment, Toosey was made to stand to attention outside the guardhouse for a full day in blazing heat.

When the film, *The Bridge on the River Kwai*, was released in 1957 - supposedly based on Toosey's experiences, his men were furious at its distorted image of their hero. However, Toosey said he enjoyed the film as a good piece of fiction, though he did help draft a letter to the Daily Telegraph pointing out it was in no way historically accurate.

During the building of the so-called Death Railway 83,000 Asian labourers and 12,000 Prisoners of War died in its construction. Among those who survived most were the men under PhilipToosey's command.

Like many prisoners of war, Philip Toosey had great difficulty adjusting to peacetime life but, eventually, he resumed his business career and worked closely with the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine - in time becoming their president. He died in 1975, having been awarded an OBE in 1946 and a knighthood in 1974. He is buried at Landican Cemetery.



Philip Toosey

Douglas Halliday

Like his older brother, Robert, Douglas was bigger than most of his peers but, nevertheless, was a gentle and highly popular pupil. Douglas had a wonderful sense of humour and fun. He would always arrive at school with a joke in his mind and would share it, as soon as he arrived, with his friends, his teachers and, at breaktime, with the school secretary, and myself - before he made his way out into the playground. His lovely mum, Denise, was the only lady I knew who drove a skip lorry and she would park it outside the school when she popped in to pay the boys' dinner money.

At the age of 11yrs, Douglas transferred to Plessington High School. Upon leaving Plessington, Douglas decided on a career in the army. Although his parents desperately tried to talk him out of it, at the age of 17yrs, Douglas joined the 1st Battalion

of the Mercian Regiment. During his basic training at Catterick, he was recognised as the top cadet in his group.

Douglas served in Northern Ireland, Kenya and, eventually, in Afghanistan. On June 23rd 2010 the armoured car in which Douglas and three of his colleagues were travelling was called to relieve a police checkpoint, near Gereshk, which had come under fire. On the way, the armoured car was in collision with a police vehicle and rolled into a canal, with the loss all of the four soldiers inside.

Douglas was one of seven servicemen whose bodies were repatriated into Brize Norton on 4th July 2010 - at the end of one of the costliest months of fighting in Afghanistan.

Douglas' funeral was held at Holy Cross Church, Woodchurch. The church was full to overflowing with young and old alike who had come to pay tribute to this wonderful, courageous young man. Douglas was buried with full military honours, close to the grave of his grandfather. His commanding officer spoke of his love of the army, his dedication to his colleagues and his wonderful sense of humour and fun. On the order of service was the motto, *One life, live it*.

Alan Jones



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.						
ev'd Jane Turner						
An Evening of Remembrance and Thanksgiving						
fame of the deceased:						
four Name:						
four Address:						

Please return to:-

ADVENT SONGS OF PRAISE - SUNDAY 29th 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 8th 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

Christmas Fair

The fair will be on Saturday 28th November 1 - 4 pm.

Anyone willing to help me please let me know as I will need a committee to brain storm, plan and organise everything, the more hands the easier it gets! New ideas and feedback on what can be done better from last time are very welcome.

Please start to put to one side anything you think we can sell, Good as new / unwanted gifts , Books/DVDs/CDs (no videos), Jewellery,

Toys in good condition, soft toys for kid's 'take-a-ted'
Raffle prizes - who do you know that will donate a voucher or prize?
Small glass items (to be decorated and sold).

I hope to do glass painting again for the kids, so please can you collect any small jars that will take a tea-light, e.g the gü pudding containers.

For the Crafty and Cooks please start planning or creating; hand made crafts, home made preserves/pickles, cakes, sweets, Christmas decorations etc, as a homemade stall always looks fantastic.

There is usually a small number of tables available for a fee, subject to any space after our own stalls are accommodated.

Lastly, it takes many hands to pull this off and we need all the help we can get on the day and the night before, so if you can help in any way, setting up, clearing away, a couple of hours on a stall, sorting donations, decorating the hall, etc. please pass me your name when you see me or drop me an email.

Last year was fantastic, lets see if we can do it again! Many thanks Julie DeBoorder 648 6331 debs1313deb@btopenworld.com 12



st. Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irby

Saturday 28th November 1pm-4pm

* Santa's Grotto

Lots of stalls

Refreshments

Raffle





Most popular Bible Stories: no. 3 - Noah

A little boy was listening to the story of Noah's Ark. Suddenly he interrupted: "Where were you in the ark, Grandpa?' His grandfather replied, with some astonishment, that he had not been in the ark at all. That did not satisfy his grandson: "Then why weren't you drowned?"

This month we consider Noah, an example of faith in Hebrews 11:7 'By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.' So - what does Noah teach us about faith?

Faith believes God's Word: Noah believed God's warning of judgment on the people of the earth for their violence and wickedness, despite the lack of rain! Are we prepared to trust God's word, even when we can't see the evidence of his working?

Faith loves and serves God: Noah was moved by 'holy fear', like a child who does not want to displease his father. Do we seek to love God with all of our lives?

Faith obeys God in the face of opposition: 'The construction of the ark is the longest, most drawn out test of faith recorded in the Bible' (Oswald Sanders). Noah built a boat 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high, hundreds of miles from water to the amazement of the people. Is God calling us to step out in faith in a particular area of our lives?

Faith witnesses for God in spite of rejection: Noah was described as a righteous and blameless man who 'walked with God'. As one who lived right with God, he can be called a 'preacher of righteousness' (2 Peter 2:5). What is the witness of our faith to others? Where were the Noah jokes when it started raining?

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2015

Wellspring

Third Monday of each month

Nov 16th

8.00pm –9.00pm Meeting at the Rectory

Dec - No meeting

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.

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 www.hostuk.org or call 020 7739 6292.

Editor: Tim Lenton considers Prisons Week – when we are urged to remember those 85,000 people in prison in the UK...

Prisons Week – time to remember the people in our 150+ prisons



Because of increasing concern 40 years ago for the welfare of prisoners in England and Wales, chaplains and other Christians started Prisoners' Week, to encourage prayer throughout the Christian community for people in prison.

This year Prisons Week – as it has become – is being held from 15 to 21 November and is attracting wide support across denominations. The former Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Williams, is strongly behind it, observing that "one of the most serious aspects of being in prison can be the sense of isolation and even abandonment; and one of the most effective witnesses that can be given to prisoners is the assurance that they are not forgotten".

About 85,000 people are in 150 or so prisons in the UK and Northern Ireland. The vast majority of them (over 80,000) are men. A surprising number of innocent children are affected: in 2009, for instance, some 200,000 children in England and Wales had a parent in prison.

There is one Anglican chaplain in each prison in England and Wales, plus about 100 others from different denominations. Perhaps surprisingly, there are many Muslim chaplains, with figures ranging from 80 full-time equivalent (official 2013 figure) up to 400-450 full and part time now (publicspirit.org.uk). The prison population is 12% Muslim.

Christians wanting to get involved in Prisons Week through letter-writing would do best to consult Prison Fellowship, which has 130 local prayer groups and 1500 volunteers. They are easily tracked down on the internet. You can keep abreast of events in Prisons Week itself on Twitter by following @PrisonsWeek.

To go one step further and become an official prison visitor, you should contact the National Association of Official Prison Visitors, who say "the cumulative effect of regular, friendly and non-judgmental contact can, and often does, make a positive difference".



Men's Breakfast



7th November 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.



'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

This is no trick! You're in for a treat!

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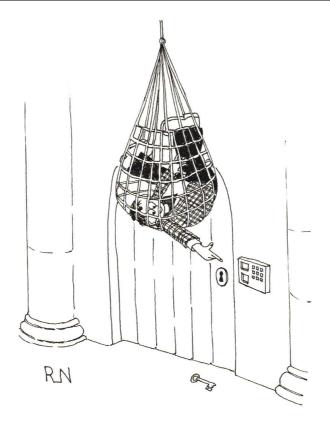
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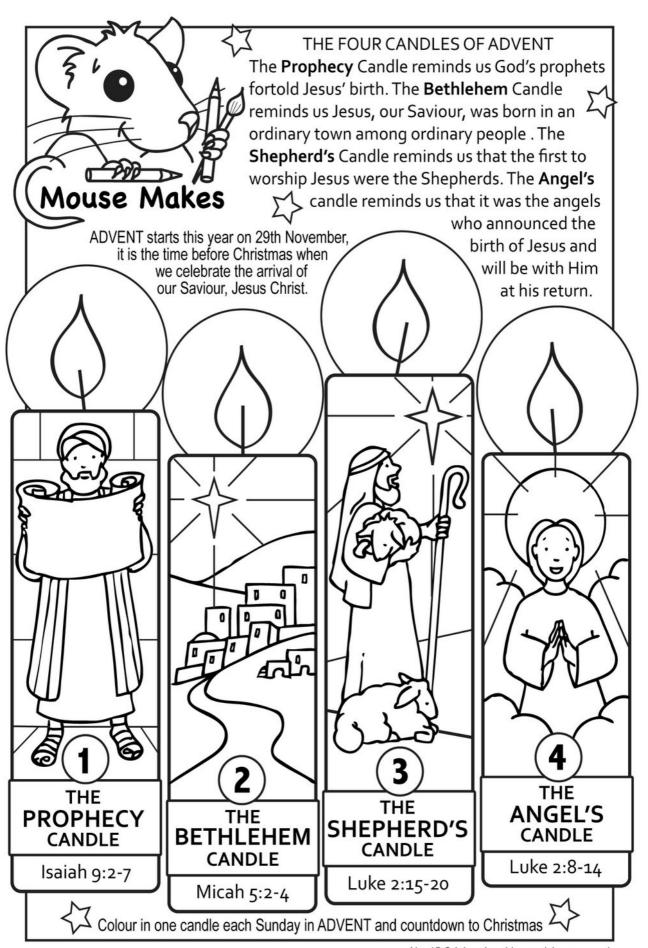


When applying for a job, get your CV right...

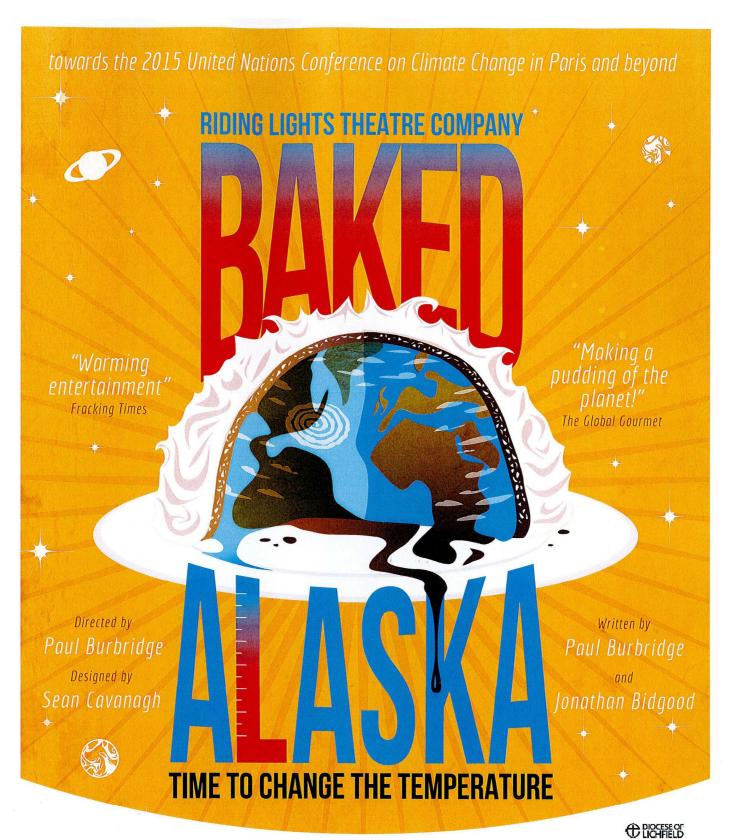
(These comments were found in real CVs... wonder how many applicants went on to get the job!)

- ~ Personal details? I am married, 1992 Chevrolet.
 - ~ I have an excellent track record, although I am not a horse.
- ~ I am a rabid typist.
- ~ I created a new market for pigs by processing, advertising and selling a gourmet pig mail order service on the side.
- ~ My intensity and focus are at inordinately high levels, and my ability to complete projects on time is unspeakable. I was instrumental in ruining an entire operation for a Midland chain store.
- ~ I had exposure to German for two years, but many words are not appropriate for business.
- ~ Personal interests? Donating blood. 15 gallons so far.
- ~ Strengths: My ability is to meet deadlines while maintaining my composer.
- ~ Don't take the comments of my former employer too seriously, they were unappreciative beggars and slave drivers.
- ~ I am loyal to my employer at all costs...Please feel free to respond to my CV on my office voicemail.
 - ~ Qualifications: no education. My experience is probably not good to mention.
 - ~ Disposed of £2.5 billion in assets.
- ~ Cover letter: "Thank you for your consideration. Hope to hear from you shorty!"

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Church Services - November

Sunday Services

St Bartholomew's St Chad's

9.30am Family Service 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 1st November 11.15am Holy Communion All Saint's Day 6.30pm Evening of Remembrance

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 8th November **NO SERVICES** 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 8th November

10.15am Traditional Service Remembrance Sunday

11.15am Family Service

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 15th November 9.30am Morning Worship 11.15am Holy Communion 2nd Before Advent

9.30am Family Communion 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 22nd November 11.15am Holy Communion

Christ the King

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 29th November 9.30am Family Communion 11.15am Morning Worship 6.30pm Songs of Praise Advent Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Worship 6th December 11.15am Holy Communion 4.00pm Christingle Advent 2

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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