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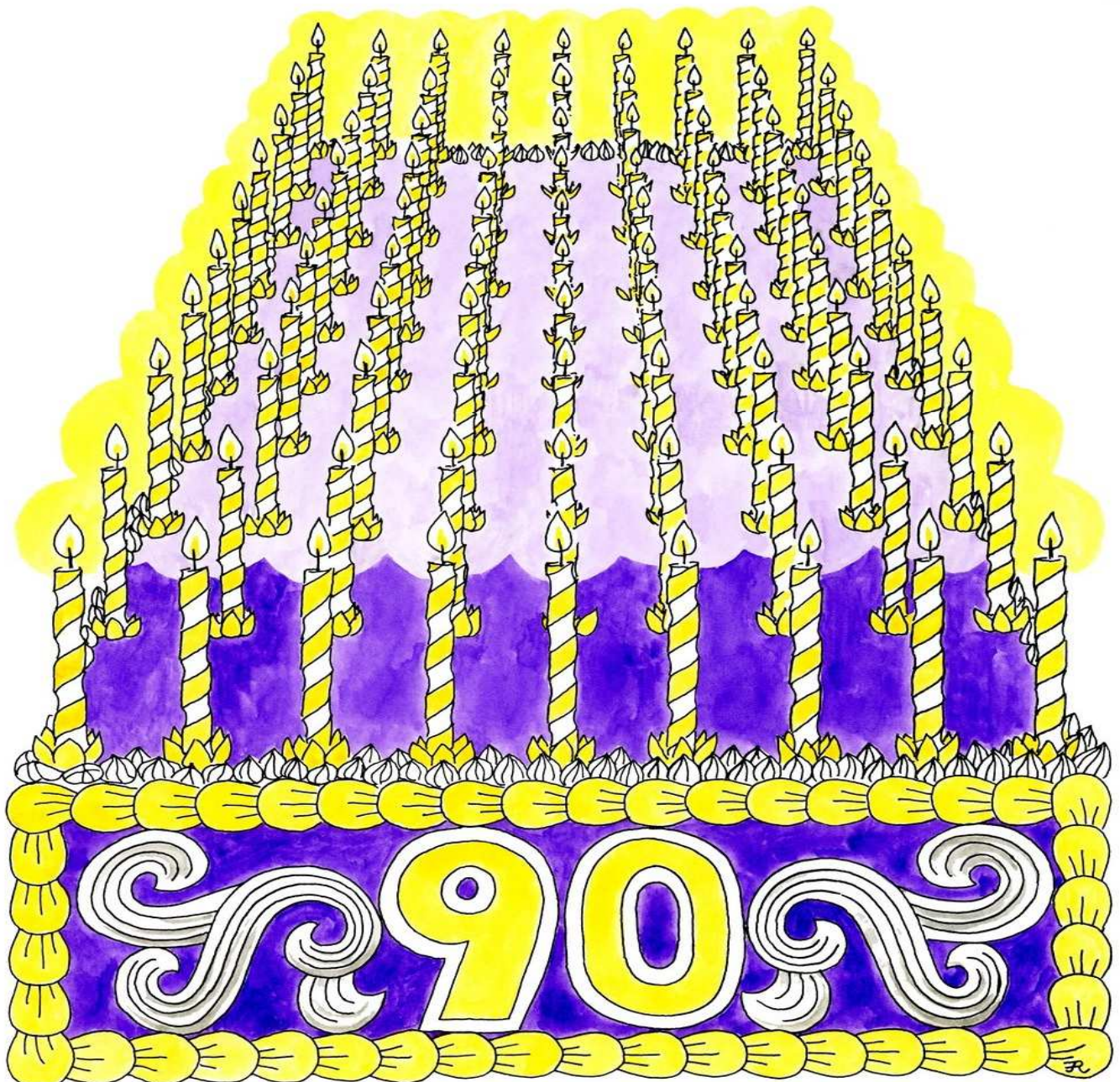


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## Diary Dates

**Tuesdays**  
SOSO Tuesdays 31st May,  
7th & 28th June  
8pm at St Chad's

**Sunday 12th June**  
Garden Tea party for the  
Queen's 90th birthday  
(see page 6)

**Monday 13th June**  
PCC Meeting  
7.30pm at St Chad's

**Monday 20th June**  
Wellspring

8pm at the Rectory

**Tuesday 14th June**  
Parish Outing to Wales  
Depart 9.30am from the Rectory

**Saturday 2nd July**  
Men's Breakfast  
7.45am-8.45am at  
Aroma Café Irby

## *From the Registers*

### ***Baptisms***

*We welcome into the  
Lord's family  
22nd May*

*Ellis Rowlands  
29th May*

*Mia Whitehead*

### ***Weddings***

*We ask for God's blessing  
upon the marriage of  
21st May*

*Timothy Scanlan  
&*

*Kerry Peers*

### ***Funerals***

*We commend to God's  
eternal care  
25th May*

*Raymund Scott  
27th May*

*Robert McCosh  
and  
William Davis*



## From Your Rector

Dear Friends,

### The Servant Queen

The whole country will this month be celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday. She has splendidly fulfilled the promise made on the day when her father, King George VI, died and she came to the throne at the age of 27. On that day she dedicated 'the rest of my life, whether it be long or short' to the service of the nation and the Commonwealth. She has certainly proved that she meant what she said. Hers is already the longest reign of any British monarch.

Those years have seen huge changes in the world: the end of apartheid in South Africa, the transition of scores of countries to independence within the Commonwealth, the advent of space exploration and men on the moon, the arrival of the computer and the internet, social media, Twitter and so on. Through it all she has remained a calm, reassuring figure, head of state to 12 different prime ministers and leader of a resilient and growing Commonwealth of Nations.

The Queen has quietly moved with the times. Her rather tortured 'royal' accent of the forties and fifties has broadened into a quietly spoken Received English. Uneasy about it at first, she has made herself an effective performer on television. And through it all she has openly acknowledged that her own Christian faith is the bedrock of all that she is and has done. In recent years she has been more willing to talk about that faith, notably in her Christmas messages.

In our parish we will be celebrating in several ways:-

1. Both Dawpool and Irby Primary are having special celebrations in School. I will be leading a special assembly in both schools and every child will be given a booklet (pictured below) as a gift from our congregations.

2. There will be a special service at 10.30am at St Bartholomew's on Sunday 12th June (there will be no 9.30am or 11.15am services that day). In this service, we will think about each decade of the Queen's life and for each decade focus on a different aspect of the life of the nation and the world.

3. There will be a Garden Party at St Chad's on the afternoon of Sunday 12th June. Details circulated last month.

I hope that many of you will be able to share in these events and that you will be inspired by the faith which guides the Queen in her duties and in her personal life.

God Bless,

*Rev'd Jane*

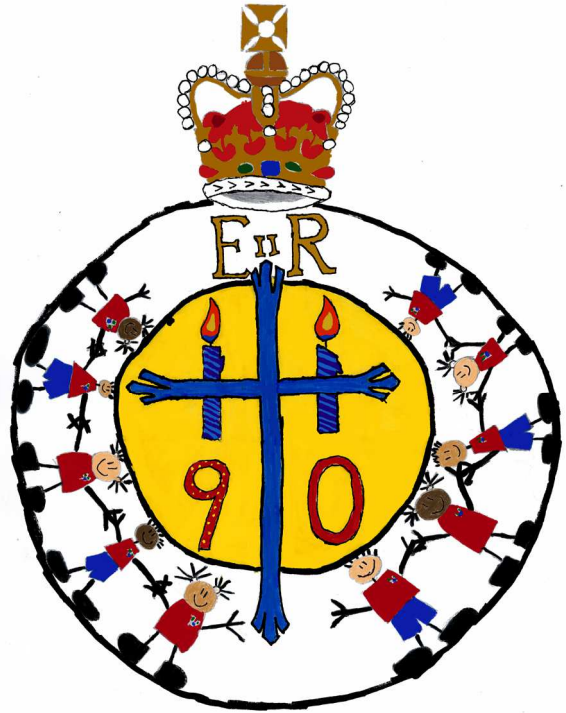


# The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

A service of thanksgiving  
in the parish of Thurstaston and Irby

10.30am 12th June 2016  
at St Bartholomew's

There will be no 9.30am or 11.15am service  
8.00am BCP HC will take place as usual.



Family Service  
June 5th  
9.30am St Chad's  
Theme:

Love every neighbour

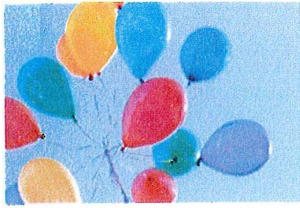
Please:

- thank God for the difference Christian Aid makes for the lives of many of the world's poorest people
- thank God for the witness Christian Aid Week demonstrates in your community and around the country
- ask God to bless all who give their time, talents and money to help support the work of Christian Aid
- ask God to bless the money raised, that it will bring transformation around the world.

A prayer from Bangladesh

O Saviour Christ,  
in whose way of life lies the secret of all life,  
and the hopes of all the people,  
we pray for quiet courage to meet this hour.  
We did not choose to be born  
or to live in such an age.  
But let its problems challenge us,  
its discoveries exhilarate us,  
its injustice anger us,  
its possibilities inspire us,  
and its vigour renew us,  
for your Kingdom's sake.

(John Carden, Bangladesh, A Procession of Prayers: Meditations and Prayers from around the World, Cassell, 1998)



**YOU ARE INVITED TO  
A GARDEN TEA PARTY  
ON  
SUNDAY 12TH JUNE 2016  
2.00 P.M. TO 4.00 P.M.**



**TO CELEBRATE  
HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH'S  
90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**



This special event will take place, weather permitting, outdoors  
on the grass behind St Chad's, Irby.

There will be quizzes, raffle, singing, a craft table and toys for young  
children to play with. There will be prizes for the best dressed Queen or Duke  
in both children's and adult categories and each family will receive a free souvenir  
coloured commemoration book.

Tea will include a variety of finger canapes, sandwiches, pastries, strawberries and  
cream. Tea will be served in china cups.

Tickets will be £5.00 per adult, £2.50 per child  
and will be available in both churches and at the Parish Office.

Closing date for purchase is Sunday 29th May.

Bring the family, bring friends, bring neighbours - everyone welcome!



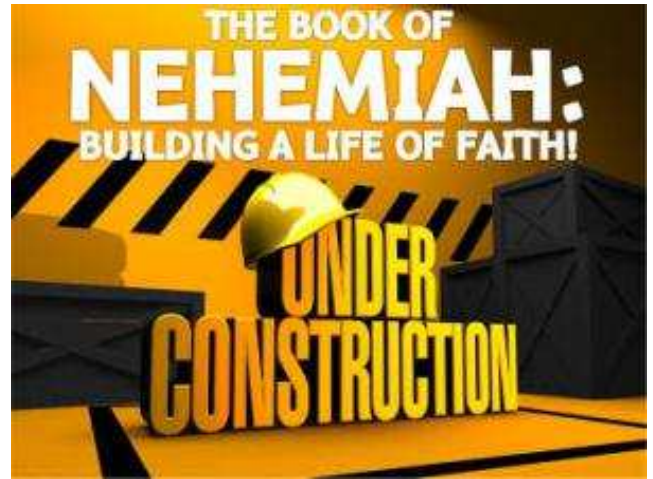
**COME AND JOIN THE CELEBRATION!**





**You are invited to  
Come and study the book of Nehemiah**

St Chad's Extension  
at the dates and times shown below.  
We will meet for up to 90 minutes,  
read the Bible together,  
discuss what we read and pray together.



**Everyone Welcome.**

Please come even if you've never been to any kind of Bible study group before!

Revd Jane will be printing a booklet to go with the sessions, so it would be really helpful if you could let her know if you plan to come. She will print a few extra booklets anyway, so please do turn up on the spur of the moment as well!

**Interior Decoration: Nehemiah chapter 5 and 9**

Thurs 9th June 2.00pm

**Building Maintenance: Nehemiah 12v27 - 13v31**

Thurs 16th June 2.00pm



## **Men's Breakfast**



2nd July 2016 8.45 – 9.45am

Aroma Cafe, Irby Village

Eat, chat and share in fellowship.

Contact Matthew James on 07817625122 or

[mjames@doctors.org.uk](mailto: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 2016 are:

3rd September and 5th November

## The top 10 Bible stories: no. 10: The Parable of the Prodigal Son

This month we come to the last of our 10 *Must Know Story* from the Bible. The parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32) is one of Jesus' most well-known stories. Yet it also beautifully presents the good news of the Gospel, through the theme of *lost and found*.

The younger son is lost when he demands his inheritance early, deliberately making himself independent and treating his father as dead! This reflects our own lostness as human beings, when we cut ourselves off from the loving presence and grace of a loving heavenly Father.

After squandering his wealth, he finally comes to his senses: '*Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.*' (18,19). However, even before he arrives home, his father runs to greet him and welcomes his son back home. The celebrations for the homecoming of this son reflect the '*rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents*' (7).

This story graphically demonstrates the amazing grace of God for each one of us. The older son's misunderstanding of the father's actions is a warning not to harden our hearts to the work of God's grace in ourselves and others. '*There is nothing we can do to make God love us more. There is nothing we can do to make God love us less.*' (Philip Yancey).

The story is told of a father and son who had become estranged and the father searched for him to no avail. In desperation, he put an advert in a local newspaper: '*Dear Paco, meet me in front of this newspaper office at noon on Saturday. All is forgiven. I love you. Your Father.*' On Saturday 800 Pacos showed up!!

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# Wellspring

2016

20th June

Third Monday of each month

18th July

8.00pm Meeting at the Rectory

Aug—no meeting

An opportunity to Listen to God and to Pray.

19th Sep  
@ St Chad's

All are Welcome  
Together we will seek God's Vision  
for our church communities.

17th Oct

*Give ears and come to me; listen, so that you might  
live.*

14th Nov  
(a week earlier than  
normal!)

Isaiah 55v3

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.

**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:



Summer meal or outing

Date, time and venue to be announced

Keep a look out at the church notices

# Could you be our Church Treasurer?



Due to the resignation of our current treasurer, for personal reasons, we are looking for a new treasurer.

**Do you have skills in  
Book-keeping and Account Reconciliation?**

**Do you work well as part of a team?**

**Yes to both. Then you could be  
just the person we are looking for.**

The weekly counting and banking of our Sunday offering (and other income) is done by a member of the finance team. The payment of most bills is done by another member of the finance team. Both of these people are willing to carry on doing what they already do.

The software which is being used at the moment is QuickBooks, so familiarity with that would be helpful, but not essential, as we would be willing to consider alternatives.

**For more information or to offer your help,  
please contact Revd Jane Turner  
[rector@thurstaston.org.uk](mailto:rector@thurstaston.org.uk)  
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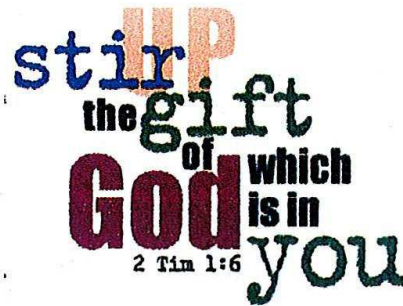
**Finance  
Committee**



## APCM NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended the APCM on 24<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Could you be our Church Warden?**



We only received one nomination (Mr Chris Perry), so he was elected!

Church wardens are elected for one year, but can serve up to six consecutive years if re-elected. Mr John Roberts has done that, so he cannot stand again.

*The basic number of churchwardens is two for each parish.* There is no legal sanction if a parish does not have the full number, but it is important to ensure a full complement if at all possible. This is because a single churchwarden acting alone can be placed under an unreasonable burden. It is also unsatisfactory for a parish to be left without cover if a single churchwarden is unable to carry out his or her duties for a time, for example because of illness or unavoidable absence... Churchwardens are chosen and hold office for only one year at a time. (From the "Guide to the Churchwarden's Measure 2001")

Church Wardens are appointed to serve the whole parish and not a particular church building or congregation and so anyone who is

baptised,  
on the electoral roll,  
an "actual communicant"  
and aged over 21

can be considered for this role.

**If you think this could be you, or  
if you think someone else would be the right person  
to serve our parish in this way,  
then please speak to Revd Jane  
or any member of the PCC.**

(PCC members are Chris Perry, Malcolm Studholme, Chris Smale, Graham Barley, Janet Trigg, Julie DeBoorder, Kate Preston, Jon Oliver, Chris Williams, Roger Jackson, Matt James, Roger Dennison, Chris Turnbull, Liz Whitehead, Andy Harford, Peter Aspinall, Debbie Aspinall)

Wimbledon begins on 27<sup>th</sup> June. Here Richard Bewes looks back on the Wimbledon of 1879.

extraordinary

## When the Vicar won Wimbledon

"Lawn Tennis," wrote J.B. Priestley, "is a name with the mildest associations. It suggests a companion pastime to croquet, a late-Victorian thing, bright with petticoats and delicately clouded with curates."

So it seemed with the development of Wimbledon's All England Lawn Tennis Club from its beginnings in 1869 as a Croquet Club, at which "Gentlemen are requested not to play in their shirt sleeves when ladies are present." However, with the addition of tennis courts to the grounds, the new game gained ascendancy, and the first Wimbledon Tennis Championships took place in 1877.

It was at the third tournament of 1879 that the Rev J.T. Hartley, vicar of Burneston in Yorkshire, won the All-Comers Gentlemen's Singles out of an entry of 45 competitors at Wimbledon, and repeated the feat the following year.

On the middle Sunday of the tournament, he was obliged to dash back to Yorkshire to deliver his church sermon before returning once again to complete his triumph at the All-England Club.

Never again was a clergyman to win Wimbledon. (Though in their dreams I am sure many clergy have appeared in the final a number of times!)

Many of the early players were highly idiosyncratic. In the 1921 quarter-finals Randolph Lycett was playing Zenzo Shimidzu on one of the hottest days in memory. During the third set, Lycett had to be revived with gin every time he changed ends. In the fifth set, muzzy and staggering, he ordered a bottle of Champagne to be brought out onto the Centre Court, and he consumed the last drop of it as the umpire called, "Shimidzu leads by nine games to eight in the final set." The gallery hardly knew whether to object or sympathise when Lycett dropped his racket, and then on hands and knees crawled round in search of it. To most people's relief, Shimidzu won the match.

Today a Bosnian, Novak Djokovic, as world's Number One, leads a dazzling array of players who - almost universally - see Wimbledon as 'the big W' - that can seemingly make a man or woman immortal.

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# Things we could never have imagined buying years ago

Looking around the shops today, there are things for sale which we would never have dreamt we would ever be able to buy years ago - when we shopped, on a daily basis, at our corner shop.

Here are a few of our ideas – can you think of anymore?

1. **Toilet rolls** – let alone scented, quilted toilet rolls with added lanolin! After all, we had the *Echo*!



2. **Bottled Water!** We drank water from our own taps or from water fountains found in public places like parks.



3. **Coffee to go!** We waited until we got back home and made ourselves a pot of tea or Camp coffee!



4. **A Ready Cooked Chicken!** Are they that, *Extra Tasty*?



5. **Prepared Vegetables!** Do they *really* grow all the same size?



6. **A Lottery Ticket!** Our fathers and uncles did the pools and checked the results every Saturday from *Sports Report* on the wireless.



7. **Frozen Peas!** Very few of us had fridges let alone freezers!



8. **Sandwiches!** We made all our own *butties* – usually with jam!



9. **A Mobile Phone!** We used a red phone box or paid a shopkeeper.



Alan and Elaine Jones



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## Father's Day Prayer

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'The Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.'  
Romans 8:15-16

**Abba, Father God, thank you that you know us by name.**

**Thank you that you welcome us into your family and that you care for us. Thank you for calling us into relationship with you so that we can know you too, and thank you that you promise to never leave us.**

**Abba, Father God, thank you that you are our provider.**

**We pray for those who have a difficult relationship with their dad or who don't know them. We pray for children whose parents aren't able to care for them or who are missing their parents. Would you meet their needs and provide a loving family for them.**




**Abba, Father God, thank you that you are our shield and strength.**

**We pray strength for dads who are tired or discouraged as they parent. We pray protection for families who are struggling or who are feeling isolated. Would you draw close and give them strength for each day.**

**Abba, Father God, thank you that you are all we need.**

**We ask for your gentleness and wisdom for those caring for children. We ask for your comfort and peace for those unable to be with their family. Please send your Spirit to guide us.**

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# Children's Pages

## Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Luke chapter 2 verses 41 to 51

Every year Joseph and Mary went to Jerusalem  
for the Passover festival with their family  
and friends. This year Jesus was twelve.

The women and children went  
in front to set the pace



Next year, Jesus, you'll be walking  
at the back with the men.

The Passover feasting  
lasted eight days...



..and then they set  
off for home again



but without Jesus.

Mary and Joseph didn't find  
out until the evening



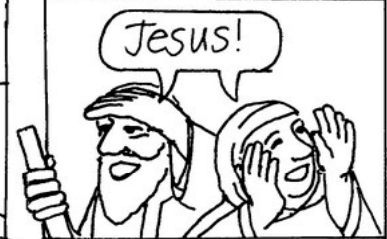
I thought he was with you!

So they walked back to  
Jerusalem and started  
searching for Jesus....



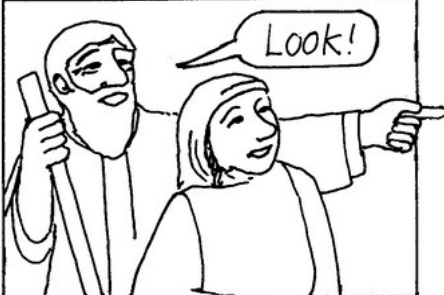
Sorry, I haven't seen him.

..and the next day,



then on the third day

they went to the temple



He was talking with the  
teachers.



You must be very proud  
of your clever son



But Mary was not happy.

How could you treat your  
father and I like this?



Didn't you know I'd be here?

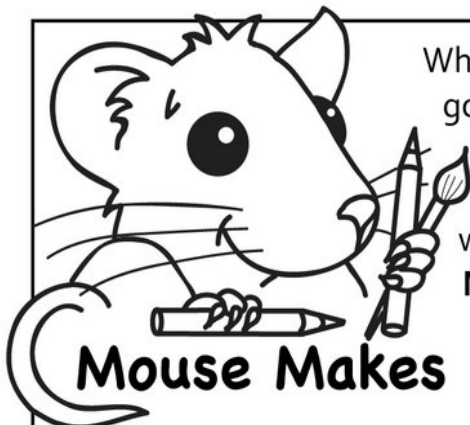


I needed to be where my  
birth father, God, is working.

Mary thought about  
this all the way home



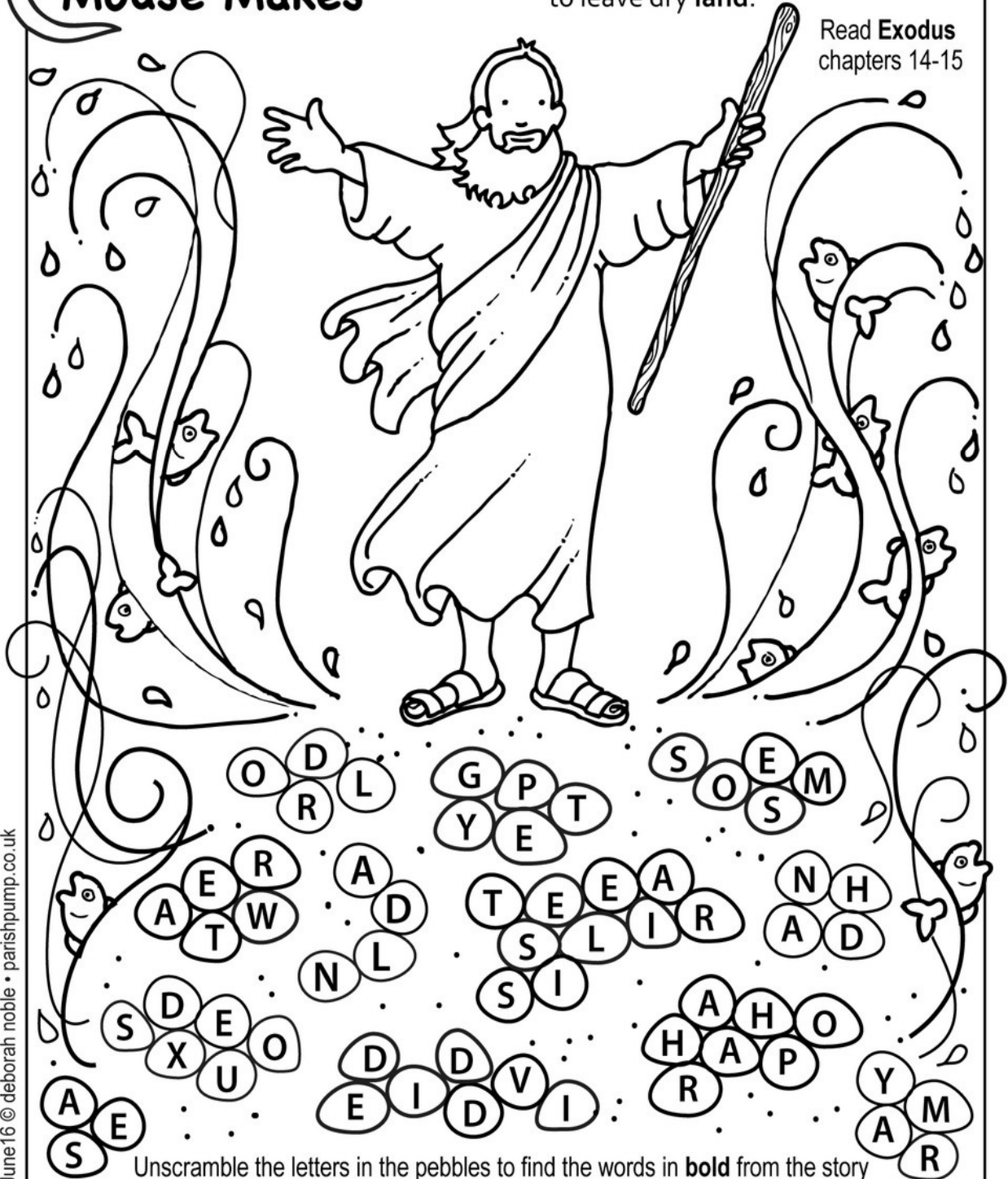
...and all her life.



When **Pharoah**, the King of **Egypt**, let the Israelites go free, God led them across the desert to the **sea**.

But Pharoah changed his mind and came after them with his **army**. The Israelites were terrified and cried out to the **Lord** for help. **Moses** told them, "*Do not be afraid*". He held his hand out over the sea and the **water divided** to leave dry **land**.

Read **Exodus** chapters 14-15



Unscramble the letters in the pebbles to find the words in **bold** from the story





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## **Church Services - June**

### **Sunday Services**

#### **St Bartholomew's**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

**5th June**  
Trinity 2

#### **St Chad's**

9.30am Family Service

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
**10.30am Service of Thanksgiving**

**12th June**  
Trinity 3

**No Service**  
**Garden Party 2-4pm**

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

**19th June**  
Trinity 4  
Father's Day

9.30am Morning Worship

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

**26th June**  
Trinity 5

9.30am Family Communion

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

**3rd July**  
Trinity 6

9.30am Family 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.

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