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## Diary Dates

<b>Thursday's 8pm at The Rectory</b>	<b>1st 2nd &amp; 4th Tuesdays,</b>
<b>Advent's Angels</b>	<b>SOSO 8pm at St Chad's</b>
<b>1st, 8th, 15th &amp; 22nd December</b>	<b>Monday 16th January</b>
<b>Friday 2nd December</b>	<b>Wellspring 8pm at the Rectory</b>
<b>Santa come to Irby</b>	<b>Wednesday 25th January</b>
<b>Saturday 7th January</b>	<b>Mothers' Union (EMU)</b>
<b>Men's Breakfast</b>	<b>New Year's meal out</b>
<b>8.45am-9.45am at</b>	<b>Time &amp; venue tba</b>
<b>Aroma Café Irby</b>	

## *From the Registers*

### *Funerals*

*We commend to  
God's eternal care*

*Jeffrey Roberts  
Freida Abbott*

## **From Your Rector**

Dear Friends,

### **The Challenges of Christmas**

Christmas is a great time of year, but it's not without its challenges! One household had 250,000 Christmas lights, but could not boil a kettle for fear of blowing the system!

#### **The challenge of over-indulging**

We all remember the episode of the Vicar of Dibley, where she had to consume four Christmas dinners! Christmas is a time when we usually eat and drink far too much, the average person gaining 6 pounds in weight. But Christmas is not simply about gaining weight, but losing what weighs us down. 'Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.' (1 Peter 5:7). Whatever your concerns or worries this Christmas, bring them to God.

#### **The challenge of overspending**

In the rush to buy Christmas cards, a woman bought a pack of 50 identical cards. Without reading the verse, she hastily signed and sent them off, but for one. A few days later she read the message: 'This card is just to say a little gift is on the way.' Christmas is not about getting into debt, but God getting us out of debt. He spent exactly what was needed on the first Christmas night: 'You are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.' (Matthew 1:21).

#### **The challenge of over too quickly**

Christmas doesn't last very long, yet the effect of the first Christmas is long-lasting. 'For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.' (John 3:16). Jesus has come to bring us life in all its fullness, both for now and all eternity.

#### **How do we face the challenges of Christmas?**

'Yet what I can, I give Him - give my heart'.

I hope to see many of you throughout December at our special services (and our ordinary weekly services). Wishing you all the best for Christmas and the New Year.

# 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.**

## Advent, Christmas and New Year Special Services:-

Sun Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Holy Communion

4.00pm Christingle Family Service at St Chads

8.00am, 11.15am as normal.

Sun Dec 11<sup>th</sup> All Services as Normal

Sun Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Nativity Service led by Junior Church

6.30pm Joint Carol Service at Irby Methodist

8.00am, 11.15am as normal

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 4.00pm Crib Service at St. Bartholomew's

5.00pm Crib Service at St. Bartholomew's

As in previous years, we will run two services exactly the same one after the other. We suggest that the 4pm service is for younger (up to and including Reception) children and that the 5pm service is for older children. If you have children in both age brackets - you choose!

If coming to the 5pm service, please don't arrive until 4.45pm in order for the 4pm service to have cleared church and car parking spaces!



11.15pm First Communion of Christmas

Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day

8.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Family Communion at St Chad's

You are invited to bring one of your presents  
to show to everybody else.

**NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY**

Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup>

8.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's

10.30am Communion Service at St. Bartholomew's

**NO OTHER SERVICES TODAY**

Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Covenant Service at Irby Methodist

8.00am as normal. NO 9.30am or 11.15am service.

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 The Rectory 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.**





St Chad's  
7.00-8.30pm  
Sunday Evenings

# Multi-Sensory Bible

**15 Sessions**

**which will breathe new life  
into your understanding  
of the whole story of the Bible,  
from creation to Jesus' return.**

**Learn more about the part you  
can play in God's epic plan.**

## The Old Testament

Sunday 15th January

1. **Oh Yes!** - Creation

Sunday 22nd January

2. **Oh No!** - Fall

Sunday 29th January

3. **Setting Off** - Abraham

Sunday 5th February

4. **The Shape of Rescue to come** - The plagues, the Exodus and the parting of the Red Sea

Sunday 12th February

5. **The only way is up** - Wanderings and Law

Sunday 19th February

6. **In too deep?** - Jordan, Promised Land and Judges

## HALF TERM

Sunday 5th March

7. **They did it their way** - Kings and Queens of Judah

Sunday 12th March

8. **Down. Down, Down, Up** - The Exile

Sunday 19th March

9. **Not exactly home and dry** - The Jews return from exile

## EASTER

## The New Testament

Sunday 30th April

10. **Promise Fulfilled** - The birth and ministry of Jesus

Sunday 7th May

11. **Moment of victory**

Jesus' death and resurrection

Sunday 14th May

12. **Upwards and Onwards** - Jesus Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit

Sunday 21st May

13. **Man on a mission** - Paul

## HALF TERM

Sunday 11th June

14. **Solid Foundations** - The early church

Sunday 18th June

15. **Totally glorious!** - Jesus return

For those who wish to be confirmed on October 15th 2017, there will be a few more sessions in September to look at "living my life as a Christian".

## This is for you!

**Been a Christian for a long time or  
just curious - All are Welcome**

**Want to deepen your faith  
or discover faith - Please come.**



Cut Here

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**I would like to come to the Multi-Sensory Bible Sessions.**

**Name:**

**Contact Details (Phone or e-mail):**



## Confirming Faith Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017 with Bishop Keith

Some may want to think about being baptised. Those who have been baptised may wish to be confirmed. Those baptised and confirmed already can make “a renewal of baptismal vows”. The service is about making promises to be a follower of Jesus. We particularly encourage anyone who has “come back to faith” over the past couple of years to take one of these options. Please talk to Revd Jane to explore more.

As a way of preparing for Confirmation, we will ask you to attend the Multi-Sensory Bible sessions over the coming months (see next page). Depending upon the number of young people interested we may run separate sessions for them as part of our Seniors group.



### Receiving Holy Communion

Over the past few months, I have been aware of some members of the congregation who are not sure what to do when they come to the communion rail during communion services.

**Those who are confirmed\*** are invited to receive bread and wine. It helps if you hold your hands out to receive bread as this takes away any confusion. If you are unsure about this please speak to Revd Jane.

**If you have not been confirmed** then you are invited to come to the communion rail, keeping your hands below the rail, and we will place a hand on your head and pray a simple prayer of blessing for you. Please see above if you would like to consider Confirmation.

\* or have been received into membership of Christian churches of other denominations (e.g. Methodist, URC, Baptist, Roman Catholic)



YBible  
is a Diocesan Initiative  
for Sept 2016-Sept 2017.

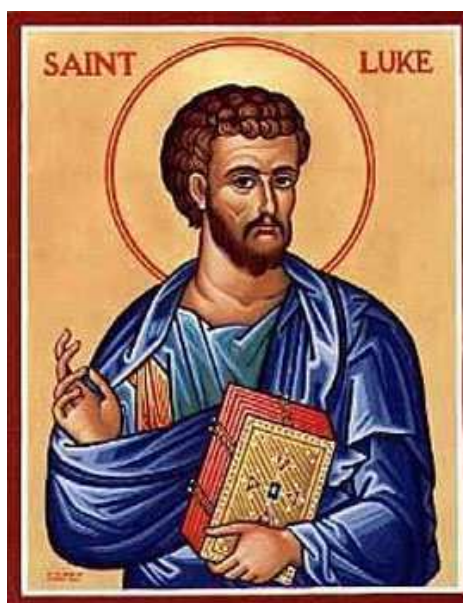
Its aim is mutual encouragement in which we help one another with our use of the Bible.

In our parish we will be

- reading through Luke's Gospel from Advent 2016 - Easter 2017 - booklets available in church and enclosed in this magazine
- there will be a series of sessions (Multi-Sensory Bible) working through the epic story of the whole Bible from January - June 2017
- Dawpool school worship will have covered the entire Bible from Sept 2016 - July 2017.

And the Diocesan Website has "52 Thoughts" - one for each week of the year.  
<http://www.chester.anglican.org/dev/docs/ministry/52%20Thoughts.pdf>

## The Loveliest Book in the World



As part of the Diocesan Y Bible initiative, Rev Jane has suggested we, as a parish, might read the whole of the Gospel of Luke during the period from Advent 2016 to Easter 2017. As an introduction to this parish venture, I thought I would share with you some information about the Gospel of Luke - which has been described by some as, *The Loveliest Book in the World*.

Luke, the writer of the third gospel, was also the author of the Acts of the Apostles. He is linked to Paul as a 'fellow worker' (Philemon 24) and is also described as, 'the beloved physician.' (Col. 4 :14) Both of Luke's writings have an introductory dedication to someone called, Theophilus, from whom Luke appears to have received patronage for his work. The name, 'Theophilus', literally translates as, 'lover of God', which links neatly with the universal appeal of both books.

Luke was a Gentile and has the unique distinction of being the only non Jewish New Testament writer. He probably wrote his gospel sometime during the last two decades of the first century. Tradition suggests, he was part of a Christian church in Antioch. In his introduction to the gospel, Luke acknowledges the existence of a number of sources that were available to him as a gospel writer. One of these was Mark's gospel, upon which he draws heavily and often verbatim. Another was, probably, a collection of oral and written tradition which was also available to Matthew. About two hundred verses, in some form or another, of Luke's gospel can also be found only in Matthew's gospel. Scholars have, not too creatively, identified this source material as 'Q'! Luke's third source appears to have been material known only to him and is unique to his gospel. This material includes Luke's account of the birth of John the Baptist, the witness of the shepherds and the ancient Christian hymns we know as the Magnificat and the Nunc Dimittis.

As a gentile writer, Luke demonstrates little interest in particularly Jewish matters, though he sees Jesus' birth as part of a divine plan, revealed through the Old Testament. He comes across as a keen historian of that time and anchors his gospel in the mainstream of Roman history. However, for Luke, history is a vehicle of theological interpretation and not an end in itself.

Luke has been described as, 'the gospel of the poor and disadvantaged'. While Matthew writes, *Blessed are the poor in spirit*, Luke, significantly writes, *Blessed are the poor*! The feeling one has is that this concern for the poor was not just a feature of Luke's gospel but of the Christian community in which he lived. Luke's gospel is universal and he, alone, among the gospel writers, portrays the Samaritans in a favourable light. (Luke 10:25 - 37 and 17:11 - 19) Although Luke puts women in the traditional roles of prayer, almsgiving and supporting the missionary labours of men, he, nevertheless, has a special place for them in his gospel - as the interplay between Mary and Elizabeth in chapter 1 beautifully illustrates.

Unlike the, somewhat abrupt, ending to Mark's gospel, Luke clearly identifies a number of resurrection appearances by Jesus, including the full account of the story of the appearance on the road to Emmaus, which is unique to his gospel. However, Luke goes even further and includes a reference to the Ascension, both at the end of his gospel and at the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles.

Luke, the person, has been adopted as the patron saint of both doctors and artists. Tradition clearly identifies him as a physician, while legend suggests he was a skilled painter. There is a portrait of The Virgin Mary in a Spanish Cathedral which is said to have been painted by him. However, it is as the writer of two truly inspirational books, which remind and teach us of the basis and origins of our faith, that we shall remember him.

Alan Jones

## King of the Wrapping Scene

Shepherds said, "Come let's up and go, -  
See the Lord's salvation show."

Off they went in the middle of the night,  
Bidden by that bright angelic light.

*Everything went just the way He planned;  
Everything went just the way He planned.*

Mary had Him wrapped on stable floor,  
When she saw the shepherds at the door,  
Who'd praise the Lord and spread the news afar,  
Till wise men came, guided by a star.

*Everything ...*

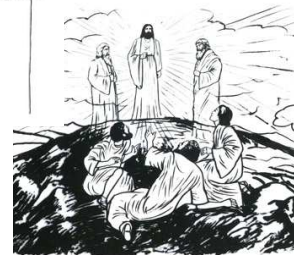
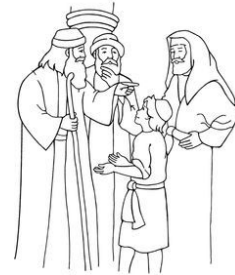
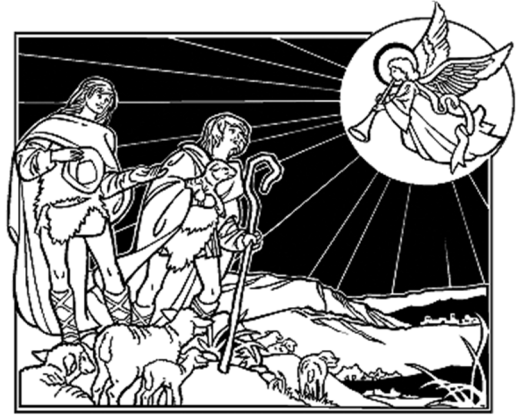
The wise men met the adults and the boy,  
Yet worshipped only Him with present joy:  
They didn't tell that Herod where they'd been,  
Nor how they'd met the King, -  
The King of the wrapping scene.

*Everything ...*

Make way, make way,  
Make way for the Son, God's heaven sent One:  
Wrapped as a baby in a stall,  
He is King and God and Lord of all;  
Enrapt as a boy with the temple minds,  
But nearly taking the rap for staying behind;  
Wrapped in a cloud with those of His choice,  
Hearing his praise in the Father's voice.  
Unwrapped as a man nailed to the Cross,  
Taking our sins at ultimate cost.  
Wrapped as a corpse in a linen shroud  
Rising, ascending, wrapped in a cloud:  
He's King, King, King of the wrapping scene.  
Yea, He's King, King, King of the wrapping scene.

There's a present come, so freely given,  
Earmarked here, but postmarked "Heaven":  
God's own Son delivered just for you,  
Unwrap this now, you'll find He's true.  
Everything has gone the way he planned,  
Yea, everything has gone the way he planned,  
Yea, everything has gone the way he planned,  
Yea, yeah, yeah .....

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## ADVENT REFLECTION

Revd Simon Beckley preached at St Chad's on Advent Sunday (27th Nov.) and based his sermon around two hymns that he has previously written. They are kindly printed here with Simon's permission for you to use in your own reflections during this special season.

In his sermon Simon spoke of different reactions to presents. He said we could just ignore them and not open them. He gave an illustration of an elderly aunt who used to push them away - if it was something she didn't like or want, she'd say "what use is that?" He then asked us whether we had unwrapped the gift of Jesus and how we had responded to Jesus. He encouraged us all to look at our relationship with Jesus and if we hadn't already discovered the amazing gift of God which is love and forgiveness shown in Jesus, to take time this year to unwrap the gift - before it is too late.

### His Coming



I see a time of tribulation.  
Signs in stars and sun and moon.  
I hear of nation against nation:  
I know the Lord is coming soon.  
Pay no heed nor hear  
When they say He's here or there:  
His coming will be clear for all to see.

I feel the earth beneath me quaking,  
I hear the kingdoms clash at war.  
I see the powers of heaven shaken:  
I know my Lord is at the door.  
Pay no heed nor hear  
When they say He's here or there:  
His coming will be clear for all to see.

I see the stars from heaven falling,  
False Christ's leading men astray,  
I hear the tribes and people calling,  
"The Lord of Glory's on his way."  
Pay no heed nor hear  
When they say He's here or there:  
His coming will be clear for all to see.

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# Men's Breakfast



7th January 2017 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.

**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:

New Year's meal out on  
Wednesday 25th January  
Time & venue to be arranged





# Wellspring

Third Monday of each month

8.00pm Meeting at the Rectory

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.

2017

16th January

20th February

20th March

Apr - No Meeting

15th May

19th June

17th July

Aug - No meeting

18th Sept

15th Oct

Nov - No Meeting

4th Dec - Not  
normal week!



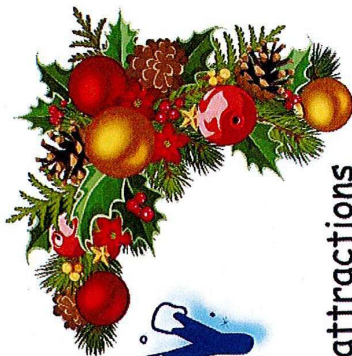
**\*Thank You\***

Delighted to report the total from  
The Children's Society boxes was £939.29 and three  
new box holders this year!

If anyone would consider having a box then please  
contact me, Jean Heath on 648 6015



# SANTA COMES TO IRBY



## In the Shippons Carpark

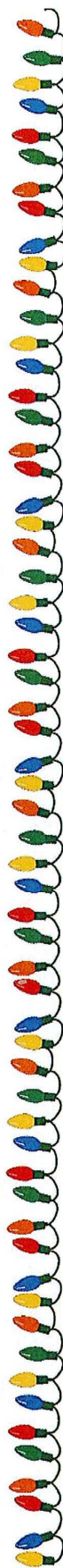
- 4.00 Event opens
- 4.00 Illuminated steam traction engine arrives
- 4.00 Thwaites horses and sleigh arrive
- 5.00 Our Lady of Pity School choir sings Carols and Christmas songs
- 6.00 Santa arrives in the village
- 6.00 Countdown and Christmas lights switch on
- 6.00 Irby Club children's grotto opens
- 6.45 Firework display at rear of The Shippons
- 7.00 Big Band concert in the Shippons



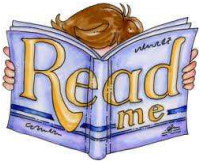
## Other Village attractions

- 1<sup>st</sup> Thurstaston Scout Group - Soup and Hot Dogs around the brazier
- Aroma barbeque - home made burgers
- Craft stalls, coffee and mince pies in the Evangelical Church
- FOIL present mince pies and refreshments in Irby Library
- Many shops and businesses remaining open

Christmas Lights Switch-on ....Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016







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"Of all the cheek! Rides up on his sleigh in his flashy red suit, pushes to the front of the queue to the stable shouting 'Ho! Ho! Ho!'... who DOES he think he is?!"



## Trafalgar Square's very special Christmas Tree

This year, as every year for the past 69, a magnificent Norwegian spruce will stand in Trafalgar Square. It is seen as a symbol of freedom and a token of friendship.

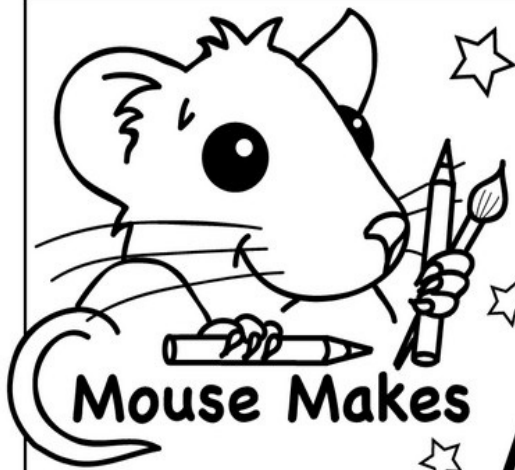
This huge – it is generally more than 20 metres tall - annual gift from the people of Norway has been sent every year since 1947. It is Norway's way of thanking Britain for standing by them during the dark days of the Second World War. For when the Nazis invaded Norway in 1940, King Haakon VII fled to the UK. The British then enabled him to set up a Norwegian government in exile in London, where he could send radio messages back to his occupied homeland.

The tree is known to Norwegian foresters as 'the queen of the forest', and each year only the very best is chosen to grace Trafalgar Square. The trees can be hand-picked years in advance. Many of them are very old, which means they were quietly growing deep in a Norwegian forest during the dark days of Nazi occupation and death.

Many years ago, another tree in another occupied land played a crucial role when a Gift to the whole world was put on display. He was not lit up for a holiday season, but instead became the Light of the world. This month we remember His birthday, and look ahead to His amazing gift to us of forgiveness and friendship with God – through His death on a tree. Jesus is the reason for Christmas, and He is for life, not just for Christmas.

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Read the Christmas story  
in Luke 1:1 - 2:21



★ Eastern star, white and bright, ★  
★ In the darkness a shining light, ★  
★ Points to Jesus, God's precious Son, ★  
★ Our Lord and King, our Saviour has come! ★  
★ Shepherds hear the Angels sing; ★  
★ "Glory to the heavenly King, ★  
★ Peace on earth, good will to all." ★  
★ Come to Jesus the Saviour of all. ★



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Join us anytime throughout the year.

1st 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each  
month 8.00 - 9.30pm  
at St Chad's, Roslin Rd, Irby.

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**Contact Su Grainger**

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**07717181826**

## 40 years at the Hotel California

The album *Hotel California*, by the rock band The Eagles, was released 40 years ago on 8<sup>th</sup> December 1976. It became their best-selling studio album – selling more than 32 million copies – and its title track is widely regarded as one of the best rock songs ever written.

As such, its brilliant lyrics, by Don Henley, have been widely and often wildly misinterpreted, especially by some Christian groups in America who insist that it's about Satanism. But the theory that it's about drugs is more widely believed.

Neither is true. Henley himself says that it's about the excesses of American culture, or "a journey from innocence to experience", and this rings true, as does the more moderate Christian idea that it's about the subtle, confusing power of temptation.

The music, as crucial to the song as the lyrics, was in fact written first, and none of the band members involved in the composition of the song came from California. They were generally middle-class and from the Mid-West.

Although the opening chords are almost universally recognised by rock music lovers, it is the lyrics that stay with you, particularly the last two lines: "you can check out any time you like, but you can never leave".

The band seemed determined to prove this true, but in March this year, following the death of Glenn Frey, they gave a "final" tribute performance. In an interview three months later, Henley confirmed the band's dissolution.

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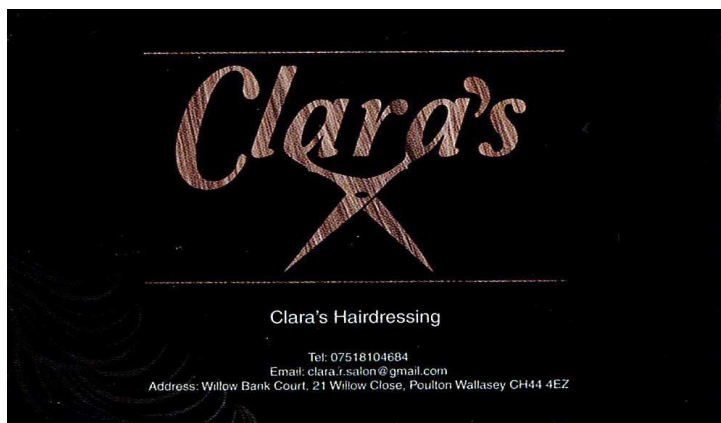
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## Church Services - December

### Sunday Services

#### St Bartholomew's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

**4th December**  
Advent 2

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Morning Worship

**11th December**  
Advent 3

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

**18th December**  
Advent 4

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

**25th December**  
Christmas Day

#### St Chad's

9.30am Holy Communion  
**4.00pm Christingle Family Service**

9.30am Holy Communion

9.30am **Nativity**

10.30am Holy Communion

**See Page 6 for all other Christmas Services**

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### Sunday Services

#### St Bartholomew's

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10.30am Holy Communion

**1st January**  
Christmas 2

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
**10.30am Covenant Service  
at Irby Methodist**

**8th January**  
Baptism of Christ or Epiphany 1

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

**15th January**  
Epiphany 2

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

**22nd January**  
Epiphany 3

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
11.15am Holy Communion

**29th January**  
Epiphany 4

#### St Chad's

9.30am Morning Worship

9.30am Holy Communion

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