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God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease,
poverty and pain shall end,
and the earth knows the peace of heaven,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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Diary Dates

<p>Saturday 5th November Men's Breakfast 8.45am-9.45am at Aroma Café Irby Tuesdays, 8th & 22nd November SOSO 8pm at St Chad's Monday 14th November Wellspring 8pm at the Rectory Saturday 19th November RDA Coffee Morning 10am-12noon at Jean Heath's, 233 Irby Road</p>	<p>Wednesday 23rd November Mothers' Union (EMU) Help to make St Chad's 50th Anniversary Banner 8.00pm at St Chad's Saturday 26th November Christmas Fair 1-4pm at St Chad's Thursday's 8pm at St Chad's Faith Pictures 10th & 17th Nov Thursday's 8pm at St Chad's Advent's Angels 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd December</p>
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From the Registers

Baptisms
*We welcome into the
Lord's family*

Benjamin Young
Benjamin Parker

Funerals
*We commend to
God's eternal care*

Rachel Hunter

From Your Rector

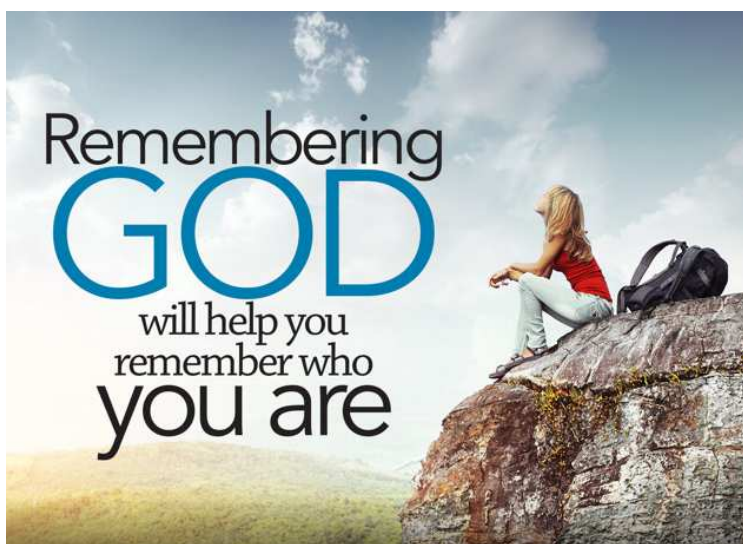
Dear All,

Summer is giving way to autumn, leaves are starting to fall from the trees; the light evenings are becoming darker with each successive night. Things are changing all around us, nothing stays the same. It's because things change that it's important to make time to stop and remember.

This time of year is always good to do that. Through these months the church gives us plenty of opportunity to remember all sorts of important things. Last month we remembered with thanksgiving God's provision of good things to eat at Harvest time. This month we remember with gratitude those who fought and sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today, at our Remembrance Services and on 30th October we fondly bring to mind those who we have loved yet lost at our Remembrance and Thanksgiving Service.

This month we also celebrate All Saints Day (1st Nov). Remembrance of Saints is an uplifting way of reminding ourselves of our heritage of faith today and throughout history, and calls us to faithfulness as God's saints here and now in our parish.

Yet some things never change, the Bible tells us that God is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13 v8). He is the sure anchor point that we can build our lives upon through all the changing scenes of life. Whether our lives are going well or are in difficulty God's constant, steadying presence can help us and change us for the good.



I remember reading a book that played with the word 'remember'. It suggested that we should read the word as 're-membered' as in, having the members (pieces) of your lives put together again. God can do this as we remember his love and constant care for

us, but like the other opportunities we have to remember over these next few weeks we need to make a conscious effort to do this otherwise it will mean nothing. I hope to see you at our special 'remembering' services and also at our weekly services which help us to remember again God's amazing, transforming love for us all.

Rev'd Jane

WHY?

Why are they selling poppies, Mummy, selling poppies in town today?
The poppies, child, are flowers of love, for the men who marched away.

But why have they chosen a poppy, Mummy, why not a beautiful rose?
Because, my child, men fought and died in fields where the poppies grow.

But why are the poppies so red, Mummy, why are the poppies so red?
Red is the colour of blood my child. The blood our soldiers shed.

The heart of the poppy is black, Mummy, why does it have to be black?
Black, my child, is the symbol of grief; for the men who never came back.

But why are you crying so, Mummy, are your tears giving you pain?
My tears are my fears for you, my child, for the world is forgetting again.

Anon

Always
&
Forever



Christmas Fair

The fair will be on Saturday 26th November 1 - 4 pm.

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?

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.

Many thanks Julie DeBoorder 648 6331
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St. Chad's Church, Roslin Road, Irbly

CHRISTMAS

FAIR

Saturday 26th November 1pm-4pm

* Santa's Grotto

Lots of stalls

Refreshments

Raffle



Sunday 13th November – Remembrance Sunday

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

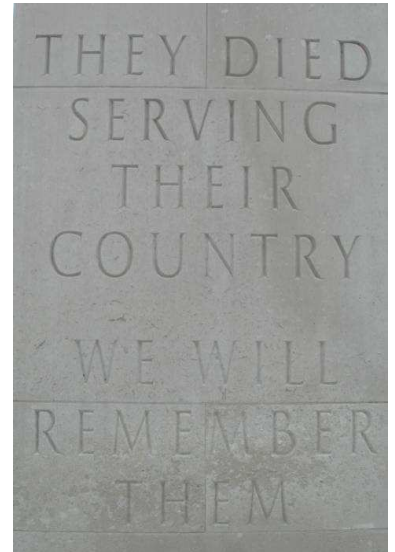
10.15am TRADITIONAL SERVICE

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



Advent, Christmas and New Year Special Services:-

Sun Dec 4th 9.30am Holy Communion

4.00pm Christingle Family Service at St Chads

8.00am, 11.15am as normal.

Sun Dec 11th **All Services as Normal**

Sun Dec 18th 9.30am Nativity Service led by Junior Church

6.30pm Joint Carol Service at Irby Methodist

8.00am, 11.15am as normal

Dec 24th 4.00pm Crib Service at St. Bartholomew's

5.00pm Crib Service at St. Bartholomew's

11.15pm First Communion of Christmas

Sunday December 25th – Christmas Day

8.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Family Communion at St Chad's

NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY

Sunday January 1st

8.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Communion Service at St. Bartholomew's

NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY

Sunday January 8th

8.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Covenant Service at Irby Methodist

NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY

St Chad's will be 50 in 2017



We plan to celebrate St Chad's 50th Anniversary in a Variety of Ways:-

Making a Banner in which we hope everyone will play a part even if just a few stitches!

Special Service on Sunday 26th February

Summer Barn Dance on Friday 2nd June

Do you have any photos that we could borrow to make some kind of montage or historical timeline? All photos will be much appreciated and looked after - we would especially like any photos of special events e.g. opening of St Chad's in 1967, inductions/baptisms/confirmations, extension being built or opened, other celebrations in the life of the church etc.

Please carefully label your photos with date and what they are of, plus your name, place them in an envelope and hand to Revd Jane (or the parish office) who will return them to you ASAP.

**If anyone would like to organise
any other special events
during this Anniversary Year,
then please speak to Revd Jane.**

HISTORY OF ST CHAD'S

As we're not far from the 50th anniversary of the dedication of St Chad's, in February 1967, church members might be interested in some of the background as revealed by contemporary PCC minutes. For anyone interested, more details should be in the parish magazines of the time and the church accounts, all of which are in the Diocesan Archives at Chester Record Office. On 7th July 1960, it was reported that the Bishop had asked for the requirements of the parish for the next 20 years. The PCC agreed to raise the possibility of a church building on church land at Thingwall Road, Irby. The next reference to what is now St Chad's is dated 8th March 1961, when Mr Morrell again suggested the possibility of a church building in Irby. Claude Morrell and his wife May supported the church very strongly and were very generous with gifts and financial donations to the church, which included paying for the sanctuary at St Chad's and for a complete rebuilding of the organ at St Bartholomew's. Mr Morrell also said that, "Any new building not in the official programme for consideration in the next six or twelve months might be forced to wait a considerable time at the end of a long list". Mr Cocks and other members of the PCC had been to look at wooden buildings at the RAF base at West Kirby and had identified one as being suitable for a parish hall. Mr Cocks had said he was willing to pay for it, and the PCC arranged for an architect to inspect it, while Mr Morrell obtained the planning application forms from the UDC (Urban District Council). Permission was granted by October, but the Rector then asked the PCC to confirm the need for the building as it would require continual expense, and the Treasurer pointed out that the church finances were "not very good". The PCC asked the Church Repair Committee to reconsider the project and in November they confirmed that the building was necessary. The PCC then unanimously agreed to proceed as soon as possible.

Over Christmas however, two parishioners donated £6,000 towards a permanent church hall and the committee (presumably the Church Repair Committee) asked the architect for suggestions. Mr Cocks, realising that the wooden building was no longer required, donated it to St John's Church, Frankby, where it can still be seen.



The ex-RAF building at St John's Church, Frankby, originally purchased by Mr Cocks for use as a parish hall in Irby and given by him to St John's when other parishioners donated money for a permanent building. It is approximately 21.3m (70 ft) long and 9.1m (30 ft) wide, excluding the projecting section with the cross, that included the entrance.

The PCC rescinded its earlier decision to erect a wooden building and approved the construction of a permanent church hall in Irby. By April, approximate costs were available - £10,000 for a building 50 feet long or £13,000 for a building 60 feet long. Major Barker, a PCC member, asked if he could provide materials at cost and his profit margin could then go to church funds. The Committee declined the offer because they believed it might cause difficulties with the builders. The PCC decided to ask the architect to "trim the estimate" to bring the cost below £10,000 if possible.

Fund raising evidently did not raise the required amounts quickly enough, and the Diocesan Finance Committee said that they were unlikely to be able to provide a grant. The PCC agreed to plan a smaller building that could be extended later. Six months later, in April 1963, the Diocesan Pastoral Committee offered a grant of £1,500, provided the building was equipped for occasional services or used as a dual-purpose building. More time passed, and in September 1963 the Committee recommended suspending activity on the building plans until a new Rector had been appointed. Meanwhile, Mr Morrell arranged to see an exhibition of plans of church halls and dual purpose buildings at Chester in the following month.

Nothing more seems to have happened for 18 months, and in March 1965, according to the PCC minutes, the Committee had been "interested" in the Village Hall, though no further details are provided. The new Rector had seen two church halls, at Saltney and Pensby, but they were not really cheaper than the hall planned for Irby. Mr Bridson, a PCC member, agreed to check the costs of halls built at Hoole and Upton near Chester.

In May 1965, the Committee was advising that a smaller hall should be built, similar to the one at Pensby but with an altar recess in the long wall, separate access to small meeting rooms, a pitched roof and possibly less glass. The PCC agreed to this and moved to obtain specific estimates from a company called Barnston Estates. The total cost of the building would be £10,324, plus £256 if the car park were finished in tarmac. The available funds were at least £1,551 short and the PCC discussed floating an interest-free loan of £3,000 repayable over 10 years. They discussed further possible economies with Mr Peters, from Barnston Estates, approved the plans and specifications provided by the company and agreed to appeal for an interest-free loan of £1,500. Building was to commence as soon as enough money had been raised or promised.

By February 1966, further savings in the cost of the building had been identified and Mr and Mrs Morrell had offered to pay the costs of the sanctuary. The PCC agreed that the contract could be signed as soon as the total loans received or promised were

sufficient. By May, the money required had been raised, as an Irby resident had offered a loan of £1,000 and the contract had been signed.

By 30th January 1967, orders had been placed for electrical fittings, stacking chairs and square folding tables. Curtain material had been bought and the first delivery of oil had been made. The Mothers' Union had agreed to provide a tea urn, cups, saucers and plates, while Mrs G Needham, the Rector's wife, had promised to provide a piano for use in the hall. The PCC was making arrangements for a Service of Dedication, inviting about 150 guests.

The PCC then set up a Hall Management Committee, comprising the Rector, a churchwarden, the Treasurer and another PCC member, with power to co-opt two members who were not PCC members: it was agreed that these arrangements would be reviewed after the Annual Church Meeting.

The Rector explained the arrangements he envisaged for services in the hall. Services were required for the convenience of parishioners who lived some way from Thurstaston, but they should not divert worshippers from the Parish Church. He suggested one service every fortnight, alternating between Holy Communion and Matins. Sunday School would take place there every week at 10 am, but there would be no regular children's services except perhaps on occasions like Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide. For the main services, regular assistance was required and Mr Smailes, a curate, had already been asked to help. The PCC authorised expenditure of up to about £40 a year on clerical assistance.

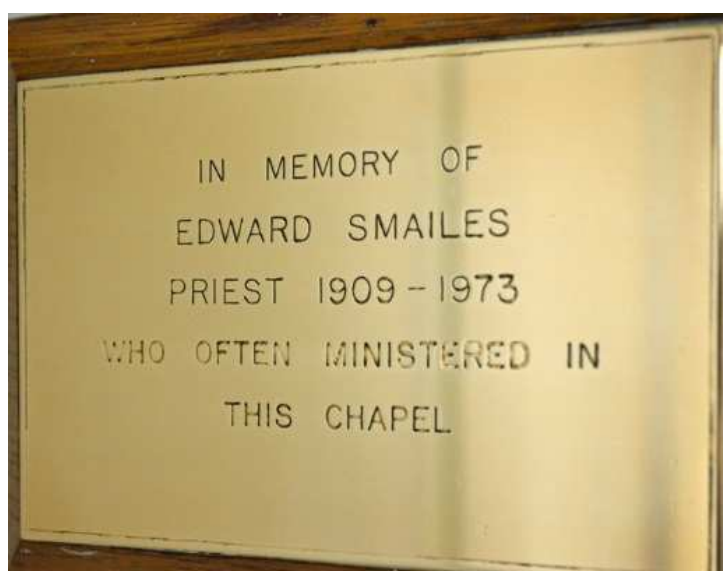
The next PCC meeting was on 2nd March 1967. Mr Sagar spoke very warmly about the Service of Dedication that had taken place, which implies it was held in February 1967 although there is no specific record of the event in the PCC minutes. In April, after the Annual Church Meeting, the PCC made minor changes to the arrangements for the Hall Committee, one of them being that both churchwardens would be members. In addition, two chapel wardens were appointed: the Hall Committee was given the power to call the Chapel Wardens to its meetings, while the Chapel Wardens had the right of entry to meetings of the Committee. Six months later, the Chapel Wardens became members of the Hall Committee. At the same meeting, in October 1967, there was general satisfaction at the arrangements for a Family Harvest Service that had taken place in the Hall.

In January 1968, the Committee agreed a list of rules and regulations for the use of the Hall and agreed fees for lettings, including a fee of £3.30 for church organisations on monthly bookings, although the minutes do not say whether the fee was due monthly or annually.

In September 1969, someone raised the possibility of weekly services in St Chad's, this being the first time that name was used in the minutes. In the following month they were agreed – matins and Holy Communion alternating with the services at the Parish Church and beginning at 10 am. In April 1970, the use of St Chad's by the Roman Catholics was discussed, with the approval of the Bishop of Birkenhead. The initiative seems to have come from the Rector, because the PCC resolution was that the Rector should ask the Roman Catholic priest if he wished to use St Chad's in that way.

In November 1970, the PCC agreed to arrange a special service at St Chad's, to take place on 24th January 1971, and members of the PCC were invited to attend. It was evidently in a form different from usual, because at a PCC meeting on 28th January 1971, members felt that the approach should be tried at the Parish Church. It was reported at the same meeting that the Chairman, Members and Officers of the Council would attend the service [at the Parish Church] at 11 a.m. on Sunday 14th March, and arrangements were made for suitable publicity.

At the end of 1971, services at St Chad's had to be cancelled for a while (the minutes do not say how many weeks were affected): they had been resumed before 28th October. In November, it was agreed to record the numbers attending matins at St Chad's, and there seems to have been a question of whether attendance was sufficient to justify the services, because it was minuted in January 1972 that the matins services at St Chad's would be re-examined in February. At the February meeting it was reported that attendance had improved slightly and the PCC agreed to leave the arrangements unchanged. Further difficulties were reported in April 1972, because of the ill health of Mr Smailes, who died the following year and is commemorated by a plaque on the wall of the sanctuary at St Chad's.



Also in the sanctuary is a plaque with the words, "This sanctuary with its furnishings was the gift of Claude and May Morrell of Thurstaston". St Chad's has been extended twice since it was built, both events recorded on plaques in the foyer. One reads, "To the Glory of God, this extension to St Chad's Church was dedicated by the Right Reverend Ronald Brown, Lord Bishop of Birkenhead on 24th November 1987. The Revd M.B. Kelly, Rector". The other referring to the "New Building", reads, "This building was opened and dedicated to the service of God by the Right Reverend Dr Peter Forster Bishop of Chester 10th July 2002".

Mr Graham Barley (PCC Secretary)

Advent Retreat at Foxhill
Tues 6th – Thurs. 8th December
with Canon Anne Samuels (chaplain)

Theme: 'Who, me?'

We will hear the Christmas angels speak to Mary and Joseph and to us.



Cost: £105 including meals Tuesday supper to Thursday lunch
(Arrival from 4pm Tues, departure 2pm Thurs)

*If you usually go through Christmas in a blur of busy-ness,
do think of coming!*

If cost is a problem, there is a bursary fund available.

You are welcome to come without staying the nights but do need to come for the whole retreat. If you are not staying the night, the cost will obviously be reduced.

To book or find out more, contact Foxhill

Tel: 01928 733 777

or email foxhill@chester.anglican.org

A D V E N T ' S

Angels

The Advent and Christmas seasons are aflutter with angels. They appear everywhere!

Angels on cards ... in centrepieces ... on jewellery... on Christmas treetops... in children's pageants ... even on biscuit trays. We will sing of angels in carols and hymns. But best of all, during Advent and Christmas we will hear the story of angels in readings from holy Scripture.



Angels! You can't miss them! But what do we know about angels? What is their role? How does God use them to bless his people

Come and Discover more at St Chad's at 8.00pm on Thursdays

Session One: December 1st

The Angel in the Garden: Adam and Eve

Session Two: December 8th

The Angel in the Temple: Zechariah and Elizabeth

Session Three: December 15th

The Angel in Nazareth ... and Beyond: Mary and Joseph

Session Four: December 22nd

To help with preparation and planning it would help if Revd Jane knew how many people were likely to attend these sessions.



Men's Breakfast



5th November 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 for further details.

Dates for your diary: Where possible Men's Breakfasts will take place on the first Saturday of alternate months.

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 event:

Wednesday 23rd November



Come along and help to create
St Chad's banner
8.00pm at St Chad's
All Welcome



Wellspring

2016

Third Monday of each month

8.00pm Meeting at the Rectory

14th Nov
(a week earlier than
normal!)

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.



RDA (Riding for the disabled) Coffee Morning
on Saturday 19th November, 10am-noon at
Jean Heath's, 'Barnstables' 233 Irby Road. All welcome. Tickets £3.

Stalls – Shoe-B-Do, Phoenix cards, cakes, gifts and raffle.

Thanks for all the donated **used Postage Stamps** and please keep collecting.
Box in St Chad's foyer and envelope at the back of St Bart's.



Tel: 0151 638 7090
Email: wirral.foodbank@btconnect.com www.wirral.foodbank.org.uk
Charity Number 1145123

October 2016

Dear all,

Wirral Foodbank Thank-you and an Update - 4

A huge thank-you again to all our donors for all your ongoing support and continued generous donations throughout the summer. Your kindness has meant that, during the summer we have been able to continue to meet the demand we have faced from our 14 distribution centres across Wirral, which give out the food you have kindly donated. The strict voucher system which we operate means that each client receives enough food to last them and their families for 3 days. A core feature of our system is the “three day vouchers guideline,” which allows those referral organisations who hold our vouchers to issue up to three vouchers to an individual or family within a 6 month period. In most cases this gets clients through the unexpected difficulty which has left them without any money for food. If, however, the client’s crisis has not been resolved we will work with the referral organisation to agree how best we can support them. In some cases, where clients have much more fundamental problems such as serious debt or are homeless, and our centres signpost them on to the other agencies who will be able help them further.

We have been looking at a breakdown of the figures for the donations which we receive, and these show that approximately 65% of all the food given to our foodbank comes from the churches, businesses, and other organisations who regularly bring their donated food and other goods to our warehouse. Wirral Foodbank is one of the largest in the North West, so this is a tremendous achievement, and we are proud to be supported by you all.

We decided to prepare some material for local schools at Harvest Festival, in case the children were interested to know what the Foodbank does. This was very well received, with many schools saying that they found the material both interesting and helpful. It has prompted visits to the warehouse from several schools to see first-hand what we do. If you are interested in the material we produced about how the Foodbank works, it can be found on our website wirral.foodbank.org.uk under “Give Help” - Harvest 2016.

Thank you all for the Harvest donations which have already started coming in to the warehouse from churches and also from schools. This will help us to match the increase in clients coming to us for help which always happens in the autumn, as temperatures begin to fall. We are pleased to be able to say that stocks of essential items are good at the moment, and so we are prepared. The amount of food needed by the centres will remain high during the winter.

Finally, unfortunately we had no success with any Liverpool food manufacturers agreeing to donate food to us, but a local milk supplier continues to give the Foodbank very generous support.

So far this we have fed and supported 8,944 people, including 2,998. Without your continuing generosity we could not operate.

Hopefully with the support of all of our kind donors, we will be able to get through the coming winter.

Thank you all again!



Offer your hand for international friendship! Welcome an adult international student into your home for a day, weekend, or 4 days at Christmas, and do your bit to make the world a little friendlier. Many adult international students from across the world would love to spend a few days with you, learning about British culture, experiencing UK home-life, and telling you about their own country. A Christmas invitation is particularly valuable to students facing a holiday on an empty university campus.

Japanese student, Mamiko Moda, wrote "Thanks to my hosts and their kindness, I could spend a nice Christmas here instead of staying at home alone. I am grateful to you all."

Hosting is a voluntary position suitable for all ages and is also available throughout the year with HOST, a charity set up in 1987. To find out more or be put in touch with your local organiser, please visit www.hostuk.org, or call 020 7739 6292.



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Someone out there must be very good at Scrabble!

Presbyterian - Best in prayer

Astronomer - Moon starer

The eyes - They see

George Bush - He bugs Gore

The Morse Code - Here come dots

Dormitory - Dirty room

Slot machines - Cash lost in me

Animosity - Is no amity

Election results - Lies; Let's recount

Snooze alarms - Alas! No more Z's

A decimal point - I'm a dot in place

The earthquakes - That queer shake

Eleven plus two - Twelve plus one

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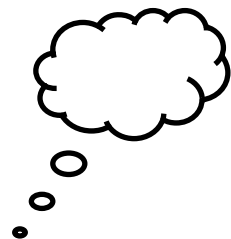
As for those signs found outside churches:

Church carpark sign...FOR MEMBERS ONLY. Trespassers will be baptised!!

No God - No Peace. Know God - Know Peace.

Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside!

Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!

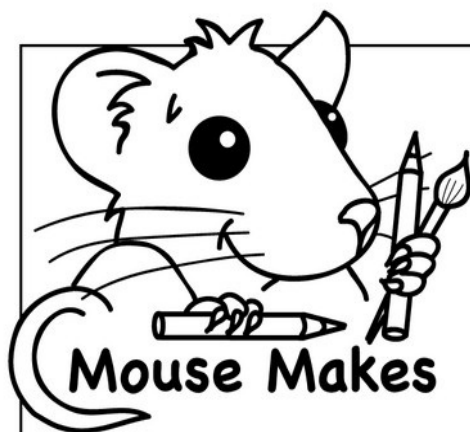


Outside one church is a picture of two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments are inscribed. A headline reads: 'For fast relief, take two tablets.'

When the restaurant next to a church put out a big sign with red letters that said, 'Open Sundays', the church reciprocated with its own message: 'We are open on Sundays, too.'

Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!

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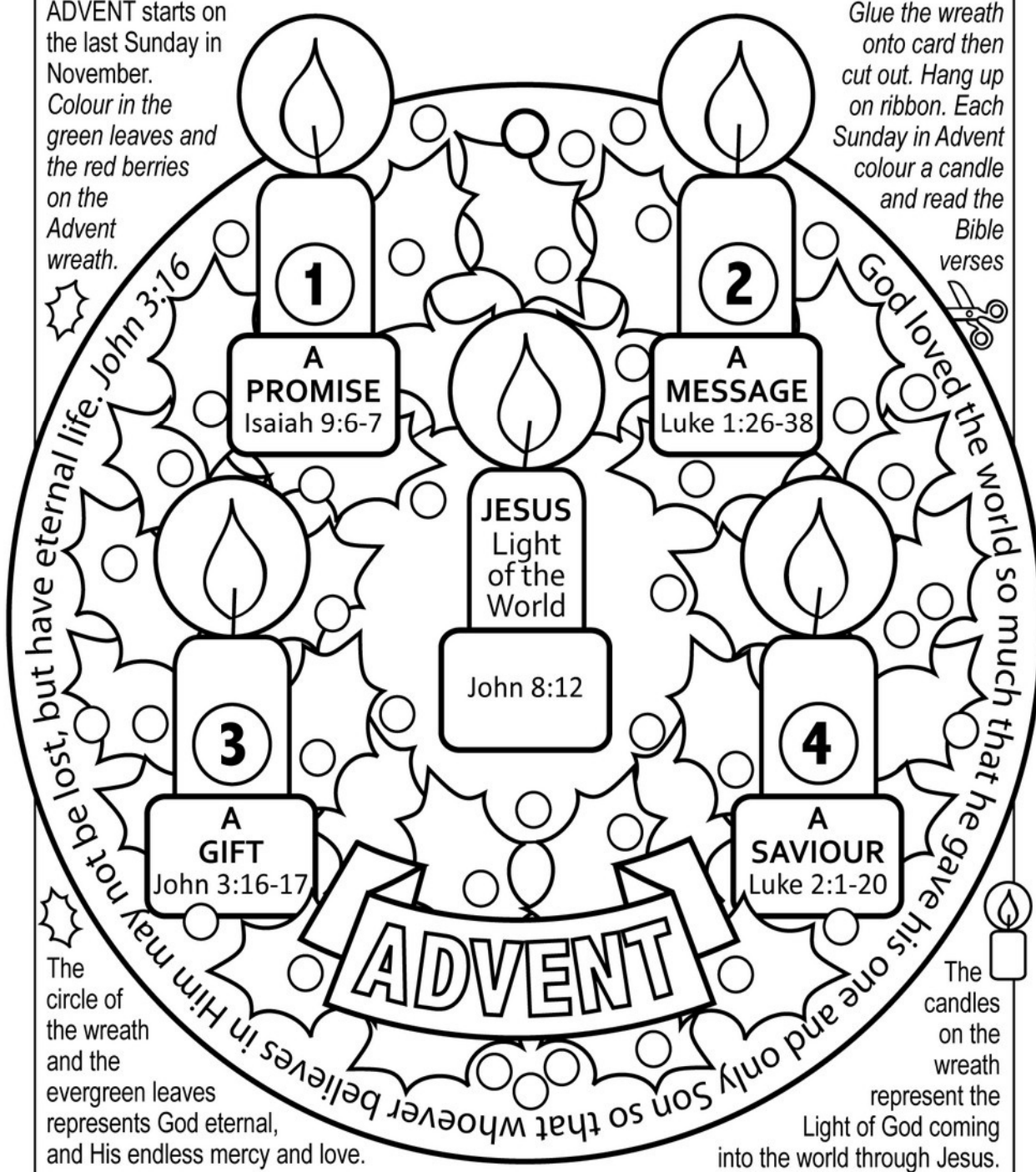


Jesus is coming, ADVENT is here!
Advent is the time we celebrate the arrival of Jesus, who is God's Son and our Saviour. In Advent we remember
God's promise to the world,
God's message to Mary,
God's gift to us and
God's promise come true in Jesus.



ADVENT starts on the last Sunday in November.
Colour in the green leaves and the red berries on the Advent wreath.

Glue the wreath onto card then cut out. Hang up on ribbon. Each Sunday in Advent colour a candle and read the Bible verses





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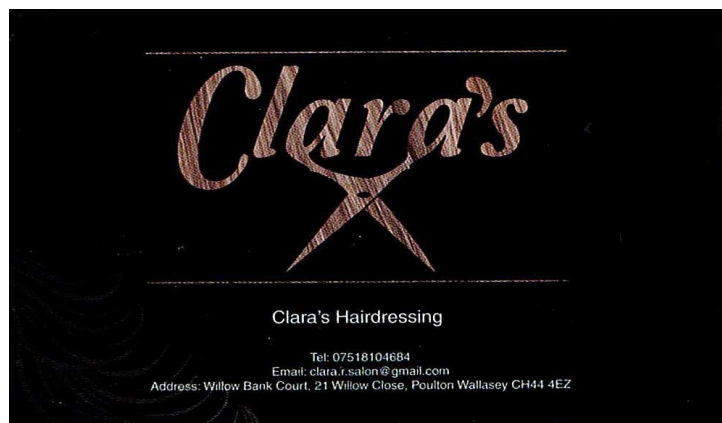
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Church Services - November

Sunday Services

St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.15am Traditional Service
11.05am Family Service

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.15am Holy Communion

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11.15am Holy Communion
3.00pm Baptism

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11.15am Holy Communion

6th November
3rd Before Advent

13th November
Remembrance Sunday

20th November
Christ the King
Sunday before Advent

27th November
Advent Sunday

4th December
Advent 2

St Chad's

9.30am Family Service

NO SERVICE

9.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion
4.00pm Christingle Family Service

Weekday Services

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